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A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

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Leadership Authority

Some feel that Titus 1:5 gives preachers equal or superior status with elders, because of the mandate "to set in order the things that are lacking and appoint elders in every city." expressed to the young preacher Titus. No where in the scriptures do we see preachers having equal or superior authority to elders, unless the preacher is a qualified and appointed elder.

The scriptures imply that no elder is superior to his fellow elders. If elders meet the qualifications, they are of equal status before the Lord, for they meet the standards set by God.

The fact that a preacher may know or understand the qualifications for elders does not give him equal status with elders. He simply knows or may understand what God requires of all elders. The eldership has authority over the entire congregation including the preacher: Heb. 13:17. The inference of the plurality of the eldership prohibits any one man having authority over a congregation.

Since an eldership has a mandate or command from God to feed and protect the flock, does this exclude the preacher or for that matter a fellow elder? A qualified eldership holds the qualifications that God has given. In fact each elder in the eldership should consider all of his fellow elders his elders for a more cohesive leadership.

No where in the scripture is a preacher required to hold the qualifications of an elder, except to qualify as elder. Normally the eldership hires the preacher and therefore has authority over him and the preacher should meet the standards required by the eldership. If the preacher fails to meet those standards, does the eldership have the right to dismiss him? The next question would be: do they have the authority to hire him? It seems logical that the answer to both questions is yes.

If one holds that preachers are equal or superior in authority with elders, one would be contributing to the denominational preacher pastoral oversight system which is foreign to the New Testament. It seems that some desire this concept to have a more secure position. Some preachers feel they have superior knowledge to elders due to their advanced training or education. This position fails to recognize that the qualifications for elders create the ideal situation for leadership. If elders truly qualify, they fulfill God's design to lead a congregation and its preacher.

— Dewey Mock

ELDERS CORNER:

The elders want to offer a sincere thank you to all those who contributed money so Steve Martin could go to Zambia and visit the work we support there. As usual, when members at Warners are made aware of a need or opportunity to help others, you respond liberally.

It is apparent that you want to help spread the gospel in other lands and help those less fortunate.

The trip was very successful in that Steve witnessed the graduation of 20 preachers who will go home and work with their congregations or start new congregations. He was able to spend some time teaching the graduates about leadership in the church and provided them with printed material to take home to study and teach to others. This material will reinforce what they have been taught during their two years in school.

The funds you provided also helped several needy people, in addition to providing needed equipment and supplies for the school, including Bibles for distribution. (More on this later).

The drip irrigation kits we sent in June have been well received and we are told they are a big help in making good use of what little water they have in the dry season. When the rivers go dry in the summer months, some find water by digging down in the river bed until they find some water underground. It has started raining there now and it looks to be a good growing season. People are busy planting crops including maize which they depend on the most.

Steve will prepare a presentation on what was accomplished as soon as he can put it together. Thanks again for your help and encouragement and especially your prayers for his safe return.

Read the New Testament in the Year 2009

November 30 - 2 Peter 2
December 01 - 2 Peter 3
December 02 - I John 1
December 03 - I John 2



December 4 - I John 3
December 5 - I John 4
December 6 - I John 5

OUR SICK:

Please continue to remember Mindy Santiago's aunt, **Katherine Rumley**.

The Cravy's have requested prayers for **Margaret Mason** who needs a bone marrow transplant and **Jody House** who has suffered an aneurysm of the brain recently.

Johnsie Moser has been ill with pneumonia recently. She is doing better at this time.

Continue to pray for **Pat McCormick** who remains in the hospital at this time. He is reported to be some better at this time.

Debbie Southern has requested prayers for **Linda Christensen** (husband passed away recently), **Betty Doub** (husband diagnosed with lymphoma cancer), and **Anne Hayes** (sister in hospital is in critical condition with MS).

Prayer List

Tib Hoots, Wayne & Cathy Hutchins, Virginia Elam, Mildred Barker, Hazel Sweet, Lorene Brown, Jim and Gladys Harper, Jim Warner, Don Jackson, Nellie K. Dorse, Elwood Flinchum, Hilda Hauser, Johnsie Moser, Nora Holder, Rick Clemmons, Elmer Laudenslager, Wyatt & Dot Reeves, and Donald Richards.

Carl Simmons (Bonnie Landreth's son-in-law), **Lori Smith and family** (reported by Ashley Everett), **Daisie Tong and Linda Anderson** (Catherine Cravy's grandmother and mother), **Ron Marshall** (Carla Kirkpatrick's father), **Cathy McDowell** (neighbor of Al Lawson), **Gerald Green & family** (friends of Christa Byrd), **Wendell Hartley** (Frank and Jane Shepard's brother-in-law), **Samantha Swain** (Jane Jester's niece), **Peggy Weeks** (Gene Southern's sister), **Judy Allen** (mother of Jennifer Lee), **Johah Alexander** (son of Patrice Crump Williams), **Faye Hinson** (Todd Hinson's mother), **Cory Lloyd** (brother-in-law of Jason Cravy), **Calli Moody** (two year old undergoing cancer treatment at Duke), **Larry Russell** (friend of Frank & Jane Shepard), **Keith Brenigar** (Sherril Stewart's neighbor), **Linda James** (Jessica Frazier's mother), **Dana Wadford, Jane & Buddy Lawrence** (friends of Kathleen and Adam Warner), **Mary Rackley, Ronnie Seats** (Kenny Brown's stepfather), **Nita Kirkland** (Ellen Wingo's mother)

Also:

Those who have separated from the church

And

The leaders of our country and all those who serve.

Please let us know if there are any that may be taken off the prayer list.

WELCOMB WE

ARE HAPPY TO HAVE YOU VISITING WITH US THIS MORNING. WE INVITE YOU TO RETURN THIS EVENING AT 6:00 P.M. FOR THE SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE AND AT 7:00 P.M. EACH WEDNESDAY EVENING FOR THE MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO REMAIN FOR A "COVERED DISH" FELLOWSHIP MEAL SPONSORED THIS MORNING BY THE YOUTH.

WARNERS CHAPEL EVENTS:

***Dec. 1 - Youth Devotional at 7 p.m.**

***Dec. 3 - 50 And Over Class** begins at 10:30 a.m. in the Annex.

***Dec. 14 - Preachers/Leaders Mtg** in annex at 10 a.m. with refreshments at 9:30 a.m.

How To Get What You Want

- ♦ If you want a friend, be friendly -Proverbs 18:24
- ♦ If you want Bible knowledge, study -II Tim. 2:15
- ♦ If you want respect, live godly -I Tim. 4:12
- ♦ If you want forgiveness, forgive -Luke 17:3-4
- ♦ If you want to reap good, sow good seed -Gal. 6:7
- ♦ If you want salvation, obey the Lord -Mark 16:16
- ♦ If you want to go to heaven, live faithfully - Rev. 2:10

BAPTISM

We rejoice in the baptism of Kendelle Cooper on Nov. 22nd. Kendelle is the daughter of Ken Cooper and we commend and welcome her into the family of Christ that worships here at Warners Chapel.

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday November 22, 2009

Sunday Bible Study	167
Sunday Morning Worship	212
Contribution for Nov. 22, 2009	\$6,446
Daily Adult Bible Readers:	23
Chapters Read:	633
Daily Children Bible Readers:	
Chapters Read:	
Sunday Evening	152
Wednesday Bible Study - Nov. 25, 2009	131

**LORD'S
DAY
APPOINT-
MENTS
12-6-09**

Serving the Lord's Table for December:

Carl Cooper

Justin Minor Jake Thomason
Bobby Hoots, Jr. Mike Cooper
Nancy Minor
Jason Cravy
Steve Tesh

Preparing Communion for December

Making Announcements on Sunday:

Making Announcements on Wednesday:

DEVOTIONS:		OPENING PRAYER:		SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READER
Scripture	- Andrew Hinson	Morning	- Steve Martin	A.M. - Steve Tesh	A.M. - Brad Hoots
Song Leader	- Tim Allen	Evening	- Bill Knost	P.M. - Jason Allen	P.M. - Gene Ruark
Prayer	- Todd Hinson			Wed.- Kenny Brown	

NURSERY (0-2 1/2):		NURSERY (2 1/2-4):		TAPE MONITOR:	FELLOWSHIP MEALS:
Morning	- Gaye Carothers	Morning	- Rhonda Hardister	Chad Southern	<i>Zone 1</i>
Evening	- Meredith Southern	Evening	- Nancy Minor		
Opening and Closing Building				Greeters:-Dec.	
Sunday	December 6	Justin Minor		Bob & Carolyn Plunk	
Wednesday	December 9	Justin Minor			



BIRTHDAYS - NOVEMBER 30-DECEMBER 6, 2009

Carl Cooper

- Dec. 4

Robbie Santiago - Dec. 4

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES - *Nursery open for small children during all services.*

SUNDAY:

Bible Classes	10:00 AM
Morning Worship	10:50 AM
Evening Worship	6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY: Mid-Week Service 7:00 PM

**"GETTING TO KNOW YOUR BIBLE" at 10:30 p.m. each week night on Cable 8
SEARCH PROGRAM - Sunday Mornings at 7:30 a.m. on Cable 68**

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ELDERS

DEACONS

Steve Martin
David Moore
Tim Allen
Joe Everett

Steve Tesh
Randy Warner
Tommy Rose
Keith Warner

Andy Santiago
Mark Minor
Todd Hinson