

# Warners Chapel Church of Christ

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# A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

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# A Flag of Rags

"In the final years of our imprisonment, the North Vietnamese moved us from small cells with one or two prisoners to large rooms with as many as 30-40 men to a room. We preferred this situation for the companionship and strength we could draw from our fellow prisoners. In addition to moving us to new quarters, our captors also let us received letters from home. Many men received word from their families for the first time in several years. The improved conditions were a result of public pressure put on the North Vietnamese by the American public.

In our cell was one Navy officer, Lt. Commander Mike Christian. Over a period of time Mike had gathered bits and pieces of red and white cloth from various packages. Using a piece of bamboo he had fashioned into a needle, Mike sewed a United States flag on the inside of his shirt, one of the blue pajama tops we all wore.

Every night in our cell, Mike would put his shirt on the wall, and we would say the pledge of allegiance. I know that the pledge of allegiance may not be the most important aspect of our day now, but I can tell you that at the time it was the most important aspect of our lives.

This had been going on for some time until one of the guards came in as we were reciting our pledge. They ripped the flag off the wall and dragged Mike out. He was beaten for several hours and then thrown back into the cell.

Later that night, as we were settling down to sleep on the concrete slabs that were our beds, I looked over to the spot where the guards had thrown Mike. There, under the solitary light bulb hanging from the ceiling, I saw Mike. Still bloody and his face swollen beyond recognition, Mike was gathering bits and pieces of cloth together. He was sewing a new American flag." (From The files of Leadership, by John McCain)

I don't want to take anything away from this heart-warming story, yet there seems to be a relentless dedication emphasized here, that is not often found in the Lord's church! As a Christian, the cross ought to garner at least as much dedication, if not more. I am not un-patriotic, but our first allegiance belongs to the Lord Jesus Christ!

#### **ELDERS CORNER**

#### EMAIL FROM ALFONSO

Last night when I returned from my preaching work on Salt Creek Island, I went up to my house as a heavy rain started to fall. One hour later after the rain ceased, I went down to my dock to check the boat and secure the engine. The boat was still there but the motor was gone. I gave a report to the police and also alerted the neighborhood but at this time there no sign of the motor anywhere. I was told that the thieves will change the motor completely and sell it in remote areas, so I probably won't see my motor again. I'm very sad for this loss because it keeps me from doing what I most love in my life "preach the word of my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

ALFONSO.

#### BECAUSE OF YOUR GENEROSITY

Alfonso has started several congregations on the various islands around Bocas del Toro, Panama. His only mode of transportation between the islands is by canoe. Because the generosity of the Warners members, we were able to buy a boat and motor for Alfonso several years ago. This past year a drunk in a canoe without lights ran into Alfonso's boat after dark [Alfonso had lights on his boat]. He was able to get the boat repaired, and even though the motor sank to the bottom of the waterway, they were able to retrieve and repair it. As the above email indicates, the boat motor was stolen recently. Again, because of your generosity, we have been able to provide the funds [\$2295] to purchase a new 15 horsepower motor. As a result of Alfonso's work, many souls have been won to Christ, and you had a part in providing for his transportation in addition to providing his salary. GRACIAS.

#### READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2010

November 15 - Heb. 11:1-19 November 16 - Heb. 11:20-40

November 17 - Heb. 12 November 18 - Heb. 13



November 19 - Jas. 1 November 20 - Jas. 2

November 21 - Jas. 3

# **OUR SICK:**

#### **Please Remember In Your Prayers:**

**"DJ"** is recovering and getting better following her surgery recently.

**Rhonda Hardister's** knee surgery went well and she is recovering at home.

**Trence Baker,** a cousin of Eva Everett is waiting a liver transplant. He is very sick with Hepatitis C. He is a young man with a wife and two young children. He would appreciate your prayers and cards. His address is 3701 Pinbrook Drive, Acworth, Ga. 30102.

**Rick Clemmons** continues to improve in his recovery of two recent surgeries.

**Nellie Dull**, wife of the late Thurmond Dull, from Mocksville is in the Forsyth Hospital in serious condition. She is experiencing kidney failure.

Madelene Holbrook's mother-in-law, **Mrs. Annie Holbrook** who is 88, underwent back surgery recently and had a stroke. She has been moved to Brit Haven Rehab in N. Wilkesboro.

Christy Prongay request prayers in behalf of her father, **Gene Chapman**, whose cancer has returned.

Prayers requested by "DJ" Harrison for her brother, **Tony Paschal,** who has recently had a stroke.

Prayers are requested for Laura Cooper's brother, **Chris Dezern,** who recently had serious complications resulting from cataract surgery has been moved to a regular room but now has pneumonia.

Prayers also requested for Jeannie Tate's father, **Marvin Smith**, will undergo prostate surgery on Wednesday. Jeannie's mother, **Betty Smith**, has recently been diagnosed with Alzheimers. Also, her brother-in-law, **James Crabtree**, is having trouble with diabetes.

Kathleen Warner's brother has been having knee problems. Also a friend, **Dana Wadford**, is still battling cancer and requests prayers in her behalf.

**Hayward Dodd,** friends of Brian and Tammy Downs, is having a difficult time with lung cancer.



An up-dated copy of the prayer list may be picked up on the credenza in the foyer. <u>If you know of</u> <u>someone who needs to come off the prayer list,</u> <u>please let Faye know.</u>

# Welcome

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 ZONE 2.

#### WARNERS CHAPEL EVENTS:

**November 14 - Pew Packers** at 5:30 p.m.

#### ~Baptism~

We are very happy in that **Kim Paschal** was baptized into Christ on Thursday Nov. 4th. Her address is 4015 Glenn Knoll Lane, Winston-Salem, NC 27107. Her phone number is 788-1698.

### In Sympathy

Drew Parker's father-in-law passed away Friday after two years with lung cancer. If anyone wishes to send a card to Amber's mother or to Drew & Amber, the addresses are listed below:

Drew and Amber Parker
9205 Sprucewood Rd.
Burke, VA 22015

Cherlyl Stachniak
36 Flintwood Drive
Simpsonville, SC 29681

#### FOR THE RECORD

181
223
\$6,093
35
767

153

161

**Sunday Evening** 

Wednesday Evening -

# Lord's Day Appointments - November 21, 2010

DEVOTIONS: OPENING PRAYER: SONG LEADER SCRIPTURE READER
Scripture - Jason Allen Morning - Andy Santiago A.M. - Steve Tesh A.M. - Keith Warner

Song Leader - Steve Tesh Evening - Jody Everett P.M. - Wayne Allen P.M. - Don Minor

**Prayer** - Carl Cooper Wed. - Song Req. Ser.

Jason Allen

NURSERY (0-2 1/2): NURSERY (2 1/2-4): TAPE MONITOR: FELLOWSHIP MEALS:

Morning - Abby Little Morning - Meredith Southern Brad Hoots Zone 3

Evening - Betty Hoots Evening - Jean Rose

Opening and Closing Building Greeters:- November

Sunday - Nov. 21 Rick Clemmons Gene and Gaye Ruark
Wednesday - Nov. 24 Rick Clemmons



# Birthdays - November 12-21, 2010

Andy Santiago - Nov. 12 Debbie Southern - Nov. 18

D. C. Mock - Nov. 17 Allen Cooper - Nov. 19

Cindy Tesh - Nov. 18 Tib Hoots - Nov. 19

Wendy Horne - Nov. 19

## 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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**DEACONS** 

Clemmons, NC 27012

**ELDERS** 

Steve Martin Steve Tesh Andy Santiago

David Moore Randy Warner Mark Minor
Tim Allen Tommy Rose Todd Hinson
Joe Everett Keith Warner