

Warners Chapel Church of Christ

8999 Lasater Road
Clemmons, North Carolina 27012
Telephone 336-766-6078

www.warnerschapelchurchofchrist.org
Youareimportant.net

*Preachers: Kevin Rutherford
Mike Glenn*



“The churches of Christ salute you” Rom. 16:16

A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

March 20, 2022

Is Obedience to God Necessary?

Who is God? God is the sovereign, perfectly pure, holy, loving, and just Divine, self-existent Creator. Does this not answer the question? Is it not obvious from the nature of God that obedience to Him is necessary?

The New Covenant under which we now live teaches the necessity of obedience to God (2 Thessalonians 1:7:7-9; Hebrews 5:8-9; Romans 2:4-11; etc.) Many say we should only pay attention to the words Jesus spoke while He was on the earth and which are recorded in the Gospel accounts. This philosophy is fundamentally flawed because the entire new covenant has been given to us by Jesus Christ (John 16:6-15; Hebrews 1:1-4). We should think carefully about the teaching of Jesus and study the Gospel account on a regular basis. However, the emphasis upon the Gospel account to the exclusion of the inspired letters to the churches is often a pretext or excuse to justify a failure to obey God. However, such an emphasis will not excuse a failure to obey God because Jesus said, “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven (Matthew 7:21).” Jesus then proceeded to give the parable of the builders to illustrate the necessity of both hear and obeying the Word of God (Matthew 7:24-29). To deny the necessity of obedience to God is to put oneself in direct conflict with the Son of God.

(Continued on Page 2)

Some may complain that teaching the necessity of obedience is equal to teaching a “works based” salvation that eliminates the need for the grace of God. First of all, any “works based” view of salvation that eliminates the grace of God, and which would suggest in any way that salvation can be earned or deserved is, in fact, wrong (Ephesians 2:8-10). How then are we to connect the clear teaching regarding obedience to God with the wonderful teaching concerning the grace of God? One is not saved by grace unless he obeys God. When one obeys God he is saved by the grace of God. Obedience is required for salvation by grace, though that obedience could never earn that salvation. We must obey God to be saved by the grace of God. (Romans 2:4-11).

If we must obey God to be saved, then isn't it too hard to be saved? No. It is not too hard because God is ready to help (1 Corinthians 10:13) and God is ready to forgive (Hebrews 4:14-16). Christians who ask God to forgive them can have the confidence that they are forgiven (1 John 1:9-10). In this way we can know that we are saved and therefore have eternal life (1 John 5:13). The Lord loves us, and God is on our side (Romans 8:31-39). The Lord wants us to succeed, and God wants us to spend eternity in heaven with Him (1 Timothy 2:4; 2 Peter 3:9). Those who repent and come back to God can have the full confidence of receiving glory, honor, peace, and immortality from the forgiving, gracious, merciful, loving, and kind God (Romans 2:4-11). We serve the one true God, and He is “rich in mercy,” is filled with “great love,” has “exceeding riches of His grace.” and all of that is shown in “His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus (Ephesians 2:4-7).”

~Kevin Rutherford



WHY DOUBT GOD'S WORD?

It is strange we trust each other,
And only doubt our Lord,
We take the word of mortals,
And yet distrust His word;
But oh, what light and glory
Would shine o'er all our days,
If we always would remember
God means just what He says.

- - -Selected

READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2022

Mar. 20 - Luke 1:1-20
Mar. 21 - Luke 1:21-38
Mar. 22 - Luke 1:39-56
Mar. 23 - Luke 1:57-80



Mar. 24 - Luke 2:1-24
Mar. 25 - Luke 2:25-52
Mar. 26 - Luke 3

OUR SICK

Please Remember in Your Prayers

Brett Rutherford, Johnny McBrayer, D.J. Harrison, Hardister Family, Barry Bowman, Becky Allen, Josh Church, Jenna Stamper, Rowena Hayes, Todd O'Neal, Nikki Santiago, Toni Lucas, David Queen, Tim & Lisa Voyles, Russell Queen, Jack Piper, Sandy Smith, Beverly Allred, Eddie Manor, Johnny Allen, Ronnie Knost, Elwood Flinchum, Mary Ellen Dull, Kathy and Wayne Hutchins.

Aldine Cloud had surgery at Chapel Hill to correct his jaw. He is doing okay following his surgery. Please keep him in your prayers.

Bonnie Landreth is recovering from her surgery. Please keep her in your prayers. If you would like to help with food for Bonnie, you may call Dana Hinson at 336-414-9696 or e-mail: hinsondh@aol.com. Bonnie would like some help for a few hours a day to do things she cannot do at this time. If you can help, please reach out directly to Bonnie at 336-575-3059.

Shannon Harper asked to send the following regarding her brother-in-law. He had a stroke recently and is now out of ICU. Has problems with left side. After he gets out of hospital he will go to inpatient rehab at Novant. The doctor thinks he will have a complete recovery after a bit. Trying to help my sister as my nephew who lives at home had surgery a few weeks ago and can't drive for a while. He will be fine after some healing. Prayers requested for **Dr. Charles Gainor and son Izak.**

Joyce Greenup requests prayers: **Ginger Goff** underwent the surgery for a kidney replacement, and was brought home in an ambulance from Jacksonville, FL. She is doing well. Her niece **Brenda Goff** was the donor and she is at home doing well, also. **Walter Goff** also had his pacemaker replacement and doing okay. On March 21st, **Carolyn Goff** will undergo oral mouth cancer surgery. Please pray for her also. **Please pray for Joyce's family that all will have a quick recovery.**

My friend's granddaughter had her 8th surgery at Chapel Hill and is now recovering. Please remember her in prayers and she would love to get cards. Her address is: **Meredith Ferree**, 3103 Crosby Court, Summerfield, NC 27358. Thank you so much! Sandra Church.

Ellen Meachum, has had a massive brain bleed stroke and is in critical condition at the Forsyth Hospital. She was to undergo a tracheotomy this past Thursday. Please continue to keep her in your prayers.

Carlos Bosh, Hannah's coach, had heart surgery on March 14th. He is said to be doing well. Please remember him in your prayers.

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.

WARNERS CHAPEL EVENTS:

May 14-15 - Senior Rally. The speaker: brother Wesley Simons - The theme:

"What we have Learned By Growing Older"

Saturday:

Lesson 1 - We Have Learned to Respect Authority

Lesson 2 - We Have Learned that it Pays to Serve God.

Lesson 3 - We Have Learned what our Two Major Problems are.

Sunday:

Sunday Morning Bible Class: We Have Learned Something About Child Rearing.

Sunday Morning Worship: We Have Learned How to Grow Spiritually.

AREA EVENTS:

April 29-30-May 1 - Gospel Meeting at Liledoun church of Christ in Taylorsville, NC. Speaker is Bill Haywood, director of the Tri-Cities School of Preaching and Christian Development and minister of the Abingdon church of Christ in Abingdon, VA. See flyer on bulletin board in the foyer.

~In Sympathy~

*Our sympathy goes out to Lois Allen and all the families of her cousin, **Jeff Potts**, who passed away on March 11th. The funeral was held on Thursday, March 17, 2022.*

*Our sympathy also goes out to all the families of **Elmer Lawson** who passed away on March 13, 2022. He was 90 years young. Mr. Lawson served as an Elder at the Linville Forest church of Christ for 16 years. The funeral service was held on Thursday, March 17, 2022 at the Linville Forest Church of Christ. Family received friends following the service. Burial was held on Friday March 18, 2022 at Gardens of Memory in Walkertown.*

SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY SERVICE ASSIGNMENTS

March, 2022

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY: ANDY SANTIAGO

COMMUNION FOR MARCH: DAVID MOORE

DEVOTIONS:

SCRIPTURE

Mar. 6 - Rodney Brown
Mar. 13 - Mark Minor
Mar. 20 - Gene Ruark
Mar. 27 - Al Lawson

SONG LEADER

Wayne Allen
David Shoaf
Gene Southern
Justin Little

PRAYER

Todd Hinson
Kevin Rutherford
Mike Glenn
Jim Harrison

OPENING PRAYERS FOR MARCH:

SUNDAY A.M.

Mar. 6 - Clayton Workman
Mar. 13 - Bradly Byrd
Mar. 20 - Bill Carothers
Mar. 27 - Jason Allen

SUNDAY P.M.

Mar. 6 - Rodney Brown
Mar. 13 - Bob Tesh
Mar. 20 - Johnny Spillman
Mar. 27 - Todd Hinson

WEDNESDAY

Mar. 2 - Carl Cooper
Mar. 9 - Al Lawson
Mar. 16 - Brad Hoots
Mar. 23 - Mark Roy
Mar. 30 - Gene Southern

SECURITY AND GREETING: GENE SOUTHERN AND JIM HARRISON

PLEASE OPEN BUILDING BY 10:30 A.M., 5:40 P.M., AND WEDNESDAY BY 6:40 P.M.

SONG LEADERS FOR FEBRUARY:

SUNDAY A.M.

Mar. 6 - Charley Belch
Mar. 13 - Clayton Workman
Mar. 20 - Justin Little
Mar. 27 - Wayne Allen

SUNDAY P.M.

Mar. 6 - Charley Belch
Mar. 13 - Clayton Workman
Mar. 20 - Justin Little
Mar. 27 - Wayne Allen

WEDNESDAY

Mar. 2 - Wayne Allen
Mar. 9 - Roger Allen
Mar. 16 - Roger Allen
Mar. 23 - Roger Allen
Mar. 30 - Gene Southern

PLEASE, IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO BE HERE, ARRANGE COVERAGE!

IF YOU SHOULD BE UNABLE TO SERVE ON ASSIGNED DATES, PLEASE GET SOMEONE TO TAKE YOUR PLACE

“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

WARNERS CHAPEL CHURCH OF CHRIST
8999 LASATER ROAD
CLEMMONS, NC 27012

ELDERS

Tim Allen
Todd Hinson
Steve Tesh
Andy Santiago

DEACONS

Randy Warner
Keith Warner
Mark Minor
Jody Everett
Gene Southern
Shawn Thomason
Mark Roy
Adam Warner