

Warners Chapel Church of Christ

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A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

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HOW TO ENJOY STUDYING THE BIBLE (Pt 2)

The Bible is its own best teacher. The Bible however is not arranged like an encyclopedia. You cannot go to chapter 1 and read everything about God and go to chapter 2 to read everything about Jesus, etc. Remember when reading the Bible the verses and chapter breaks are placed in the scriptures by man. It is better to read by paragraph. These too are man-made but they do conform better to the original language than verses. Some ground rules need to be set up first:

- Pray first before opening God's word. Ask for guidance and to be able to accept what is written and to be able to apply His will to your life.
- Never read the Bible trying to prove your belief on any subject. It is only human nature to take ideas out of context.
- When you are reading and come across something that does not make sense, reread the paragraph or chapter again. If you still do not understand, write down the problem area and continue onward. You may discover the answers later in your reading.
- Do not read large amounts of the Bible in one setting. Take breaks often.
- Start with the New Testament, people who start with the Old Testament almost never read the Bible all the way through. The New Testament is the binding covenant for Christians.
- Make a fresh approach. Forget everything you have ever heard about Jesus, God and the Bible before you start reading the Bible.

Next week we will see how the bible is composed to gain a better understanding while we read.

Elders Corner:

TRUTH

Truth. What is it? The <u>American College Dictionary</u> defines truth as (1) "that which is true; the true or actual facts of a case" (Page 1303). True is defined as (1) "being in accordance with the actual state of things; conforming to fact; not false" (Page 1301). Truth is not always easy to determine in our daily life. When buying a used car for example, is the salesman really truthful about the car or is he "stretching it" a little, or a lot?

In religion it is not easy to determine truth when listening to different preachers, if we only go by what they say. Some claim to have personal discussions with the Lord, or a special leading by the Holy Spirit. How can we determine if these men are truthful or not? John 8:31, 32 holds the key to knowing religious truth. Jesus said: "If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." The key to knowing the truth in religion is living according to Jesus' teaching. Which requires personal Bible study and application of its teaching.

How can this help us determine if someone is not speaking the truth? Compare the message of the teacher or preacher with the teaching of Jesus found in the Bible. For example, if someone claims to know the truth through guidance of the Holy Spirit, then his teaching on salvation should harmonize with what is recorded in the New Testament. Paul wrote that anyone teaching a different gospel message was accursed (see Galatians 1:6-9). Anyone teaching salvation apart from baptism is not teaching what Jesus (Mark 16:15,16) and the early church (Acts 2:38; 10:5-6, 48; 22:16; I Peter 3:21, etc.) taught.

As Christians we must seek to correct false teaching when we find it. Our attitude in correcting false teaching needs to be one of humility and love. There are many sincere but mislead people in this world (blind leading the blind is how Jesus described it) who need someone to show them the right way. You may be the person who has the truth and opportunity to teach them. But before you can teach others you need to know it. You will know it only through regular diligent study of the Bible.

Read the New Testament in the Year 2008

March 17 - Mark 15:1-25

March 18 - Mark 15:26-47

March 19 - Mark 16

March 20 - Luke 1:21-38



March 21 - Luke 1:21-38

March 22 - Luke 1:39-56

March 23 - Luke 1:57-80



Clarence Sheets underwent heart catherization this past Thursday. He is in Room 5169 at the Forsyth Medical Center.

It was reported Wednesday evening that **Kenny Brown** was ill with the flu

Prayers have been requested for Don Minor's nephew, **Walt Minor**, who was injured in an accident recently.

Please keep **Don Jackson** in your prayers, he is still having difficulty with a cold.



Nellie Kathryn Dorse, Don Jackson, Mary Rackley, Meredith Everett, Elwood Flinchum, Kelly Haynes (Karen Clemmons' cousin), Michael and Linda Koerth (Rick Clemmons' aunt and uncle), Sonia Vizcaino's mother, Stella Ybarra (Jennifer Robinson's grandmother, Darrell Hauser, Cindy Byrd (Joe Byrd's mother), Gladys Bobbitt (Emily Workman's Grandmother), Lois Watkins, Libby Bryant (Lorie Rose's friend's mother) Ed Matthews (Carolyn Minor's cousin) Ronnie Seats (Kenny Brown's stepfather) Ray Wood, Jim and Gladys Harper, Nita Kirkland (Ellen Wingo's mother), Jim Warner, Elmer Laudenslager, Dot Reeves, Johnsie Moser, Nelle Harper, Nora Holder, Hilda Hauser, Earl Knost, Sonja Meals.

Also:

* the leaders of our country and all those who serve.

Address Change

Rhonda and Stephanie Hardister's address has changed from the address listed in the 2008 Workbook. Their address is 3064 Forest Line Drive, Clemmons, NC Tel. 766-3522. Please make this change in your Workbook Directory.

TEACHER NEEDED

A teacher is needed for Wednesday evening - 2-3 yr. olds for the next quarter. If you are interested, please see Todd Hinson.



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 TO BE HELD IN THE ANNEX FOLLOWING THE MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE. THE MEAL IS PROVIDED THIS MORNING BY ZONE 3.

WARNERS CHAPEL EVENTS:

~Mar. 18- Sewing for Nicaragua - 9 a.m. in Annex.

~Mar. 18 - Youth Devotional.

~Mar. 30 - Friends and Family Day. Please invite friends and neighbors. House to House is available on the desk in the foyer that you may use as a tool to help you invite people.

~Mar. 30 - Song Leading Class - sign-up sheet on bulletin board in foyer. Any questions - see Tim Allen.

~April 12 - Ladies Day - Registration at 9 a.m. It is requested that each family bring two - 2 liter drinks for the Ladies Day. The current House to House has information about the Ladies Day and may be useful to invite people.

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday - Mar. 9, 2008	
Sunday Bible Study	137
Sunday Morning Worship	184
Contribution for Mar. 9, 2008	\$5,158
Daily Adult Bible Readers:	27
Chapters Read:	609
Daily Children Bible Readers:	

Chapters Read:
Sunday Evening 140
Wed. Evening Bible Study 3-13-08 128

LORD'S DAY ASSIGNMENTS - MARCH 23, 2008

DEVOTIONS: OPENING PRAYER: SONG LEADER SCRIPTURE READERS:

N. Roy, J. Everett

ScriptureHunter BrownMorningDavid MooreA.M. - Jason AllenA.M. - Adam WarnerSong LeaderPaul KirkpatrickEveningKen CooperP.M. - Don MinorP.M. - Mark Minor

Prayer Neal Harper Wed. (Mar. 26) A. Knight,

Evening Sandy Warner

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

Morning Sandy Warner Morning Robin Hauser Gray Nail Zone 4

Opening and Closing Building

Evening Gaye Carothers

Sunday- March 16Mark RoyWednesday- March 19Mark Roy

BIRTHDAYS - March 17-23, 2008

Ellen Wingo - March 17 Donald Jackson - March 21

Julia Tesh - March 17 Ann Ridings - March 21

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY:

Bible Classes 10:00 AM
Morning Worship 10:50 AM
Evening Worship 6:00 PM
WEDNESDAY: Mid-Week Service 7:00 PM

• Nursery open for small children during all services.

SEARCH PROGRAM - Sunday Mornings at 7:30 a.m. on Cable 68 Warners Chapel Website: http://www.warnerschapelchurchofchrist.org.

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ELDERS DEACONS

Steve MartinSteve TeshAndy SantiagoDavid MooreRandy WarnerMark MinorTim AllenTommy RoseTodd HinsonJoe EverettKeith Warner