

# Warners Chapel Church of Christ

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

**A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU**

**APRIL 7, 2019**

## **WHAT DOES THE WORD “CHURCH” REALLY MEAN?**

The word “church” translates the Greek word, *ekklesia*. This word is defined by *The New Thayer’s Greek English Lexicon*, as “called out or forth,” and it is used to refer to “a gathering of citizens called out from their homes into some public place; an assembly.” In fact, the word *ekklesia* is sometimes directly translated as “assembly” (Acts 19:32; 39; 41). Thayer’s lexicon says, “in a Christian sense,” it refers to “an assembly of Christians gathered for worship,” at times and at other times is used in a more general sense to refer to “a company of Christians.” Thus, the word “church” could be used in reference to the assembly for worship on the Lord’s day. That means, that saying, “let’s go to church,” or “I’m going to church,” etc., is **not** an incorrect use of the word “church.” One can see this use of the word “church” in 1 Corinthians 11:18 as Paul talks about Christians coming together in the “church” (*ekklesia*, assembly). Criticizing someone for talking about “going to church” in reference to the assembly of Christians for worship is a criticism based on ignorance.

The word “church” is used in the New Testament in reference to the entire body of believers. That is, it is used in reference to the church as a whole including every Christian in every individual congregation (Matthew 16:18; 1 Corinthians 10:32; Ephesians 5:23-32). In addition, the word “church” is used in reference to specific and individual congregations, such as the church at Jerusalem (Acts 8:1), or “the church that is in their house” (Romans 16:5). At times the word is found in the plural to indicate all of the individual congregations under consideration in the context (Acts 9:31; 20:17; Romans 16:16; 1 Corinthians 16:1; 2 Corinthians 8:1; Revelation 1:11).

Some people today are using the word “church” in an incorrect fashion. Specifically, they are referring to individual Christians as “church of Christ” when they are in fact members of

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the local church, and the church universally. This use of the word “church” is incorrect grammatically, contextually, doctrinally, and by definition. You are not “church of Christ” but rather you are a member of the “church of Christ” or “churches of Christ”. You are a disciple, a Christian, an individual member of the body (Acts 11:26; 1 Corinthians 12:12-27).

One problem with referring to an individual member of the local and universal church as “church of Christ” has to do with the fact that it portrays a denominational view of the church. In this way “church of Christ” becomes another denominational term just as a person might say one is a Baptist, another is a Methodist, yet another is a Catholic, and then one is a “Church of Christ”. Such a use of the term “church of Christ” often betrays a misunderstanding of the church of Christ spoken of in the New Testament Scriptures.

Jesus Christ promised to build His church (Matthew 16:13-20). Jesus Christ is the Head of His church (Ephesians 1:21-2; Colossians 1:14-18). Jesus Christ is the only One with the authority to establish a church (Matthew 16:13-20; 28:18; Colossians 1:13-18). Jesus Christ rules over His church through the law which He has laid down for the church (Hebrews 1-2; 1 Corinthians 2). No man has the right to establish his own church. No man has the right to be the head of the Lord’s church or a church created by men. No man has the right to establish rule, law, and authority apart from the New Testament that was given by Christ through the Holy Spirit (John 16:13-15). The churches of Christ (Romans 16:16) in the New Testament were individual congregations that were established when individual people obeyed from the heart the form (stamp, pattern) of doctrine that was delivered to them (Romans 6:17). Division along sectarian lines was greatly discouraged, and is not a part of God’s plan (1 Corinthians 1:10). Thus, the New Testament presentation of the church is often very different from the view many people today have regarding the church. Common misunderstanding regarding the nature of the church may be why so many are referring to individual Christians as “church of Christ” rather than simply Christians.

I am not “church of Christ”. I am a disciple/Christian who is a member of the local church of Christ, and as such a member of the church universally (in the Biblical, not denominational sense). That is, I am not “church of Christ” but I am a member of the “churches of Christ” (Romans 16:16). While understanding each individual member of the church is a part of the *ekklesia* locally, regionally, and throughout the world, I also know *ekklesia* can be used to refer to the assembly of Christians that occurs every first day of the week. I am a Christian who is a part of the church and who goes to church, but I am not “church of Christ”.

~Kevin V. Rutherford

## **READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2019**

April 8 - Luke 9:37-62  
April 9 - Luke 10:1-24  
April 10 - Luke 10:25-42  
April 11 - Luke 11:1-28



April 12 - Luke 11:29-54  
April 13 - Luke 12:1-31  
April 14 - Luke 12:32-59



## OUR SICK Please Remember in Your Prayers

Please continue to pray for **Wayne and Cathy Hutchins**, and **Elwood Flinchum**.

**Tommy Ridings** underwent surgery on March 29th and was released from the hospital on March 31st. It was mentioned this past Wednesday that he was having some difficulties in his recovery.

**Ellen Wingo** will be having a biopsy on a small mass found during testing. The biopsy will be on April 9th with the results on April 12th. Please pray for a good outcome.

**Kari Woodbury** had an allergic reaction to an iron IV on Monday. She is recuperating at home. Please keep her in your prayers.

**Madelene Holbrook** has thyroid problems and is taking some medicine to help her.

Sherrill Stewart's sister, **Jennie Bodsford**, is in the Forsyth Hospital having fluid removed from her lungs. Appreciate your prayers.

Todd Hinson's father, **Harold Hinson**, has kidney cancer and will be having surgery on April 11th. Please keep him in your prayers.

Carl Cooper's brother, **Cliff Cooper**, is in the Forsyth Hospital in Intensive Care. He had colon surgery this past week for removal of a section of his colon. Cancer was found in the colon and other areas of his body. Prayers are requested on his behalf.

**Glenn Jones**, a member of Boyers church of Christ and a relative of some of the Moser Family at Warners, is scheduled to have some heart tests. Please remember him in your prayers.

### SHUT-INS

Mildred Barker  
Mary Ellen Dull

Ernestine Martin  
Carolyn Minor

### ~INVITATION~

*Together with their parents  
**Rebecca Lynn Wood**  
and  
**Andrew Neal Hinson***

*request the honour of your presence  
As they unite in marriage  
On Friday, the twenty-sixth of April  
Two thousand and nineteen  
At six o'clock in the evening*

*Flint church of Christ  
1205 Mill Rd SE  
Decatur, AL 35603*

*Reception to follow*



**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:

**April 9** - Tuesday Evening Bible Study from 7-8 p.m. in Annex.

**April 12** - There will be a Senior Outing on Friday, April 12th to Cody Creek Restaurant in Dobson. Reservations have been made for 6:30 p.m. so we will be leaving the church at 5:30. Please sign the sheet on the bulletin board if you will be going and if you will be riding in the church van. Please let us know by Wed. night, April 10th.

**Please note:** There will not be a Congregational Meal this month due to the Easter Holiday.

### AREA EVENTS:

**April 13** - Ladies Day at the Lexington church of Christ. Guest Speaker - Dr. Cynthia Guy from Myrtle Beach church of Christ. Theme: "Staying Anchored in a Drifting World"

**May 4** - Ladies Day at the Northwest church of Christ. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Theme: "Am I My Sister's Keeper?" Speaker: Melissa King, from the Lake Norman church of Christ. RSVP at [nwchurchofchrist.com](http://nwchurchofchrist.com).

*See Bulletin Board for more information*



### SOUTHWEST FOOD PANTRY

**Eighty-eight items** were delivered to the SW Food Pantry this past week. A total of 404 items have been delivered so far in 2019. Many thanks to all!

The suggested items for the month of **April:**  
**Instant potatoes/rice/macaroni & cheese**

**Laundry detergent, hand dishwashing liquid, soap** would be greatly appreciated at any time.

### FOR THE RECORD

Sunday Bible Study - March 31, 2019	130
Sunday Worship Service	162
Contribution for March 31, 2019	\$7,635
Daily Adult Bible Readers:	34
Chapters Read:	532
Sunday Evening Worship Service	130
Wednesday Evening Bible study 4-3-19	100

## Lord's Day Appointments For April, 2019

Serving the Lord's Table For April:

Preparing Communion for April:

Making Announcements on Sunday:

Making Announcements on Wednesday:

### Brad Hoots

Bob Tesh      Shawn Thomason  
Walter Cruz  
Doris Cooper  
Todd Hinson  
Jim Harrison

## Lord's Day Appointments - April 14, 2019

DEVOTIONS:	OPENING PRAYER:	SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READERS
<b>Scripture</b> - Shawn Thomason	<b>Morning</b> - Carl Cooper	<b>A.M.</b> - Gene Southern	<b>A.M.</b> - Roger Allen
<b>Song Leader</b> - Tim Allen	<b>Evening</b> - Sherrill Stewart	<b>P.M.</b> - Charley Belch	<b>P.M.</b> - John Allen
<b>Prayer</b> - Jake Woodbury		<b>Wed.</b> - Tim Allen	

### Greeters for April:

Rodney & Teresa Brown

### Opening and Closing Building

**Sunday:** - April 14 ~ Brad Hoots  
**Wednesday:** - April 17 ~ Brad Hoots

## Lord's Day Appointments - April 7, 2019

DEVOTIONS:	OPENING PRAYER:	SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READERS
<b>Scripture</b> - Rodney Brown	<b>Morning</b> - Don Minor	<b>A.M.</b> - Nathan Roy	<b>A.M.</b> - David Moore
<b>Song Leader</b> - Wayne Allen	<b>Evening</b> - Jacob Woodbury	<b>P.M.</b> - Clayton Workman	<b>P.M.</b> - Jim Harrison
<b>Prayer</b> - Steve Martin		<b>Wed.</b> - Allen Cooper	

### Opening and Closing Building

**Sunday:** - April 7 ~ Andy Santiago  
**Wednesday:** - April 10 ~ Andy Santiago

### Greeter for April:

Rodney & Teresa Brown

## 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
<b>WEDNESDAY:</b> 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

Tim Allen  
Todd Hinson  
Steve Tesh  
Andy Santiago

Randy Warner  
Keith Warner  
Mark Minor  
Jason Allen  
Jody Everett

Gene Southern  
Shawn Thomason  
Mark Roy  
Adam Warner  
Jacob Woodbury