

WARNER'S CHAPEL

M E S S E N G E R

"This then is the message which we have heard of Him, and declare unto you" 1 John 1:5

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A TEN O'CLOCK SUNDAY — MORNING PRAYER

"ALMIGHTY GOD, AS I LIE HERE THIS LOVELY SUNDAY MORNING, SURROUNDED BY THE SUNDAY PAPERS AND HALF LISTENING TO THE RADIO, IT HAS JUST OCCURED TO ME THAT I HAVE LIED.

"I SAID THAT I WASN'T WELL ENOUGH TO GO TO CHURCH, THAT I DIDN'T FEEL VERY GOOD. I WOULD HAVE GONE TO WORK IF IT HAD BEEN MONDAY MORNING. I WOULD HAVE PLAYED GOLF IF IT HAD BEEN WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON. I WOULD HAVE ATTENDED MY LUNCHEON CLUB IF IT HAD BEEN THURSDAY. BUT IT IS SUNDAY MORNING, AND SUNDAY SICKNESS SEEMS TO COVER A MULTITUDE OF SINS.

"HAVE MERCY, OH GOD, ON MY POOR, WEAKLY, SHRIVELED SOUL, FOR I AM, INDEED, A BIG LIAR. I HAVE LIED TO THEE AND TO MYSELF. I AM NOT SICK—I AM LAZY."

SHOULD THIS BE YOUR PRAYER? IF SO, REPENT OF
THY WICKEDNESS AND ASK GOD TO FORGIVE YOU
AND COME TO BIBLE STUDY SUNDAY 10 A. M.



DON'T ROB GOD TO PAY SANTA CLAUSE

DID THIS HAPPEN FOR THE PAST
TWO WEEKS?

Our contribution has been running around \$180. per week. Last Lord's Day as a week ago it was only \$154.?? And last Lord's Day it was only \$164.?? Did you rob God?

QUESTIONS—BIBLE ANSWERS

WHY GOSPEL PREACHERS REFUSE TO BE CALLED "REVEREND"

I have been requested to answer the following question: "Why do the preachers of the Church of Christ refuse to wear the title 'Reverend'?"

(ANSWER)

I am glad to answer this question, because I hope it will relieve me of the embarrassment (at least to a degree) of correcting some in referring to me as "Reverend."

Gospel preachers have never worn the title "Reverend" because it definitely violates the teaching of our Lord. No, it is not because gospel preachers want to be different. That is not it. But it is because the teaching of Jesus Christ forbids it.

Let us first point out that the term "reverend" is only mentioned one time in the entire Bible, and it then refers to "God" and not man. "He sent redemption unto his people: He hath commanded his covenant forever: holy and reverend is his name." Psalms 111:9. This is the only time the term is used either in the Old or New Testament and here it is very clearly seen that it refers to God. Now, shall we take the title that belongs unto God and apply it to man? To apply this term to man is to bestow upon man a title that belongs only to Jehovah God. Not only so, but when we refer to a man as reverend we are elevating him to the level of God. And when man permits people to call him "reverend" he is exalting himself. Yet, we find many of the preachers of the denominational churches request that you refer to them as "Reverend."

They want people to look upon them as though they are above the average member. They place themselves on a pedestal as it were, and expect their members and others to look up to them. Such is an abomination in the sight of God.

The New Testament teaches that we who are Christians are all brethren, Matt. 23:8. Shall we then, exalt a preacher above the other members of the church, and bestow upon him titles that belong only to God? God forbid!

Did you ever read in your Bible of "Reverend" Paul? Or "Father" Peter? Or "Cardinal" James or any other such title connected with the name of any inspired man? No, my friends you never did! Why? Because the teaching of Jesus Christ forbids his followers to wear such titles. Our Savior speaking to his disciples concerning the scribes and Pharisees said, "And love..... ..to be called of men, Rabbi, Rabbi." Matt. 23:6-7. Denominational preachers love for people to call them "reverend" or "Pastor" or some such title as that. But Jesus said to his disciples, "But be not ye called Rabbi: for one is your Master, even Christ." Matt. 23: 8. This verse forbids the preacher to permit others to bestow upon him titles that belong unto God or Christ. Let us notice the next two verses. "And call no man your father upon this earth: for one is your Father, which is in Heaven. Neither be ye called Masters: for one is your Master, even Christ." Matt. 23:9-10. These verses forbid Christians to give or accept titles of honor. This is the reason GOSPEL preachers will not wear the title "reverend" or "Pastor" or "Father" or "Priest" or any other such titles that God never intended for gospel preachers to wear.

----V.C.

NOTE: We have a letter from Mr. A. R. Miller, in response to our article on instrumental music.

Unless we receive some objection from Mr. Miller, we shall next week review his letter in these columns.

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Bro. & Sister Herbert Binkley are the proud parents of a new baby boy.....
CONGRATULATIONS!

Brother Aubrey Warner was able to be back to worship with us last Lord's Day and we are so happy that he is on the way to recovery.

Brother & Sister Parks Messick and Parky attended Wednesday Night services.

Sister Kimel is still in City Hospital and her condition on Wednesday Night remained about the same.

COLLECTION FOR MISSIONARIES

A missionary collection was being taken. A man next to the aisle whispered to the collector: "I'm not putting anything in, you see I don't believe in doing mission work!" "Well, here, take some out" said the collector, "it's for the heathen!"

THERE IS A DIFFERENCE

When a woman's toe sticks out of her shoe, she's fashionable. When a man's toe sticks out of his shoe, he's a bum.

OUR SERVICES

SUNDAY

Bible Study.....10:00 A. M.
 Worship.....11:00 A. M.
 Worship..... 7:30 P. M.

WEDNESDAY

Ladies Bible Class.....2:00 P. M.
 Prayer Meeting.....7:30 P. M.

THURSDAY

Men's Training Class...7:30 P. M.

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ARE YOU WISER TODAY?

A Man should never be ashamed to own that he has been in the wrong which is but saying in other words that he is wiser today than he was yesterday.

SERMON SUBJECTS

Our subject for Sunday morning at 11 oclock will be, "AM I MY BROTHERS' KEEPER?" Every member of the Church at Warner's Chapel needs to hear this lesson. Be sure and be present.

"THE POWER OF THE BLOOD OF CHRIST", will be our subject for Sunday evening service. This is an important subject! What power does the blood of Christ have? How do we come in contact with the blood? Is it by faith only? Do we contact the blood by prayer? These questions will be answered in this sermon. Bring a friend to hear it.

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FINANCIAL REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 1951

J. W. Warner, Treasurer

Contributions:

November 4th.....	\$ 181.74
November 11th.....	174.28
November 18th.....	161.59
November 25th.....	181.60
	<u>699.21</u>
Balance from November 1st.....	911.73
Total	1,610.94

Expenditures:

Building and Loan Payment.....	100.00
First Hall Brick Co.	195.00
C. F. Spough, Sand	10.00
Salem Steel Co., Angle Iron	9.57
Hutchins-Allgood Co., Stationary....	16.40
Gray and Creech	
Printing Material	23.00
Duke Power Co.	5.21
Stapler and Staples	6.99
Piedmont Sheet Metal Co.	
Filters.....	6.50
Office Equipment Co., Desk.....	65.00
Taylor Oil Co.	17.29
Bell Telephone Co.	4.20
Will Clingman	10.00
Geo. Harper	
Labor, Paint and Oil	18.30
D. F. Messick	
Labor and Material	248.50
Vestal Chaffin	<u>320.00</u>
Total Expenses for November	1,045.96

Balance December 1, 1951\$ 564.98

Our contribution for the month of November averaged \$174.80 per Sunday. That is not too bad is it? But brethren, let us give as the Lord has prospered, that we may do more work. The balance on the house debt is, \$401.70

PUT-OFF TOWN

Did you ever go to Put-off Town.

Where the houses are old and tumbledown.

And where everything carries and everything drags.

On the street called Slow lives old man Wait.

And his two little boys Linger and Late.

With unclean hands and tousled hair,

And Naughty sister named Don't Care.

Did you ever go to Put-off Town,

To play with the little girls Fret and Frown?

Or to the house of old man Wait

And whistle for his boys to come to the gate;

To play ball all day on Tarry Street,

Leaving your errands for other feet;

To stop, to shirk, to linger,

Is the nearest way to this Put-off Town.

---Author Unknown.

DO YOU DISAGREE?

If you marry a child of the devil, you will have trouble with your father-in-law.