

# Warners Chapel Church of Christ

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*"The churches of Christ salute you" Rom. 16:16*

**A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU**

**SEPTEMBER 17, 2017**

## **THE BEGINNING OF THE CHURCH**

**By Kevin Rutherford**

Through the interpretation of Nebuchadnezzar's dream, Daniel was able to prophesy concerning the establishment of God's kingdom (Daniel 2). God's kingdom would be the one to be established during the days of the 4th kingdom (Daniel 2:44). The fourth kingdom is identified by history as the Roman Empire. During the days of the Roman Empire Jesus predicted the establishment of His kingdom (Matthew 16:18, 19). In fact, His followers were told the kingdom would be established during their lifetime (Mark 9:1). This shows us very clearly that God's kingdom was established in the first century. We can narrow the time of the establishment of God's kingdom even further when we note that Jesus promised the kingdom would come with the power (Mark 9:1). Jesus then told His disciples that they would receive the power when the Holy Spirit came upon them. The Holy Spirit came upon them on the first Pentecost after the resurrection of Jesus Christ (Acts 2:1-4). Therefore, that is the day upon which God's kingdom was established.

Daniel received a vision of his own one night (Daniel 7:13, 14). In this vision he saw Jesus receiving His kingdom from the Father. Daniel's vision showed this taking place shortly after Jesus ascends into heaven. The ascension of Jesus Christ is recorded for us in Acts 1:11. Shortly after Jesus' ascension, the kingdom was established (Acts 2).

From Daniel's prophecies and from Jesus' promises, we can see that the kingdom spoken of in prophecy is the church which Jesus Christ established. Jesus used the terms "kingdom" and "church" to refer to the same institution in Matthew 16:18, 19. Also all of the prophecies

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concerning the fulfillment of the kingdom point to Acts 2, and this is the chapter in which the Lord's church was established (Acts 2:47).

These prophecies show us that God has planned for a long time to establish His church through His Son, Jesus Christ. Paul lets us know that the church is a part of God's eternal purpose (Ephesians 3:10, 11). Before the beginning of time God had planned His church.

As already noted in our discussion of the fulfillment of prophecies concerning the church/kingdom, the church was established on the first Pentecost after the resurrection of Jesus Christ. In Acts 2 the apostles received the miraculous immersion in the Holy Spirit and began to speak in languages they had never studied before. Then Peter stood up to preach the first Gospel sermon, and those who responded were told to "repent and be baptized" (Acts 2:38). That day about 3,000 souls were baptized into the Lord's church (Acts 2:41). The Bible says "and the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved" (Acts 2:47). He could not have added to what did not exist. The church existed because it had just been established.

The only church that can be pleasing to God is that one which Jesus Christ established on the day of Pentecost in A.D. 33 (Acts 2). He promised to build only one (Matthew 16:18). The Apostle Paul taught that there was only one (Ephesians 1:22, 23; 4:4). No other church existed in Acts, chapter two.



## **WE ARE LIKE A PENCIL**

I have before me just a common lead pencil; but how much like this pencil we are!

This pencil was made for a purpose and properly directed, can be very useful. A true, inspiring message can be written with this pencil, or a lie, a tale of misery, or damaging gossip can be spread abroad with it. It must have the proper guidance.

It bears the name of its maker, and the reputation of the maker depends on how this pencil does the work. I haven't seen the maker of this pencil, so I must get my impression of him from his product.

This pencil looks all right on the outside, but its real value is determined by its heart.

To correct a mistake, to erase an error, the head of the pencil must be brought low, in an humble position. As long as the head is held high the mistake is not corrected. Instead more damage is done. The head must be used.

Will you take a lesson from this pencil?

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## **READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2017**

Sept. 18 - 2 Cor. 11:1-15  
Sept. 19 - 2 Cor. 11:16-33  
Sept. 20 - 2 Cor. 12  
Sept. 21 - 2 Cor. 13



Sept. 22 - Gal. 1  
Sept. 23 - Gal. 2  
Sept. 24 - Gal. 3



## OUR SICK Please Remember in Your Prayers

Please continue to keep **Shannon Harper** in your prayers as she tries to find the answers to what is causing her severe pain.

**Jeannie Moore** has recovered from her bout with pneumonia and was able to attend Wed. evening services.

**Bob Plunk** had another procedure this past Wed. to give him pain relief. He and Carolyn were very encouraged by the doctor.

Please keep **Ernestine Martin** in your prayers. She underwent a pacemaker implant and is now at home recuperating.

**Don Minor** was reported to have a head cold this past week.

Please continue to pray for **D.J. Harrison**. She is having a lot of pain with her health issues.

Thank you for your prayers for Sara Koontz. She had a good report.

**Stan Ferguson** (husband of Emily Workman's friend Amy) has an important cancer appointment on Sept. 25 to determine if prior treatments have been successful. He is feeling well physically, but both he and Amy could use encouragement. An address is posted on the bulletin board.

**Cheryl Armstrong** needs our prayers. She is friends with a few of the ladies here that visits Scarlett in assisted living. Cheryl is presently in the hospital and is a roommate of Scarlett.

I have a good report, I was able to find a second job and started on it this past Thursday. Thank you for all your prayers. —Robin Gau

### *~In Sympathy~*

*Our sympathy goes out to the Cindy Goff family. She passed away this past Wednesday. Cindy was Joyce Greenup's sister-in-law.*

### Gospel Advocate

*You may renew or newly subscribe to the Gospel Advocate during the month of Sept. The cost is \$18.98 for the year. Please see Don Minor.*

### SHUT-INS

**Mildred Barker**  
**Lutrelle Chipman**  
**Di-Ann Moser**

**Dot Pegram**  
**Eva Nelle Sidden**



**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 A COVERED DISH CONGREGATIONAL FELLOWSHIP MEAL TODAY IN THE ANNEX NEXT DOOR FOLLOWING THE MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE. YOU WILL BE OUR HONORED GUESTS!**

### WARNERS CHAPEL EVENTS:

**Sept. 17** - Congregational Fellowship Meal in Annex following morning worship service.

**Sept. 23** - **Youth Devotional** for youth of any age in the home of R.J. & JoAnn Landry. The youth devotional will not be age restricted, and all who are a youth or have youth in their home are invited and encouraged to attend. It will begin at 6 p.m. with a meal, followed by a devotional period and then activities. Families who are attending are asked to bring enough drinks, finger foods, and desserts for their own family. Sister Landry has asked that the families attending email her with what they plan on bringing. Following the devotional, there will be games outside as well as a fire pit and S'more's, weather permitting. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board with more information. If there are any questions, please see Caleb Rutherford.

**Oct. 21** - The Seniors will have an outing on Saturday, October 21st to Cody Creek Restaurant. Reservations are at 5 p.m. All are invited. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the foyer this morning.

### AREA EVENTS"

**Sept. 29** - Ladies' Night Out at the Linville Forest church of Christ. Dinner and Program begin at 6:30 p.m. with registration at 6:00 p.m. Guest speaker will be Rebekah Colley from the Mackland Rd. church of Christ in Marietta.

### SOUTHWEST FOOD PANTRY

The suggested item for the month of September - cereal.

### **FOR THE RECORD**

Sunday Bible Study - Sept. 10, 2017	140
Sunday Worship Service	179
Contribution for Sept. 10, 2017	
Daily Adult Bible Readers:	36
Chapters Read:	515
Sunday Evening Worship Service	122
Wednesday Evening Bible Study 9-13-17	109

## Lord's Day Appointments For September, 2017

Serving the Lord's Table For September:

**Brad Hoots**

Daryl Cook      Mark Minor  
 Jason Allen      Tommy Ridings  
 Kathleen Warner  
 Tim Allen  
 Mark Roy

Preparing Communion for September:

Making Announcements on Sunday:

Making Announcements on Wednesday:

## Lord's Day Appointments - September 24, 2017

DEVOTIONS:	OPENING PRAYER:	SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READERS
<b>Scripture</b> - Walter Cruz	<b>Morning</b> - Mark Roy	<b>A.M.</b> - Roger Allen	<b>A.M.</b> - Jacob Woodbury
<b>Song Leader</b> - Jason Allen	<b>Evening</b> - Jody Everett	<b>P.M.</b> - Wayne Allen	<b>P.M.</b> - Mark Clemmons
<b>Prayer</b> - Shawn Thomason		<b>Wed.</b> - Song Req. Service Gene S. & Tim A.	
<b>Greeters for September:</b> Roger & Grace Allen			

### Opening and Closing Building

**Sunday:** - Sept. 24 ~ Mark Minor  
**Wednesday:** - Sept. 27 ~ Mark Minor

## Lord's Day Appointments - September 17, 2017

DEVOTIONS:	OPENING PRAYER:	SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READERS
<b>Scripture</b> - John Allen	<b>Morning</b> - Al Lawson	<b>A.M.</b> - Steve Tesh	<b>A.M.</b> - Dwight Barringer
<b>Song Leader</b> - Gene Southern	<b>Evening</b> - Don Minor	<b>P.M.</b> - Clayton workman	<b>P.M.</b> - Tommy Rose
<b>Prayer</b> - Neal Harper		<b>Wed.</b> - Steve Tesh	
<b>Opening and Closing Building</b>		<b>Greeters for September:</b> Roger & Grace Allen	
<b>Sunday:</b> - Sept. 17 ~ David Moore			
<b>Wednesday:</b> - Sept. 20 ~ David Moore			

## 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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### ELDERS

### DEACONS

David Moore  
 Tim Allen  
 Joe Everett  
 Todd Hinson  
 Steve Tesh

Randy Warner  
 Keith Warner  
 Andy Santiago  
 Mark Minor  
 Jason Allen  
 Mike Cooper

Jody Everett  
 Gene Southern  
 Shawn Thomason  
 Mark Roy  
 Adam Warner  
 Jacob Woodbury