

# Warners Chapel Church of Christ

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**A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU**

**December 18, 2011**

***“THERE IS OPPORTUNITY FROM GOD”***

*The apostle Paul realized that God provided him opportunity to teach others. In 1 Corinthians 3:5 he wrote, “Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers through whom you believed, as the Lord gave each one?” One translation says that God gave each of them opportunity to teach others. Paul knew that the Lord often opened doors for such opportunities. “For a great and effective door has opened to me and there are many adversaries.” (1 Corinthians 16:9). “Furthermore, when I came to Troas to preach Christ’s gospel, and a door was opened to me by the Lord.” (2 Corinthians 2:12).*

*He therefore requested prayer that such opportunities would continue. “... meanwhile, praying also for us that God would open to us a door for the word, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in chains.” (Colossians 4:3).*

*So, how about us? Do we seek the opportunity to teach the gospel? Have we prayed that we might have that opportunity? Have we prayed for one another to have that opportunity? I realize that it is more difficult for some to teach than it is for others. But if we believe that we can do all things through Christ, and if we believe the power of prayer ... then wouldn’t it follow that through the power of prayer we could increase our ability to teach as well as have the opportunity to do so? There is opportunity from God, if we ask for it. There is opportunity to increase our ability to teach, if we ask for it. We can ask for both.*

*Frank*

## ELDERS CORNER:

### CHRISTMAS ON SUNDAY?

I've been reading in the news lately of several churches who are deciding to cancel their Bible classes and worship services on Christmas Day because it falls on Sunday. Several rather influential churches have announced that they are closing their doors on Christmas day, which of course, falls on Sunday this year. Apart from the obvious inconsistency in this practice and their oft repeated statement, "Jesus is the reason for the season, there is another factor I would like for you to consider.

According to these churches, the reason for closing their doors on Christmas is because they value families, and want families to be able to spend time together. Having to schedule opening presents, a meal with all the trimmings, and all that goes along with Christmas, around Bible study and worship service is considered too inconvenient, so those who have preached we need to put "Christ back into Christmas," will be locking the doors to their houses of worship, keeping those who have accepted their message locked outside in the cold.

But now consider. Where will this end? How long will it take for someone to see the logical end of such a position, and call for its implementation less sporadically. Imagine this Spring the following AP News Headline...Churches Cancel Worship Services Since Easter Falls On Sunday. "In order to promote family time, churches across America will be closing their doors on Easter Sunday so that families won't be inconvenienced with having to schedule their Easter egg hunts and Easter egg paintings around Bible study and worship..."

Who are we fooling? This isn't about valuing family. It's about individualism. It's about consumerism. It's about having what we want, when we want it, the way we want it. And apparently, even God can't be allowed to get in the way.

Friends, while I value my family and respect others who value theirs, I am reminded that family should not be elevated above my relationship to the Lord. It was Jesus who said, "If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple" (Luke 14:26).

Are these churches really prepared to stand by their logic which elevates family over the Lord when special occasions fall on Sunday? If so, I wonder what will occur on Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Labor Day Weekend, 4th of July, President's Day, Groundhog Day, etc... I guess time will tell.

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Warners Chapel will be having services as normal for both Dec 25th and Jan 1st.

### READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2011

*December 19 - Rev. 10*  
*December 20 - Rev. 11*  
*December 21 - Rev. 12*  
*December 22 - Rev. 13*



*December 23 - Rev. 14*  
*December 24 - Rev. 15*  
*December 25 - Rev. 16*

**OUR SICK**  
**Please Remember In Your Prayers**

**Paul Kirkpatrick** underwent outpatient surgery on Friday to correct a problem with an infection which may have resulted from his most recent surgery. Paul's blog address is: [paulekirkpatrick.com/blog](http://paulekirkpatrick.com/blog) which will keep you informed regarding his health and happenings.

**D.J. Harrison** is home recovering from her recent gallbladder surgery. She is in some pain but doing well at this time.

It was reported that **Lutrelle Chipman** had recently injured her shoulder and is in considerable pain.

**Emily Workman's** grandmother, **Gladys Bobbitt**, has been moved to a facility for rehab. It is felt that she would enjoy cards (recommended you reference Warners Chapel or Emily's name in the card for recognition.) Her address is Gallery Manor Rehab & Nursing home, Kirby Pines Retirement Community, Room 175B, 3535 Kirby Road, Memphis, TN 38115.

**Update:** Mrs. Bobbitt has recently been diagnosed with MRSA. Please remember her and her family during these difficult times.

**John Dupree's** mother was diagnosed with pneumonia recently. She lives in Selma, NC. John is a student at the NCSBS.

Bonnie Landreth's daughter, **Tammy**, has been experiencing some health issues at this time.

### ***Going Away Get -Together***

Following the **December 28th** Wednesday evening service, there will be a "*Going away Get-Together*" for **David, Julie, Luke and Jude Bowers**. They will be moving to Indianapolis at the end of the month. Refreshments will be provided.

### **Reason & Revelation**

Please see Don Minor if you are interested in renewing or newly subscribing to Reason & Revelation. Don will be taking up subscriptions during the month of December. The cost is \$12 for the year.

**New House to House available in foyer**

# 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.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO REMAIN FOR A "COVERED DISH" FELLOWSHIP MEAL SPONSORED BY ZONE 3.

### **WARNERS CHAPEL EVENTS:**

**Dec. 18 - Pew Packers** at 5:30 p.m.

**Dec. 18 - Elders/Deacons Mtg.** at 5 p.m. in Annex.

**Dec. 20 - Youth Devotional** at 7 p.m.

***Please Note:***

The Adult Tuesday Evening Class will be cancelled until Jan. 10th.

The 50 & Over Bible Study group that meets on Thurs. morning will be cancelled until Jan. 12th



### **Congratulations To ...**

**Don and Anna Richards** who will be celebrating their 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on December 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### **Teachers & Assistants Needed**

A Teacher's Roster has been placed on the Bulletin Board. There are a number of openings to be filled

### **FOR THE RECORD**

<b>Sunday Bible Study - December 11, 2011</b>	<b>159</b>
<b>Sunday Morning Worship Service:</b>	<b>198</b>
<b>Contribution for December 11, 2011</b>	<b>\$5,972</b>
<b>Daily Adult Bible Readers:</b>	<b>46</b>
<b>Chapters Read:</b>	<b>870</b>
<b>Daily Children Bible Readers:</b>	
<b>Chapters Read:</b>	
<b>Sunday Evening:</b>	<b>156</b>
<b>Wednesday Evening: December 14, 2011</b>	

## Lord's Day Appointments - December 25, 2011

DEVOTIONS:	OPENING PRAYER:	SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READER
<b>Scripture</b> - Jake Thomason	<b>Morning</b> - Tommy Rose	<b>A.M.</b> - Wayne Allen	<b>A.M.</b> - Tommy Rose
<b>Song Leader</b> - Jason Cravy	<b>Evening</b> - John Allen	<b>P.M.</b> - Tim Allen	<b>P.M.</b> - Andrew Hinson
<b>Prayer</b> - Shawn Thomason		<b>Wed.</b> - Song Req.	

Gene Southern

NURSERY (0-2 1/2):	NURSERY (2 1/2-4):	Greeters: December	FELLOWSHIP MEAL:
<b>Morning</b> - Robin Hauser	<b>Morning</b> - Mary Anne Allen	Jim & DJ Harrison	
<b>Evening</b> - Debbie Southern	<b>Evening</b> - Jessica Lay		

### Opening and Closing Building

<b>Sunday:</b> - December 25	Frank Shepard
<b>Wednesday</b> - December 21	Frank Shepard

*\*Sewing this Week: November 18, 2011*

<b>Devotions:</b>	<b>Opening Prayer:</b> a.m. - Al Lawson	<b>Nursery #1:</b> a.m. - Jean Rose
<b>Scripture:</b> Cody Downs	p.m. - Chris Jackson	p.m. - Jeannie Moore
<b>Song:</b> Don Minor	<b>Song Leaders:</b> a.m. - Gene Southern	<b>Nursery #2:</b> a.m. - Gina Harper
<b>Prayer:</b> Neal Harper	p.m. - Don Minor	p.m. - Nancy Minor
	Wed. - Tim Allen	

### 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
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"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

David Moore  
Tim Allen  
Joe Everett  
Todd Hinson  
Steve Tesh

#### DEACONS

Randy Warner  
Tommy Rose  
Keith Warner  
Andy Santiago  
Mark Minor  
Jason Allen  
Mike Cooper  
Jody Everett  
Gene Southern  
Shawn Thomason