

# Warners Chapel Church of Christ

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

**A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU**

**MAY 1, 2022**

## **God’s Sovereign Will and the Gentiles**

The Jews were given many special blessings by God so that they could be the nation through whom the Messiah would come, and so that they would be prepared for such a coming. Paul lists those blessings in Romans 9:4-5 as adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the service, and the promises. Yet, this special place given to the Jews and the special blessings provided for them by God did not in any way remove their free-will regarding personal responsibility, accountability, and salvation. Though they were chosen and elected by God to be the nation through which the Christ would come, they could still choose to reject God and consequently be lost. In fact, many of them did. It is because they made this choice to reject Christ that Paul had great sorrow and continual grief in his heart (Romans 9:1-5). Despite their blessings and despite their religious zeal for God they were lost because they chose of their own free-will to reject Christ (Romans 10:1-4).

“But it is not that the word of God has taken no effect. For they are not all Israel who are of Israel (Romans 9:6).” In other words, the Gospel has had an effect upon the Gentiles. Those Gentiles who have chosen of their own free-will to humbly submit themselves to the will of God are the true seed of Abraham and the true children of promise (Romans 9:6-8). Whether Jew or Gentile only those who believe in Jesus Christ are true Israel. “That is those who are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God; but the children of the promise are counted as the seed (Romans 9:8).”

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Is it right for God to have mercy upon the Gentiles? It seems some would challenge this right. In making such a challenge against the sovereign authority of God one is charging God with unrighteousness, but God is never guilty of such (Romans 9:14-15). God has the right to have mercy on whomever He will have mercy and compassion on whomever He will have compassion. The point of this statement is not indicate one is chosen by God to either be saved or lost and man has no free-will in the matter. The point of this is to address the issue of the context which is God showing mercy to the Gentiles by giving them the opportunity for salvation. God has every right to act within His perfect character, and by His sovereign will to make all upon whom the word of God has had an effect the true seed of Abraham. God has chosen to include the Gentiles who obey Him. He has every right to do so. His sovereign will in this matter is not to be questioned.

God has shown His ability to act within His sovereign will to make choices despite what people may think He should do. Before Jacob and Esau were born, God determined Esau was going to serve Jacob. Esau was going to be the oldest of the twins and so one would expect Jacob to serve him, but God wanted it to be the other way around. God in His sovereign will has every right to choose which should serve the other. So Jacob was favored over Esau, but this choice was not regarding their salvation. God did not choose Esau to be lost and Jacob to be saved in such a way that they could not exercise free-will in regard to their salvation. This choice was as to which would serve the other not as to which was going to be saved. Jacob would be the one through whom the Messianic seed-line (ancestry) would continue.

Just as God had the sovereign right and authority to choose Esau to serve Jacob, so He has every right to offer salvation to the Gentiles. As Paul wrote the book of Romans many Jews were rejecting Christ, even as Gentiles were beginning to accept the Messiah. The church had become true Israel under the New Covenant, and Christians are the true spiritual descendants of Abraham no matter their national background and heritage.

~Kevin Rutherford



## **READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2022**

May 2 - Luke 22:1-20  
May 3 - Luke 22:21-46  
May 4 - Luke 22:47-71  
May 5 - Luke 23:1-25



May 6 - Luke 23:26-56  
May 7 - Luke 24:1-35  
May 8 - Luke 24:36-53

## OUR SICK

Please Remember in Your Prayers

*Aldine Cloud, Joey Childress, Doris Cooper, David Pharr, Gary Harper, Meredith, (Brenda, Ginger, Carolyn, and Walter Goff), Dr. Charles Gainor & Son, Izac, Sandy Smith, D.J. Harrison, Nikki Santiago, Jack Piper, Sandy Smith, Ronnie Knost, Elwood Flinchum, Kathy and Wayne Hutchins.*

# 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.**

### WARNERS CHAPEL EVENTS:

May 14-15 - Senior Rally. Speaker: brother Wesley Simons - The theme: "What we have Learned By Growing Older"

#### Saturday:

Lesson 1 - We Have Learned to Respect Authority

Lesson 2 - We Have Learned that it Pays to Serve God.

Lesson 3 - We Have Learned what our Two Major Problems are.

#### Sunday:

Sunday Morning Bible Class: We Have Learned Something About Child Rearing.

Sunday Morning Worship: We Have Learned How to Grow Spiritually.

### AREA EVENTS:

May 15-19 - You Are Cordially Invited to Our Spring Gospel Meeting at West Jefferson Church of Christ with Guest Speaker Steve Canup. (Sunday through Thursday).

### VBS & TEACHERS

*Anyone interested in helping with VBS this year, please plan to stay for a meeting following the Sunday morning worship service.*

*Also, if you would be interested in helping to teach the 1-5 year old class on Sunday morning starting in July, please get with Ellen Wingo or Emily Workman.*

*The same class needs a teacher Wednesday night. See Lois Allen about that one.*

*if we have sufficient teachers and students, we could possibly split this class into a 2-3 year olds class and pre-k to kindergarten class like we have had in the past.*

**Brad Hoots' Update:** Brad seems to be doing well from the actual surgery but continues to have stomach issues which leaves him unable to regain his strength . We are waiting to hear back from the lab. work to rule out an intestinal infection on Monday. Please continue to keep him in your prayers that he will get relief soon and can regain his strength —Betty

**Bonnie Landreth** is doing better and is taking Physical Therapy. She has begun to drive her car some and has gone to see her daughter, **Tammy Rogers**, a few times at the hospital. Please keep her in your prayers.

**Tammy Rogers** has been moved to **Accordius Nursing Home** in Clemmons, located at 3905 Clemmons Rd., Clemmons, NC 27012. She will remain in the Home for one month to take Physical Therapy.

**Lou Ann Harper** was moved to Trinity Rehab in Clemmons recently. No visitors at this time. Please continue to pray for her.

**Ronnie Knost** fell last Tuesday and fortunately did not break any bones but needs to wear a full leg brace - hip to ankle. Please keep her in your prayers.

Please pray for **Eddie Craft**, he has been diagnosed to have Parkinson's Disease. He is doing okay at this time.

**Update on Ellen Meachum:** She is making progress and is able to move and talk some now. Her family has appreciated the prayers and are impressed by all the cards from Warners Chapel.

### Why Doubt God's Word?

It is strange we trust each other,  
And only doubt our Lord.  
We take the word of mortals,  
And yet distrust His word;  
But oh, what light and glory  
Would shine o'er all our days,  
If we always would remember  
God means just what He says.

— A. Simpson

# SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY SERVICE ASSIGNMENTS

May, 2022

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY: MARK ROY

COMMUNION FOR APRIL: DAVID SHOAF

## DEVOTIONS:

### SCRIPTURE

May 1 - Johnny Spillman  
May 8 - Bill Carothers  
May 15 - Randy Warner  
May 22 - Shawn Thomason  
May 29 - Brad Hoots

### SONG LEADER

Gene Southern  
Charley Belch  
Clayton Workman  
Wayne Allen  
Bradley Byrd

### PRAYER

David Moore  
Tim Allen  
Andy Santiago  
Carl Cooper  
D. C. Mock

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## OPENING PRAYERS FOR APRIL:

### SUNDAY A.M.

### SUNDAY P.M.

### WEDNESDAY

SECURITY AND GREETING: RICHARD HAMMAN & SHAWN THOMASON

PLEASE OPEN BUILDING BY 10:30 A.M., 5:40 P.M., AND WEDNESDAY BY 6:40 P.M.

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## SONG LEADERS FOR APRIL:

### SUNDAY A.M.

May 1 - Charley Belch  
May 8 - David Shoaf  
May 15 - Gene Southern  
May 22 - Steve Tesh  
May 29 - Justin Little

### SUNDAY P.M.

May 1 - David Shoaf  
May 8 - Gene Southern  
May 15 - Steve Tesh  
May 22 - Justine Little  
May 29 - Roger Allen

### WEDNESDAY

May 4 - Wayne Allen  
May 11 - Clayton Workman  
May 18 - Charley Belch  
May 25 - David Shoaf

“GETTING TO KNOW YOUR BIBLE” at 10:30 p.m. each week night on Cable 8

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### *ELDERS*

Tim Allen  
Todd Hinson  
Steve Tesh  
Andy Santiago

### *DEACONS*

Randy Warner  
Keith Warner  
Mark Minor  
Jody Everett

Gene Southern  
Shawn Thomason  
Mark Roy  
Adam Warner