

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

# Warners Chapel Church of Christ

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A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

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#### THE PLUMBLINE

"Thus he shewed me: and, behold, the Lord stood upon a wall *made* by a plumbline, with a plumbline in his hand. And the LORD said unto me, Amos, what seest thou? And I said, A plumbline. Then said the Lord, Behold, I will set a plumbline in the midst of my people Israel: I will not again pass by them any more:" (Amos 7:7-8)

What is a plumbline? Masons and carpenters use a plumbline to measure verticality. A plumbline is usually composed of a heavy string with a pin on one end and a conical weight with a point on the other end. When the pin is attached to a structure, such as the top of a wall, the weighted end will hang straight down and establish a point of exactly 90° so that one can determine the points of verticality between the pin and the pointed end of the weight.

Amos had been declaring the shortcomings of the nations around Israel. Nations like Syria, Gaza, Tyre, Edom, Ammon were to be the target of God's wrath for their disobedience. You could probably have seen the people of the Northern Kingdom of Israel shouting and cheering Amos on especially when he came to a condemnation of the Southern Kingdom of Judah. But in 2:6 he begins to address Israel and the cheers summarily stopped. How dare he?

Amos told them that God had been measuring them against his commandments. The wall was Israel. God had walked by that wall many times and was about to make sure that the "wall" was vertical. And it was not! Today, if a wall is not "true" or "plumb," the builder must fix it. That means tearing it down and building it correctly.

God's book, the Bible, is our plumbline today. As a responsible builder of our own spiritual house we have a duty to make sure our "house" is level, square and plumb. We also must have the courage that Amos had. Like most of us, Amos was not a professional and he was a foreigner to Israel, but he had the courage to speak against their disobedience.

We need more folks like Amos.

## **ELDERS CORNER:**

### "Love One Another"

The Greeks had several words for love. These words describe the love between brothers, the love of a parent for children, and the love that one has for the care of another without anything offered in return. Each of these words translated love are important aspects of the love we need for each other.

Love among the followers of Jesus is a requirement He places on us. It serves as the badge of discipleship, for Jesus said, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another (John 13:35). The world is watching, does it see a group of people devoted to following Jesus who demonstrate that commitment by loving one another?

Our love is made possible because of God's love for us; we cannot possibly love God unless we love one another. John wrote, "Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and ever one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love ...If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar; for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?" (I John 4:7-8, 20).

The command to love one another requires action. Just as faith requires action (James 2:14ff), so does our love. If all men are to know we are a disciple by our love one for another, it follows that the love must be demonstrated before the world (John 14:15). Two of the Greek words translated love give us some direction concerning what action we need to take. The first is the verb *agapao*. This love is concerned with the welfare of others without concern for the worthiness of the one receiving it. Vine commented, "Christian love, whether expressed toward the brethren or toward men in general, it is not an impulse from feelings, it does not always run with the natural inclinations, nor does it spend itself only upon those for whom some affinity is discovered. Love seeks the welfare of all, Romans 15:2, and works no ill to any 13:8-10" (*Vines Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words, page 703*).

The second verb is *phileo*. This word, according to Vine, "more nearly represents tender affection (page 703). This word in its noun form is combined with the Greek for brother and is a third way to determine how our actions should find expression is found in I Corinthians 13. Paul wrote:

Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing. Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not, charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things (I Corinthians 13:1-7).

Brethren, let us learn to "love one another with a pure heart fervently" (I Peter 1:22) and show the world we are disciples of Jesus.

Denny Landon—2003

#### **READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2014**

November 17 - Hebrews 12 November 18 - Hebrews 13

November 19 - James 1

November 20 - James 2



November 21 - James 3 November 22 - James 4

November 23 - James 5



#### **OUR SICK**

# Please Remember in your prayers

**Mary Ellen Dull** was admitted to the Forsyth Hospital ICCU on November 12th. She is being treated for an infection and dehydration. She is showing signs of improvement and will possibly be released in 3-5 days.

**Clarence Sheets** was admitted to the hospital recently with congestive heart failure. He was released this past Wednesday and is doing well in his recovery.

Elwood and Linda Flinchum's grandson, **Jesse Power**, will undergo hand surgery to repair an injury he sustained in gym class recently. Jesse has been attending services at Warners Chapel for some time with his grandparents.

**Kari and son, Samuel, Woodbury** (past members of Warners Chapel who moved out of state several years ago) have come down with a virus or flu bug and are quite ill at this time. Please remember them in your prayers.

**Winford Claiborne** has been battling pancreatic cancer and congestive heart failure for some time and now is under Hospice Care at home.

Winford, now 88, has been preaching and teaching for nearly 70 years. His life's work in business, teaching, writing and radio broadcasting has endeared him to so many. Everyone who knows him knows how much he loves preaching, teaching, and writing. He has conducted several gospel meetings here at Warners Chapel.

To those who know and love him, we ask you to keep Winford, his family, his caregivers and his West Fayetteville church family in your prayers. Please <u>DO NOT</u> make any phone calls to Winford's home. He will not be able to speak with you, and the hospice workers have more than enough to do caring for Winford.

#### IN SYMPATHY

Our sympathy goes out to Shannon Harper and family in the death of her Stepmother, **Evelene Johnson**, who recently passed away.

#### Also:

Our sympathy goes out to **Fred Holder** in the death of his wife, **Mary Holder**, and also to the many families related. Mary passed away this past week. The funeral was held at Hayworth Miller in Lewisville on Saturday, November 15th, followed with a brief grave-side service at Warners Chapel.



The **Prayer List** is available on the credenza in the foyer. The prayer list consists of others we need to remember in our prayers in addition to those listed above.

# 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 A "COVERED DISH" FELLOWSHIP MEAL IN THE ANNEX FOLLOWING THE MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE PROVIDED BY ZONE 3.

#### **WARNERS CHAPEL EVENTS:**

**Nov. 20 - 50 and Over Class** at 10:30 a.m in Annex.

#### **AREA EVENTS:**

<u>Feb. 11-15</u> - Great Smoky Mountain Marriage Retreat in Pigeon Forge, TN. —<u>See bulletin board</u>

#### Thanks for the Labels

We periodically receive thank you letters from the Mount Dora Children's Home for Warners Chapel participation. Thanks to everyone who has been saving your Campbell's Soup Labels and especially to Nancy Warner who coordinates this program. This is a good work in which all of us can participate.

If you use any of the following products, please save and put them in the second drawer on the far right of the credenza in the foyer. Mt. Dora will use them for educational materials for the children there.

Product labels include: Campbell Soup, Campbell Soup for One, Campbell's bean products, V-8 Cocktail Vegetable Juice, and Recipe Dog Food. They also collect General Mills box tops.

#### ATTENDED NURSERIES AVAILABLE:



Nursery #1 - (0-2 1/2 Yrs.) Nursery #2 - (2 1/2-4 Yrs.)

#### FOR THE RECORD

Sunday Divic Study - November 9. 2014	140
<b>Sunday Morning Worship Service:</b>	180
Contribution for November 9, 2014	
Daily Adult Bible Readers:	38
Chapters Read:	754
<b>Sunday Evening:</b>	124
Wednesday Evening - November 12, 2014	119

# Lord's Day Appointments - November 23, 2014

DEVOTIONS: OPENING PRAYER: SONG LEADER SCRIPTURE READERS

Scripture - Jason Allen Morning - Don Minor A.M. - Gene Southern A.M. - Bill Carothers

Song Leader - Wayne Allen Evening - Frank Shepard P.M. - Wayne Allen P.M. - Randy Warner

Prayer - Carl Cooper Wed. - Song Req. Service

Jason A. & Gene S.

NURSERY (0-2 1/2): NURSERY (2 1/2-4): NOV. GREETERS: FELLOWSHIP MEAL:

Morning - Sandy Warner Morning - Jessica Lay Bill and Gaye Carothers Zone 4

Evening - Nancy Minor Evening - Betty Hoots

**Opening and Closing Building** 

Sunday: - November 23 John Allen
Wednesday: - November 26 John Allen

## Lord's Day Appointments - November 16, 2014

**Devotions:** Opening Prayer a.m. - Wayne Allen Scripture Reader a.m. - Derek Elam

Scripture: Andrew Hinson p.m. - Paul Kirkpatrick p.m. - Don Minor

Song: Joe Everett Song Leaders: a.m. - Clayton Workman Nursery #1: a.m. - Robin Hauser

Prayer: Tommy Ridings p.m. - Tim Allen p.m. - Marie Harper

Wed. - Tim Allen Nursery #2: a.m. - Gina Harper

**p.m.** - Nancy Minor

#### 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

Steve Tesh

David Moore Randy Warner Mike Cooper Tim Allen Keith Warner Jody Everett Joe Everett Andy Santiago Gene Southern Todd Hinson Mark Minor Shawn Thomason

Jason Allen