

# Warners Chapel Church of Christ

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

**A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU**

**JANUARY 23, 2022**

## **Isaiah As a Model for Preachers**

Isaiah saw a glorious vision of the Lord sitting on His throne and being worshipped by seraphim who cried out, "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; The whole earth is full of His glory (Isaiah 6:1-3)." Isaiah was so moved by this vision when the Lord asked, "whom shall I send," Isaiah replied "Here am I! Send me (Isaiah 6:8)." God then informed Isaiah of the difficulty of the task that lie ahead of him. He was going to have to preach to people whose hearts were dull, ears were heavy, and eyes were shut (Isaiah 6:10)."

The Book of Isaiah records the message given by God through inspiration of the Holy Spirit to the prophet Isaiah. This was the message of God Isaiah boldly preached to the stubborn people of Jerusalem and Judah. The book of Isaiah is fascinating for a number of reasons, not the least of which is the number of prophecies concerning the coming Messiah it contains (e.g. Isaiah 53). It is also fascinating to see God giving a stubborn people the opportunity to repent and come back to Him even when rejection is anticipated (Isaiah 1:13-23). Another fact about the book of Isaiah that is profoundly striking is the balance that is found in Isaiah's message. He is preaching to a stubborn and rebellious people. As he does so he distinctly identifies and condemns their sin even while telling them they must repent. However, Isaiah mixes those message of condemnation with prophecies of hope and encouragement. It is this kind of balance that needs to be seen in preaching today.

Preaching in the Lord's church today requires distinction in clearly setting forth the specific principles and commands that govern New Testament Christianity. Like Isaiah, preachers today must identify and refute error while compassionately calling for repentance. But, also like Isaiah, preachers today need to mix that message with hope and trust in the promises of God. Preachers must tear down what needs to be torn down, but they must also build up and strengthen. Gospel preachers today need to be balanced.

To be more specific, Gospel preachers need to be aware of the distinctions between New Testament Christianity and denominationalism, and preach on those distinctions. Gospel

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preachers need to understand the New Covenant is the governing document for the church. And preach what it says about the church. If the doctrine of men that conflicts with the doctrine of God is threatening the church Gospel preachers need to cry the warning. Gospel preachers must understand and preach the deep reverence, accompanied by humble obedience that must be shown to God in all things. Such matters must be preached with clarity and with firmness.

However, preachers who do only what is just described will develop unbalanced and discouraging situations for the local congregation. Christians need hope and encouragement. The lost need to know how much God loves them. The beauties of grace, peace, love, and joy that are created by the Gospel of Jesus Christ must be recognized, enjoyed, and preached fully.

The wickedness of sin must be preached even as it culminates in the Lord Jesus Christ taking the wrath and death mankind deserves for sin. In examining the cross we see the very grave and serious nature of sin. Preachers must preach this. Sin is not to be glossed over, but rather it is to be condemned. Yet, the glorious grace of God made evident in the crucifixion must also be clearly explained in preaching. Despite the wicked rebellion of man, Jesus Christ took the wrath and death man deserved so that those who choose to humble themselves before the will of God could have opportunity for salvation. There is darkness, wickedness, and horror in the cross, but there is also gracious sacrifice and glorious hope in the cross of Christ. Preachers must present both.

The preacher who spends of all his time preaching about love and hope, while neglecting matters of doctrine, sin, and God's condemnation will cause a church to become unbalanced and begin to lose sight of the importance of obedience to God. On the other hand, a preacher who spends of his time preaching sermons that refute false doctrine and condemn sin will cause a church to become negative and discouraged. There must be balance between the two.

Preachers must understand the congregation and know what they need to hear. Preachers must love the congregation and preach to save and uplift them. Preachers must keep their heads in the Word of God and preach the whole counsel of God. Gospel preachers today must pattern themselves after the model left by God's preacher Isaiah. Condemn sin and error, while encouraging repentance, but also remind the people of God's great promises and the tremendous hope found in Him.

~Kevin Rutherford



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

**Jan. 24 - Matt. 15:21-39**  
**Jan. 25 - Matt. 16**  
**Jan. 26 - Matt. 17**  
**Jan. 27 - Matt. 18:1-20**



**Jan. 28 - Matt. 18:21-35**  
**Jan. 29 - Matt. 19**  
**Jan. 30 - Matt. 20:1-16**

## OUR SICK

### Please Remember in Your Prayers

*Teresa Brown's mother, Carley Hauser, Nikki Santiago, Gene Ruark, David Queen, Jack Piper, Annie Burns and Lori Spencer, Lauren's friend - Sandy, Sandy Smith, Beverly Allred, Eddie Manor, Johnny Allen, D. J. Harrison, Ronnie Knost, Elwood Flinchum, Mary Ellen Dull, Kathy and Wayne Hutchins.*

**Mary Ellen Dull** has not been feeling well for the several days. Please pray for her.

**David Queen** has come down with a bad cold and cough at this time. (He does not have COVID.) Please remember him in your prayers.

**Bonnie Landreth** is ill with intestinal and viral flu. Please keep her in your prayers for an early recovery.

**Russell Queen**, David and Gale Queen's son has become ill with Rheumatoid Arthritis and Pulmonary Thrombosis recently. His address is 1401 Kendalwood Drive, Kernersville, NC 27284. Please keep him in your prayers.

Please keep our niece, **Dianna Walker**, in your prayers, she is in the hospital in serious condition. --Doris Cooper.

Prayers are requested for **Rose Whitt** (Andy's sister). She has the COVID Virus.

**Shiela Landman**, is in the Ladies Zoom class on Thursdays. She came down with COVID and is in the hospital. She lost her husband to COVID about 3 weeks ago. Prayers are requested.

**Daniel Lee**, the son of Kevin and Dora Lee, who were members here at Warners Chapel about 15-20 years ago, is in the ICU in very grave condition with Covid. Please pray for him.

Prayers are requested for **Brian Weaver** by Adam & Kathleen Warner who is in the hospital with COVID. His wife and daughters are recovering from COVID.

Prayers are requested for **Tim & Lisa Voyles**. They are Robbie Santiago's father and mother-in-law. Both are hospitalized with COVID in Illinois.

**Help is needed in preparing meals for Jack Piper.** If you can help, please get with Mindy Santiago.

# 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.**

### *AREA EVENTS:*

***March 5 - Ladies Day at Cary church of Christ on March 5th. Theme: "How to Train Your Dragon" More information in next week's bulletin.***

***March 12 - 21st Annual Carolina Men's Fellowship at Gold Hill Rd. church of Christ in South Carolina. More information in next week's bulletin.***

### POSSIBILITIES

Rockefeller could sign his name to a piece of paper and make it worth a million dollars. That is capital.

Longfellow could take a worthless sheet of paper, write a poem on it and make it worth \$6,000. that is genius.

A mechanic can take materials worth five dollars and make an article worth fifty dollars. That is skill.

Uncle Sam can take gold, stamp an eagle on it and make it worth twenty dollars. That is money.

An artist can take fifty cents worth of canvas, paint a picture on it, and make it worth a thousand dollars. That is art.

God can take a worthless, sinful life, wash it in the blood of the Lamb, put His Spirit in it, and make it a blessing to humanity. THAT IS SALVATION.

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**SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY SERVICE ASSIGNMENTS**  
**JANUARY, 2022**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY: GENE SOUTHERN**

**COMMUNION FOR JANUARY: JOHNNY SPILLMAN**

**DEVOTIONS:**

**SCRIPTURE**

Jan. 2 - Wayne Allen  
Jan. 9 - Mark Minor  
Jan. 16 - Andy Santiago  
Jan. 23 - Rodney Brown  
Jan. 30 - Johnny Spillman

**SONG LEADER**

Nathan Roy  
Charley Belch  
Steve Tesh  
Gene Southern  
Justin Little

**PRAYER**

Todd Hinson  
Mark Roy  
Kevin Rutherford  
David Moore  
Mike Glenn

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**OPENING PRAYERS FOR JANUARY:**

**SUNDAY A.M.**

Jan. 2 - Allen Knight  
Jan. 9 - Justin Little  
Jan. 16 - D. C. Mock  
Jan. 23 - Jason Allen  
Jan. 30 - Al Lawson

**SUNDAY P.M.**

Jan. 2 - Wayne Allen  
Jan. 9 - Brad Hoots  
Jan. 16 - David Moore  
Jan. 23 - Mark Minor  
Jan. 30 - Mark Roy

**WEDNESDAY**

Jan. 5 - Adam Warner  
Jan. 12 - Todd Hinson  
Jan. 19 - Carl Cooper  
Jan. 26 - Rodney Brown

**SECURITY AND GREETING: MARK ROY AND RJ LANDRY**

**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 JANUARY:**

**SUNDAY A.M.**

Jan. 2 - Wayne Allen  
Jan. 9 - Roger Allen  
Jan. 16 - Gene Southern  
Jan. 23 - Charley Belch

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Jan. 2 - Wayne Allen  
Jan. 9 - Roger Allen  
Jan. 16 - Gene Southern  
Jan. 23 - Charley Belch

**WEDNESDAY**

Jan. 5 - Charley Belch  
Jan. 12 - Clayton Workman  
Jan. 19 - Wayne Allen  
Jan. 26 - Roger Allen

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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**

**WARNERS CHAPEL CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
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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