



Warners Chapel Church of Christ

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

A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

AUGUST 9, 2015

"WELL, WE BAPTIZE TOO."

Denominational churches have a loose and varied interpretation of baptism. They generally acknowledge that baptism is a Bible subject and that those who profess to be followers of Christ should be baptized. They do not generally agree as to the purpose of baptism, how the act is to be administered or who may be a proper subject of baptism.

Most denominational churches administer baptism to their communicants in some form or fashion; for some reason or the other. Frequently, people in denominational churches begin to investigate the truth of God and become aware of the fact that they are not living in accord with that revealed truth. They now realize they are members of a man-made, man-orientated church and largely guided by man-made creeds and disciplines. They learn of the one church and then come to face the truth of the one baptism (Ephesians 4:4-6). They soon reject their former baptism, or that which they understood to be baptism, and are immersed into Christ for the remission of sins. The denominational concept of baptism is wrong. Here are some reasons why one should reject denominational Baptism.

1. None hold that baptism is absolutely essential to salvation. Some go as far as to say that baptism is a command, but a command one doesn't have to obey. In answer to this we must agree that baptism is a command (Matt. 28:19; Acts 2:38; 10:48) and for one to be saved he must render obedience to divine commands. Jesus is Savior only to those who obey him (Hebrews 5: 9)

2. Baptism follows salvation. Many have made the statement "I believe that God, for Christ's sake, has pardoned my sins." If the statement is true then baptism couldn't be for the remission of sins, would not wash away sins, as God, for Christ's sake, had already saved one from his past sins. However, the Scriptures teach baptism is for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38), it washes away sins (Acts 22: 16) and baptism saves (1 Peter 3:21).

3. Baptism is the act by which an already saved person then joins the church. Denominationalists declare the church to be a non-essential entity as far as salvation is concerned. Hence, baptism is a non-essential act to get into a non-essential organization. The New Testament does not record one single instance of anyone joining the church.

4. Sprinkling or pouring are not in the Scriptural sense baptism. The best English dictionaries define baptism: to dip or immerse in water or to pour or sprinkle water upon as a religious rite. This is how the word is used in modern-day English. However, the word baptism has no such connotation in the original Greek of the New Testament. The Greek word baptidzo is anglicized: baptize. In Koine Greek, the action depicts one who is buried, submerged, or immersed.

Denominational baptism stands for disorder and confusion, nothing more.

Paul

Elders Corner:

Is Illness the Result of Sin?

God placed Adam and Eve in a perfect environment in Eden. He put them into the Garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it, saying, “Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: but of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die” (Genesis 2:15-17). Adam and Eve had everything needed for perfect health, but when they sinned, corruption, including illness, entered the world.

God told Eve, “I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children”. And to Adam He said, “Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; in the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground” (Genesis 3:16-19).

Adam and Eve, our ancestors, were perfect in health until their fall, but since then mankind has been subject to all sorts of maladies. When the lost access to the tree of life in the Garden, they died spiritually, and their bodies began to decay. Sin brought all these consequences into the world.

It is not the case, however, that everyone who experiences an illness does so because of his or her personal sin. Certainly many lifestyle choices open us up to disease and illness, but many illnesses come upon us despite our best efforts to live healthily and faithfully to God.

“And as Jesus passed by, he saw a man which was blind from his birth. And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind?” (John 9:1-2) The disciples expressed a common misconception of the day—that all illness, and especially one as serious as blindness, resulted from sin. But Jesus answered, “Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents; but the works of God should be made manifest in him” (John 9:3). After Jesus healed him, he worshipped Jesus as God’s Son (John 9:35-38).

Jesus, the Great Physician, has prepared a place for his servants (John 14:1-5) where illness will be no more. “And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away” (Rev. 21:4). There will be no need for hospitals in heaven, because all that was listed in the fall of man will be restored. Having obeyed Christ, we will be forgiven of our sins, and we will live eternally in the presence of the Lord.

—Bob Prichard, Oxford, AL

READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2015

August 10 - Romans 11:1-18
August 11 - Romans 11:19-35
August 12 - Romans 12
August 13 - Romans 13



August 14 - Romans 14
August 15 - Romans 15:1-13
August 16 - Romans 15:14-33



OUR SICK

Please Remember in your prayers

Don Minor was to enter the Forsyth Hospital this past Friday to have a heart catheterization, to check for blockage. Please remember him and the family in your prayers.

Continue to remember **D. J. Harrison**. She was to undergo testing for Lupus but has been delayed. She has been put on a new medication for the time being.

Andy Santiago was reported ill this past Wednesday evening. He possibly could have had food poisoning. Prayers were requested.

Also, prayers have been requested for D. J. Harrison's sister, **Linda Bateman**, who lives in Oklahoma. She is having a problem with her heart.

Prayers are requested for Roger Allen's father. The tumor is growing again and the pain is increasing. He is getting more pain medication to help.

Prayers have been requested for **Sadie McNeill**, a neighbor of several members at Warners Chapel who live on Tucker Road. She suffered a heart attack this past Wednesday and is in the ICU at Forsyth Hospital.

Please keep **Roy Pullum**, a co-worker of Shawn Thomason, in your prayers. He had a massive heart attack last Sunday evening.

Please continue to pray for Lutrelle Chipman's granddaughter, **Elyse Cave**. She continues to have serious health problems. She is doing some better and has been referred to the UNC Hospital at Chapel Hill for further evaluation and treatment.

Please continue to pray for **Stephanie Richardson**, a friend of Gina Strickland. She underwent facial surgery this past Monday but is still having issues, with short-term memory, sight and swallowing.

~IN SYMPATHY~

*Our sympathy goes out to Lois Allen and all the families of **Marzelle Price** who passed away Tuesday, August 4, 2015. Marzelle was a member of the South Fork church of Christ. A graveside funeral was held this past Friday.*

New Address for Homer Holland:

A1C Holland, Homer W.

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1320 Truemper St., Unit 367165

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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:

August 12 - The Summer Series speaker will be **Greg Wanderman**, from Clover, NC. The topic will be "Daniel".

August 13 - The "Genesis Class" will begin Thursday evening.

August 16 - Monthly Fellowship Covered Dish meal in the Annex following morning worship service.

August 30 - Contribution will be designated to Africa.

August 30 - There will be a Bridal Shower for **Megan Clemmons** from 3-5 p.m. in the Annex. Megan is registered at Target and Bed Bath & Beyond. All Ladies are invited.

November 7 - Annual Chicken Stew

AREA EVENTS:

Aug. 9-13 - Gospel Meeting at the Redland church of Christ. Speaker: Joseph Barr from Conway, SC.

Aug. 9-14 - 2015 Summer Gospel Meeting at the University church of Christ in Charlotte, NC

Sept. 13-16 - Gospel Meeting at the Mooresville church of Christ with Matthew Johnson from the Hiram church of Christ in Hiram, GA.

FOR THE RECORD

168 Sunday Bible Study - Aug. 2, 2015	135
Sunday Morning Worship Service:	168
Contribution for Aug. 2, 2015	
Daily Adult Bible Readers:	39
Chapters Read:	676
Daily Children Bible Readers:	
Chapters Read:	
Sunday Evening:	123
Wednesday Evening: August 5, 2015	120

Lord's Day Appointments - August 16, 2015

DEVOTIONS:		OPENING PRAYER:	SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READERS
Scripture	- John Allen	Morning - Todd Hinson	A.M. - Clayton Workman	A.M. - Mark Minor
Song	- Joe Everett	Evening - Allen Cooper	P.M. - Steve Tesh	P.M. - Bill Carothers
Prayer	- Tommy Ridings		Wed. - Don Minor	
Gene S. & Jason A.				
NURSERY (0-2 1/2):		NURSERY (2 1/2-4):	Greeters: <u>August</u>	FELLOWSHIP MEAL:
Morning -	Robin Hauser	Morning -	Abby Little	Rodney & Theresa Brown
Evening -	Marie Harper	Evening -	Gina Harper	<i>August 16th</i>

Opening and Closing Building

Sunday: - August 16 Justin Minor
Wednesday: - August 19 Justin Minor

Lord's Day Appointments - August 9, 2015

DEVOTIONS:		OPENING PRAYER:	SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READERS
Scripture	- Michael Cooper	Morning - Brad Hoots	A.M. - Jason Allen	A.M. - Tommy Rose
Song Leader	- Roger Allen	Evening - Rodney Brown	P.M. - Roger Allen	P.M. - Allen Cooper
Prayer	- Frank Shepard		Wed. - Tim Allen	
NURSERY (0-2 1/2):		NURSERY (2 1/2-4):		
Morning -	Gina Harper	Morning -	Rhonda Hardister	
Evening -	Linda Flinchum	Evening -	Betty Hoots	

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