

# Warners Chapel Church of Christ

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

**A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU**

**APRIL 4, 2021**

## **Going Home**

My wife and I had been married about six years, and our oldest daughter was a cheerful and verbal three-year-old the day I walked down the ramp and through the tunnel to board the first of many planes. My curly-headed three year-old daughter was begging me not to go, and telling me to come back as I walked away.

This particular mission trip began with exhaustion from the international journey that allowed only a few minutes of sleep out of a total of 52 hours travel time. Upon arrival at the airport in Zambia we found out the brother who was supposed to pick us up would not be coming. Another Christian picked us up at the airport and took us to a local hotel where we awaited transportation to the northern part of Zambia where we had scheduled an out-door gospel meeting in a soccer stadium. The only vehicle available was an old worn-out Toyota pick-up truck that had been used on a farm.

We decided to cut through the Democratic Republic of the Congo on our way to the northern part of Zambia because we were behind on schedule. At the border we were accused by a Congo soldier of being U.S. spies. Dad showed them the Bibles and tracts we had and was able to convince them we were simply there to preach the Gospel. On the other end of the "Hell's Run" road was another check-point. At this check-point the soldiers took quite a bit of our money, but they had the guns and were in their country so there wasn't much we could do about it.

During the meeting at the soccer stadium we preached in a tag-team effort. Many of the Zambian people had traveled several miles on foot or by bicycle to camp at the stadium and hear the preaching. They wanted the preaching to continue non-stop throughout the day, followed by question and answer sessions at night. Unfortunately our efforts raised the ire of the local Jehovah's Witness church who decided to try to stop the meeting by accusing us of stealing. The police showed up at the meeting but we were assured by the Zambian brethren that they would take care of it and we should just go on preaching.

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The good news is that we enjoyed regular trips in the overcrowded little pick-up down to the river to baptize. The bed and cab of the truck would be filled with people as we bumped along the dusty foot-path through the savannah and down to the river. On one such trip the back end of the truck bottomed out on a rock and dented the right rear quarter panel.

When the northern meeting was over we turned in the direction of southern Zambia. Our destination was a farm run by a Christian who offered to provide us shelter for the night. Dad stopped at a “petrol-station” to ask for directions, but the directions we were given took us to an old quarry. It was dark, we were surrounded by woods (“the bush”) on either side of a narrow dirt road, and we had one dim head-light as we hurtled toward a seventy foot drop-off. Dad couldn’t see well, but he just suddenly felt it important to slam on the brakes. The truck skidded to a stop as small rocks were sent flying into the woods and dust drifted into the air. We got out of the truck with flash-lights (“torches”) and saw that we had stopped just a few feet short of the drop-off at the top of the quarry. We eventually found the farm, bedded down in the bunk house with the lizards crawling on the walls, and slept a few hours before loading up with a bigger crew and heading further south.

The last part of our work was in Botswana. We had driven from Zambia through Zimbabwe to the mostly desert country of Botswana. Sand, dust, and dirt all around with the occasional flowering bush made up the landscape where we worked for some time with a school of preaching.

This particular mission effort had been complicated by problems too numerous to discuss in a short article, yet there was a distinct sense of fulfillment in working through each problem. I enjoyed the work of preaching the Gospel, being covered in dust all the time, and working many long hours. I enjoyed the rough African bush in Zambia and the dusty desert in Botswana, but my thoughts roamed more and more toward home the longer we were there.

The reunion upon arrival home was joyous. The natural beauty of a Minnesota summer was staggering. Beautiful trees, green grass, colorful flowers, and Lake Superior reflecting the azure blue sky filled me with wonder more than ever before. I was home. My wife was by my side. My daughter was in my arms, and I could rest.

Life is filled with complications. But as we travel through this life we must remain faithful to the Lord with the understanding that someday we will fly away. Someday we will be reunited with love ones. Someday we will go home. “Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord” (1 Corinthians 15:58).

~Kevin V. Rutherford



## **READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2021**

April 5 - Luke 8:26-56  
April 6 - Luke 9:1-17  
April 7 - Luke 9:18-36  
April 8 - Luke 9:37-62



April 9 - Luke 10:1-24  
April 10 - Luke 10:25-42  
April 11 - Luke 11:1-28

## OUR SICK

### Please Remember in Your Prayers

*Lisa, Hinson, Al Lawson, Abby Little, Elwood Flinchum, Kathy and Wayne Hutchins, Steve Martin, Don Jackson, Sandy Smith, & D.J. Harrison.*

**Roger Allen** underwent shoulder surgery this past Thursday. He is at home recuperating and is having a lot of pain at this time, the nerve block is wearing off. Please keep him in your prayers.

**Madelene Holbrook** fell on March 19th and broke her right wrist. She is doing as well as she can since she is right-handed and is having some difficulty replacing it with her left hand. Please keep her in your prayers.

**Mary Ellen Dull** has been moved to Memory Care at Trinity Elms. Please pray for a smooth transition. She would enjoy cards and visits. (If you would like details, please call Gaye Carothers at 336-682-9272.) Mary Ellen has been a faithful life-long member of the Warners Chapel church of Christ.

Betty Hoots' cousin, Mandy Bailey and Mandy's son, Parker, both began their chemotherapy treatments this past week. So far, they are doing well with the treatments. Please keep them both in your prayers as they go through their treatments. If you wish to send them cards, the address is 121 Bentbrook Drive, Advance, NC 27006.

Please pray for the young brother of a former co-worker of Nancy Minor. He is having severe stomach issues. He has been in Brenners for several days and while his symptoms are improving, the doctors have no idea what is causing the problems. Thank you! Nancy Minor.

A co-worker of Betty Hoots, **Jeff Chrysson**, was diagnosed with gallbladder cancer this past week. At this point things do not look good and his family is asking for your prayers for his healing and comfort. Here is his address if you would like to send him a card: Jeff Chrysson, 5930 La Sierra Drive, Pfafftown, N.C., 27040. Already the family has been receiving cards from Warners Chapel and they are so appreciative.

### Little Gems to Think on

1. Spring...God's greeting card!
2. A peaceful heart finds joy in all of life's simple pleasures.
3. A cloudy day is no match for a sunny disposition!

# 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.**

## THE CHURCH IS NOT ...

**THE CHURCH IS NOT** made up of people who believe they are better than others...but rather of those who believe they ought to be better than they are.

**THE CHURCH IS NOT** made up of perfect people...but people who follow a perfect Lord and realize they ought to do the best they can.

**THE CHURCH IS NOT** made up of people who never make mistakes...but of those who acknowledge their mistakes and try to not make the same ones again.

**THE CHURCH IS NOT** trying to withdraw from everyone...but rather to bring everyone into its fellowship and love.

**THE CHURCH IS NOT** trying to make you feel guilty...but trying to instill the beauty of holiness in your life.

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### Call Someone and strengthen the church:

***This week, make a list and call 5 people you don't normally call. Just touch base, ask after their welfare, tell them you care about them, see if they have a need with which we can help.***

### Covid Vaccine Information:

If anyone would like a COVID-19 Vaccine and are having difficulty getting an appointment in the county you reside in, we have plenty in Yadkin County. If you would like an appointment please go to Yadkin County website [www.yadkincountync.gov](http://www.yadkincountync.gov) and register you will be called on the number that you register with for an appointment. - Lorie Rose

# SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY SERVICE ASSIGNMENTS

APRIL, 2021

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY: CARL COOPER

COMMUNION FOR APRIL: JOHNNY SPILLMAN

## OPENING PRAYERS FOR MARCH:

### SUNDAY - a.m.

April 4 - D.C. Mock  
April 11 - Charley Belch  
April 18 - Bob Tesh  
April 25 - Andy Santiago

### SUNDAY - p.m.

April 4 - Brad Hoots  
April 11 - Don Minor  
April 18 - David Queen  
April 25 - Adam Warner

### WEDNESDAY

April 7 - Jim Harrison  
April 14 - Gene Southern  
April 21 - Wayne Allen  
April 28 - Steve Tesh

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SECURITY AND GREETING: MARK ROY AND GENE RUARK

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.

April 4 - Wayne Allen  
April 11 - Clayton Workman  
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IF YOU SHOULD BE UNABLE TO SERVE ON ASSIGNED DATES, PLEASE GET SOMEONE TO TAKE YOUR PLACE

THANK YOU FOR YOUR WILLINGNESS TO SERVE.

GENE SOUTHERN

**“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*

Tim Allen  
Todd Hinson  
Steve Tesh  
Andy Santiago

### *DEACONS*

Randy Warner  
Keith Warner  
Mark Minor  
Jason Allen  
Jody Everett

Gene Southern  
Shawn Thomason  
Mark Roy  
Adam Warner  
Jacob Woodbury