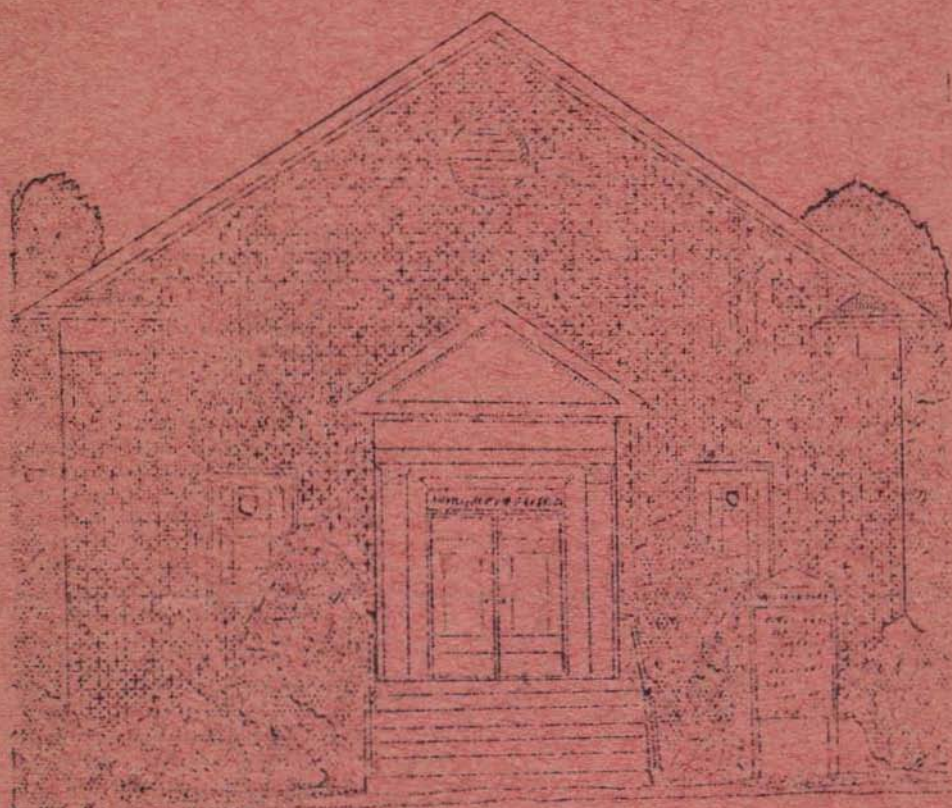


WARNERS CHAPEL CHURCH OF CHRIST



WEEKLY CALENDAR

Bible Study.....10:15 A. M.
Morning Worship(Begins)....,11:00 A. M.

PREACHING

First and Third Sundays....11:00 A. M.
Second and Fourth Sundays.. 7:30 P. M.

BIBLE CLASSES

Monday Evening..... 8:00 P. M.
Friday Evening..... 8:00 P. M.

Cecil L. Derryberry.....Minister

TRUE WORSHIP

PURPOSE OF SINGING

Last week we called attention to several passages of scripture (Matt. 26:30; Acts 16:25; I Cor. 1:2; 14:15; Eph. 5:18-19; Col. 3:16; Rom. 15:5-11; Heb. 2:10-12;) as proof of our authority for singing as worship to God. For our consideration today we want to notice the purpose of singing.

"And be not drunk with wine wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;" (Ephesians 5:18-19). The purpose expressed in this passage is "speaking to yourselves" and "singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord".

In the light of the above passage, let us examine Colossians 3:16. "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord". Then the "speaking to yourselves" must be for the purpose of "teaching and admonishing one another". "Singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord" must be the same as the "singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord". We sing to TEACH AND ADMONISH ONE ANOTHER and to PRAISE GOD. Unless our singing accomplishes this two-fold purpose we must improve our singing until it does accomplish this purpose or be rejected of God.

Here the word teach has the same meaning

as in other places in the scriptures. Its meaning is: To impart knowledge to; to guide by precept or example; instruct; enlighten. Admonish means to caution; to exhort; to remind as of duty or obligation; to put in mind.

Care should be taken in the selection of songs. Some should be used that will impart knowledge, instruct, and enlighten. Others should be used that will serve to caution warn, and remind of duty and obligation. Care should likewise be taken in the singing of the songs. The words should be spoken distinctly. All the congregation should watch and follow the one directing the singing. We cannot hope to be efficient in our teaching and admonishing in our song services when the words are not spoken distinctly and part of the congregation is ahead of the Leader and some away behind. It is true we cannot hope for perfection, but we should seek improvement.

In addition to teaching and admonishing one another we are to sing and make melody in our hearts to the Lord. "Bring the thoughts and feelings of the heart into harmony with the sentiment of the song. It is the sentiment that is sung that constitutes the worship; there is no acceptable worship in music distinct from the sentiment sung. The music of the song is only a means of impressing the sentiment sung on the hearts of both singer and hearer. What is sung must be the outgrowth of the word of God dwelling richly in the heart. It is done by speaking the word of God in song. The purpose is to praise God." (New Testament Epistles by David Lipscomb and J. W. Shepherd. Volume IV, p. 108)

Next week "What to use in singing."

---C.L.D.

DEVOTIONAL READING

Miller Cartwright will read the devotional reading Sunday morning, October 21st.

TO WENT TO PRAY

Two went to pray? O, rather say,
One to brag, the other to pray;
One stands up close and treads on high,
Where the other dares not lift his eye;
One near to God's altar trod,
The other to the altar's God.

--Richard Grashaw

GOSPEL MEETING

OCTOBER 14-23

ABILENE CHURCH OF CHRIST NEAR
STATESVILLE, N.C.

E. I. FLANNERY..... EVANGELIST

B. J. PRINCE..... SONG LEADER

SERVICES

SUNDAYS-11:00-7:30

EACH NIGHT-7:30 PM