



# Warners Chapel Church of Christ

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**A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU**

**APRIL 6, 2008**

## **AN OX, A MONKEY AND A DOG**

A story is told that on the day when God began to create animal life, He first created the ox. He said to the ox, "Today I have created you! As an ox, you must go to the field with the farmer all day long. You will work all day under the sun! I will give you a life span of 50 years."

The ox objected, "What? That is kind of a tough life you want me to live for 50 years? Let me work 20 years, and the 30 years I'll give back to you." So God agreed.

Next, God created the monkey. He said to the monkey, "Monkeys have to entertain people. You've got to make them laugh and do monkey tricks. I'll give you a 20 year life span."

The monkey objected. "What? Make them laugh? Do monkey faces and tricks? Ten years will do, and the other 10 years I'll give back." So God agreed.

After the Monkey, God created the dog. God said to the dog, "What you are supposed to do is to sit all day by the door of your house. Any people that come in, you will have to bark at them! I'll give you a life span of 20 years."

The dog objected, "What? All day long to sit by the door? No way! Ten years will do, and I give you back 10 years of my life!" So God agreed.

Finally, God created man and said to him, "Your job is to sleep, eat, and play. You will enjoy much in your life. All you need to do is to enjoy and do nothing. For this kind of life, I'll give you a 20 year life span."

The man objected. "What? Such a good life! Eat, play, sleep, do nothing? Enjoy the best, and you expect me to live only for 20 years? No way, man! Why don't we make a deal? Since the ox gave back 30 years, and both the dog and monkey gave back 10 years, I will take them from you! That makes my life span 70 years, right?" So God agreed.

And that's why in our first 20 years, we eat, sleep, play, enjoy the best and do nothing much. For the next 30 years, we work all day long, and suffer to support the family. For the next 10 years, we entertain our grandchildren by making monkey faces and doing monkey tricks. And for the last 10 years, we stay at home, sit by the front door and bark at people!

Paul

## Elders Corner:

### *I NEVER INTENDED TO QUIT*

*By Gus Nichols - Deceased*

A man who had not attended one service of the church in four years told me he had never thought of “quitting” the church. I reminded him that he had:

1. Withdrawn his presence from the services.
2. He had refused to give his moral support to the activities of the congregation.
3. He had withdrawn his financial support, for he had not given one time to help carry on the Lord’s work.

Then I asked: “What else would you have to do in order to “quit” the church? In case you ever decide that you no longer desire to be a member, what other steps will be necessary to “quit” the church?”

As the true status dawned upon him, his expression reflected his sober thought: He replied, “why Brother Nichols, I’ve already quit, haven’t I? Well I surely didn’t mean to! And I don’t know when I quit...I’m coming back.” He did too. At the next service, he was restored and three years later he is still faithful.

Dear reader, how about you? Have you quit the Lord and His church without resolving to do so? Perhaps no one deliberately decides to quit, but many carelessly drift into backsliding.

If you quit attending service, quit boosting the program of activities planned by the elders and quit giving as God has prospered you to enable the congregation to meet its budget, you need to be restored.

### *Read the New Testament in the Year 2008*

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  
April 12 - Luke 11:29-54  
April 13 - Luke 12:1-31



**Ernestine Martin** underwent surgery this past Wednesday and is in Room 334 at the Medical Park Hospital.

**Dot Reeves** has been transferred to the Clemmons Nursing and Rehab Center, Room 316.

**Di-Ann Moser** has been released from the hospital this past week and is recovering satisfactorily at home.

It was reported that **Barry Sheets**, Clarence Sheets' son, underwent open-heart surgery this past week. He is having difficulty with his lungs and is in Intensive Care at the Baptist Hospital at this time. Visitors are limited to family only.

#### Special Prayer Request for:

**Tim Stanley** - a friend of Carl and Doris Cooper. Mr. Stanley is stationed in Mosul, Iraq; and has suffered a very painful back injury. He will be in Iraq at least until November 2008 or longer.

Also, prayers are requested in behalf of Keri Woodbury's uncle who has been diagnosed with cancer.



**Bahnson & Nellie Kathryn Dorse, Don Jackson, Mary Rackley, Meredith Everett, Elwood Flinchum, Kelly Haynes** (Karen Clemmons' cousin), **Michael Koerth** (Rick Clemmons' uncle), **Sonia Vizcaino's mother, Stella Ybarra** (Jennifer Robinson's grandmother), **Darrell Hauser, Cindy Byrd** (Joe Byrd's mother), **Gladys Bobbitt** (Emily Workman's Grandmother), **Lois Watkins, Libby Bryant** (Lorie Rose's friend's mother) **Ed Matthews** (Carolyn Minor's cousin) **Ronnie Seats** (Kenny Brown's stepfather) **Ray Wood, Jim and Gladys Harper, Nita Kirkland** (Ellen Wingo's mother), **Jim Warner, Elmer Laudenslager, Dot Reeves, Johnsie Moser, Nelle Harper, Nora Holder, Hilda Hauser, Earl Knost, Sonja Meals.**

Also:

*\* the leaders of our country and all those who serve.*

#### **NCSBS CLASSES**

A sign-up sheet has been posted for the new classes being offered to anyone wishing to attend the North Carolina School of Biblical Studies.



**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 REMAIN FOR A "COVERED DISH" FELLOWSHIP MEAL TO BE HELD IN THE ANNEX FOLLOWING THE MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE. THE MEAL IS PROVIDED THIS MORNING BY ZONE 1.**

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

**~April 8 - Sewing for Nicaragua - 9 a.m.**

**~April 8 - Youth Devotional.**

**~April 12 - Ladies Day - Registration at 9 a.m.** It is requested that each family bring two - 2 liter drinks. Also needed are two fruit platters and chips.

**~April 13 - Senior Rally Meeting**

**~April 21 - Preachers/Leaders Mtg.** following morning worship service.

**~May 17-18 - Senior Rally -** see bulletin board for details.

#### **AREA EVENTS**

**~April 6-10 - 64th Annual Carolina Lectures** hosted by the Sanford church of Christ.

**~April 6 - Fellowship Mtg.** at Redland at 3 p.m.

**~May 3 - Rutherford church of Christ 3rd Annual Lectureship** See bulletin board for further information regarding the above listed area events.

#### **FOR THE RECORD**

**Sunday - Mar. 30, 2008**

**Sunday Bible Study 168**

**Sunday Morning Worship 223**

**Contribution for Mar. 30, 2008 \$6,114**

**Daily Adult Bible Readers: 30**

**Chapters Read: 720**

**Daily Children Bible Readers:**

**Chapters Read: 6**

**Sunday Evening 138**

**Wed. Evening Bible Study 3-30-08 112**

# LORD'S DAY ASSIGNMENTS - APRIL 13, 2008

DEVOTIONS:		OPENING PRAYER:		SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READERS:
<b>Scripture</b>	Rodney Brown	<b>Morning</b>	David Moore	<b>A.M.</b> - Tim Allen	<b>A.M.</b> -Tommy Rose
<b>Song Leader</b>	Steve Tesh	<b>Evening</b>	Mark Minor	<b>P.M.</b> - Jason Allen	<b>P.M.</b> -Randy Warner
<b>Prayer</b>	Steve Martin			<b>Wed.</b> - Mark Roy	

NURSERY (0-2 1/2):		NURSERY (2 1/2-4):		TAPE MONITOR:	FELLOWSHIP MEAL:
<b>Morning</b>	Gina Strickland	<b>Morning</b>	Rhonda Hardister	Brandon Roy	<i>Zone 1</i>
<b>Evening</b>	Jessica Lay	<b>Evening</b>	Jean Rose		

## Opening and Closing Building

<b>Sunday</b>	- April 13	Randy Warner
<b>Wednesday</b>	- April 16	Randy Warner



## BIRTHDAYS - April 7-13, 2008

<i>Adam Warner</i>	<i>- April 7</i>	<i>Rick Brown</i>	<i>- April 13</i>
<i>Eula Harper</i>	<i>- April 10</i>		

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

### SUNDAY:

Bible Classes	10:00 AM
Morning Worship	10:50 AM
Evening Worship	6:00 PM

**WEDNESDAY:** Mid-Week Service 7:00 PM

- *Nursery open for small children during all services.*

**SEARCH PROGRAM - Sunday Mornings at 7:30 a.m. on Cable 68**

**Warners Chapel Website:** <http://www.warnerschapelchurchofchrist.org>.

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### ELDERS

Steve Martin  
David Moore  
Tim Allen  
Joe Everett

### DEACONS

Steve Tesh  
Randy Warner  
Tommy Rose  
Keith Warner

Andy Santiago  
Mark Minor  
Todd Hinson