

CHURCH OF CHRIST

WARNERS CHAPEL

THE MESSENGER

TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR A LIVELY CHURCH

1. Thou shalt have no selfish pleasure before thy duty to the Lord.
2. Thou shalt not make unto thee any personal engagements nor any trifling excuses for being away from the services. Thou shalt not bow thyself down to questionable amusements nor to any conduct unworthy of a good example before those on whom you have an influence.
3. Thou shalt not take the responsibility of the Christian life in vain, for the Lord will not hold him or her guiltless who taketh lightly this God given task.
4. Remember the church services to keep them alive and growing.
5. Honor thyself and God's Word that thy days may be long in the success which the Lord thy God hath given thee in His Word.
6. Thou shalt not kill or hinder the services by irregular attendance.
7. Thou shalt be pure in thy faith in the Word of God, and in thy life.
8. Thou shalt not steal the time of the services by being late.
9. Thou shalt not bear false witness by failing to practice what the Bible teaches.
10. Thou shalt not covet superficial success; but only that which results from careful and prayerful preparation combined with earnest effort.

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LET US MAKE THIS CONGREGATION A LIVE CONGREGATION: BY TRULY LIVING THE CHRISTIAN LIFE, AND BEING FILLED WITH ZEAL AND LOVE FOR THE SOULS OF OTHERS. COME TO BIBLE STUDY EVERY SUNDAY MORNING AT 10 O'CLOCK!!!!!!

FINANCIAL REPORT

FOR

JANUARY, 1955

Contribution:

1st Sunday.....	\$212.47	
2nd Sunday.....	206.34	
3rd Sunday.....	251.15	
4th Sunday.....	221.98	
5th Sunday.....	<u>207.92</u>	
		\$1,099.86
Received from Bro. Isaacs on oil bill.....		25.00
Balance on hand January 1.....		<u>785.51</u>
		\$1,910.37

Expenditures:

Preaching.....	\$375.00	
Church at Tamarack.....	25.00	
Church at Boone.....	25.00	
Church at N. Wilkesboro.....	25.00	
Herald of Truth.....	25.00	
Mt. Dora Orphans Home.....	25.00	
Turley Childrens Home.....	25.00	
W. T. O. B.....	72.00	
Taylor Fuel Service.....	196.00	
Metal Pans.....	6.00	
Postal Cards.....	5.00	
Cleaning, etc.....	2.01	
Hinkles Book Store.....	1.60	
Telephone Co.....	6.22	
The C. E. I. Store.....	4.40	
Flowers.....	4.50	
House Cleaning.....	<u>16.00</u>	
		839.50
Balance on hand February 1.....		\$1,070.87

ATTENTION !!!

PERSONAL WORKERS CLASS

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Beginning the second Wednesday night in March, March 9, we are going to discontinue, for the present, our study in the book of John. To take the place of our study in John we are beginning a personal workers class with the anticipation of learning how to do personal work before our meeting begins the last of June. There will be thirteen different lessons during this effort. Each and every member of this class will have an outline of each lesson to use during the class and to keep for future reference. Now is the time to start preparing ourselves for a fine meeting and not only that, all Christians are duty bound to be personal workers for the Lord. PLEASE BE PRESENT FOR ALL OF THESE CLASSES AND ENCOURAGE OTHER MEMBERS TO COME AND PARTICIPATE IN THIS EFFORT AND ENCOURAGE THE TEACHER AS HE STRIVES TO TEACH. WITH YOUR HELP THIS CLASS CAN BE A GREAT SUCCESS !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

APPOINTMENTS

The following men have been appointed to officiate at the Lord's Table for the next eight Lord's days. If any of you find that it is impossible for you to fulfill this responsibility, please notify someone to assume your appointment.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Serve Table</u>	<u>Wait on Congregation</u>
Feb. 20th	Paul Moser	Joe Transou Herbert Binkley Joseph Pegram Tom Binkley
Feb. 27th	Joseph Pegram	Paul Moser Andy Harper E. A. Smith Jr. Harold Doub
March 6th	Tom Binkley	Richard Harper Tommy Messick Gary Harper Larry Warner
March 13th	Harold Doub	Joe Messick Sam Headen Neal Harper Norman Moser
March 20th	Francis Kimel	Wilburn Mabe Fred Holder Lindy Hiatt Leroy Dull
March 27th	Thurmond Carter	Paul Barker Clarence Sheets Henry Griffith Jim Harper
April 3rd	Leroy Dull	Bobby Warner Thurmond Carter Glenn Elam George Ridings
April 10th	Bobby Warner	Jim Warner Jim Hauser Bahmson Dorse Odell Holder

USHERS: March: Neal Harper, Joe Messick
April: Sam Headen, Richard Harper

The Elders have appointed certain ladies to take care of the communion set each month. This will relieve placing the task of this work on one or two ladies of the congregation.

MARCH: Mrs. T.L. Moser
Mrs. Harvey Holder

APRIL: Mrs. George T. Harper
Mrs. Thurmond Carter

PLAYING AT RELIGION

It seems that many church members are merely playing at religion; it is not a serious matter with them. To them, religion is a sideline or a sort of a hobby. It does not occur to them that more interest in religion is required than just enough to comply with the barest formalities.

There are doubtless many others on the long list of church members who are just playing at religion, but I am sure that the following are qualified for honorable mention:

Those who attend just as few services of the church as possible without quitting completely;

Those who watch the clock during worship, especially during the sermon, and grumble if the preacher spends three-quarters of an hour breaking the bread of life to them;

Those who seldom take one hour in the 168 during the week for meditation on the Word of God, or devote five minutes to prayer, but who spend hours at the movies, (or watching TV: TAI), reading the comic strip, or just idle talk;

Those who rarely visit the sick or needy, except when such happens to be their own relatives or close friends;

Those who give as little as one dollar out of twenty to the Lord's work;

Those who are either ashamed or afraid to speak the word of truth to their neighbors and friends.

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LAXNESS IN THE CHURCH

Evidences of increasing laxness in the church are abundantly seen today. It is unnecessary to become "radical" in exposing this condition, because it is so commonplace that anyone whose eyes and ears are open can see and hear it.

1. There is increasing laxness in personal morals. This is evidenced by the large number of church members who partake of the "social drink," use profane and vulgar language, inhabit places of questionable repute, talk about things of lewd nature, and manifest disrespect for sacred things. Yet they are not ashamed.

2. Laxness in personal devotion and reverence is apparent in our regular assemblies. This lax attitude often characterizes the singing, Bible study, prayers, giving, and even the communion. This condition indicates a type of spiritual stupor that is exceedingly dangerous in the church.

3. Members of the church are becoming too lax in matters of doctrine. Too many brethren stand for everything in general and nothing in particular! Too much emphasis is placed upon likes or dislikes and too little upon the authority of the Word of God.

4. Gospel preachers are complaining that most congregations are pitifully lax in the work of evangelizing. Too little preaching is done at home, and scarcely any away from home. It may be that preachers are to blame for this, having failed to stress the need for this work as they should.

5. Other forms of laxness are laxness in discipline, benevolence, preaching, leadership and education. We insist that the church beware of laxness. (AMEN: TAI).

—Wendell Needham, The Maryville Messenger