


WARNERS CHAPEL



MESSENGER

"This then is the message which we have heard of Him,
and declare unto you" 1 John 1:5

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LET'S MAKE SOME COMPARISONS AND SEE IF WE ARE GROWING AS WE SHOULD —————

BIBLE STUDY ATTENDANCE

WEEKLY AVERAGE FOR 1951.....	105
WEEKLY AVERAGE FOR 1952.....	125
LOWEST ATTENDANCE IN 1951.....	January 7th..... 87
LOWEST ATTENDANCE IN 1952.....	March 16th..... 96
HIGHEST ATTENDANCE IN 1951.....	October 28th..... 122
HIGHEST ATTENDANCE IN 1952.....	May 11th..... 144

I am sure that all of us would like to see this record improved. It can be, and it will be, if all of us will do our part. Let us all cooperate in this great work.

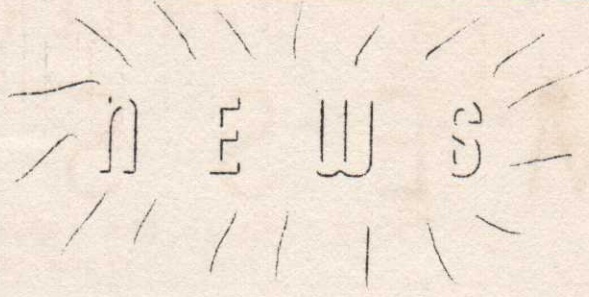
CONTRIBUTIONS

WEEKLY AVERAGE IN 1951.....	\$162.41
WEEKLY AVERAGE IN 1952.....	\$180.31
LOWEST CONTRIBUTION IN 1951.....	\$129.81...Feb. 11th.
LOWEST CONTRIBUTION IN 1952.....	\$148.56...Feb. 24th.
LARGEST WEEKLY CONTRIBUTION IN 1951.....	\$181.74...Nov. 11th.
LARGEST WEEKLY CONTRIBUTION IN 1952.....	\$276.24...Feb. 3rd.
TOTAL CONTRIBUTION FOR 1951.....	\$8,441.93
TOTAL CONTRIBUTION FOR 1952.....	\$9,476.20

Did all of us give as we were prospered in the year 1952? Do you not think that our contribution should have been more, and would have been more if we had given as we should? Of course we improved over the previous year, but let us continue to improve until we give so as to please the Lord.

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HELP US HAVE 150 IN BIBLE
STUDY SUNDAY! WE CAN IF YOU
WILL HELP. BE AT BIBLE STUDY
SUNDAY 10 O'CLOCK.

SPECIAL NOTICE

MESSENGER TO BE PUBLISHED MONTHLY

It was decided in the elders
business meeting last Monday night
that the bulletin (Messenger) will
be published only once a month. It
is thought by some that the bull-
etin is not worth the expense that
is involved in printing and mail-
ing it. Personally speaking, your
editor has always thought that a
church bulletin pays for itself,
in attendance and contributions.
But we can not definitely de-
termine just how much good we are
doing in publishing a church bull-
etin, passing out gospel tracts,
or carrying on a radio program. We
might be accomplishing more good
than we think. But at any rate we
will be publishing the Messenger
once a month for a while at least.
There will one more issue this
month, and then only one in Febru-
ary. If you have any suggestions
to make concerning our little
paper, let us have them.

There were 71 present for
Bible Study Wednesday night.

Bro. and Sis. Henry Griffith
are visiting in Homestead, Florida.

Among our visitors at services
Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Bill
Russell, Mrs. Sadie Warner, Mr. and
Mrs. Will Ridings and Mrs. Minnie
Turner. We were very happy to have
them with us.

Sis. Chaffin and Sis. Doub are
still missing services because of
sickness in their families.

A laugh is worth a hundred
groans in any market.

It does not take a big soul to
contain a lot of jealousy.

The godly man's prayers are
his best biography, his most exact
portrait.

I have begun today to build my
own truer and better world from
within.

COME TO BIBLE STUDY!

OUR BIBLE SCHOOL RECORD

Attendance last Sunday.....	131
Attendance a week ago.....	122
Attendance a year ago.....	106
Average attendance for 1952.....	125
Average attendance for month of December.....	128
Our average attendance for 1952 was 20 above that of 1951, Let's increase 20 over that of 1952 this year. We can do it. But it will take the cooperation of us all. Help us!	

ARE WE PLAYING AT RELIGION?

David Lipscomb once wrote: Brothers and Sisters, we are only playing at religion while our fellow men are going down to death." Probably to an even greater degree than in the time of Brother Lipscomb is this statement true of the church today. It seems that many church members are merely playing at religion; It is not a serious matter with them. To this growing class religion is a aide line 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 in the long list of church members who are just "playing at religion" but I am sure that the following are qualified for at least honorable mention.

1. Those who attend just as few services of the church as possible without quitting completely. This includes the brother who says it is not required of one to attend oftener than each Lord's day morning.

2. Those who watch the clock during worship, especially during the sermon, and grumbles if the preacher spends three quarters of an hour in breaking the Bread of Life to them.

3. Those who seldom take one hour of the 168 in the week for meditation upon the word of God, or devote five minutes to prayer, but who spends hours at the movies, reading the comic strips of idle talk.

4. Those who rarely visit the sick and needy, except when such happens to be their relatives or closest friends.

5. Those who give as little as

one dollar out of twenty to the Lord's work.

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

7. Those who attend and show an interest in the services of the church only during the "big meeting."

8. Those who talk during the song service and the passing of the Lord's Supper.

---Selected,
Chart And Compass.

WONDERFUL WORDS OF LIFE

BLESSED ARE YE, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you FALSELY, FOR MY SAKE. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in Heaven for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you."

"Polycarp, who was a disciple of St. John, seems to have caught the Christ-spirit under persecution. When he was arraigned for trial, the proconsul said, 'Reproach Christ and I will release thee.' Polycarp, looking toward heaven, said, 'Eighty and six years have I served Him, and He hath never wronged me, and how can I blaspheme my King who hath saved me?' 'I have wild beast,' said the proconsul, 'and I will expose you to them unless you recant.' 'Call them,' said the martyr, 'I will tame your spirit by fire,' said
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"BE'S" FOR CHURCH-GOERS

BE on time! Habitual late-comers show poor regard for others in the service.

BE seated when you enter, preferably near the center of the pew as possible, so that others may enter with little inconvenience.

BE seated with reference to the particular service you are to render. Those who serve at the table, or lead in prayer or songs, make announcements, etc., should occupy seats to the front so as to be readily available at the proper time. Those who look after heating and ventilation should occupy seats which they may leave unnoticed if possible.

BE considerate of others. It is never polite to block the entrance to the church building by standing around the door so as to make it difficult for others to enter.

BE thoughtful of your children before, during and after the service. Remember the song books are not toys, the church house is not a race track, and that preachers seldom have their best thoughts while trying to compete with crying babies for the attention of the audience.

BE attentive. Mind-wandering, day dreaming, gum-chewing pew war-

mers are seldom worshippers of God.

BE helpful to others. Visitors appreciate songbooks, and convenient seats. Old people appreciate assistance at the steps and in finding seats where they can hear easily. Blind people and sick people should be assisted at the cars at the entrance and in being seated. Remember the Golden Rule in all cases.

---Selected.

"WONDERFUL WORDS OF LIFE"
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the Roman. "You threaten me," said Polycarp, "with the fire that burn only for a moment, and are yourself ignorant of the fire of eternal punishment reserved for the ungodly." Soon after, being bound on the burning stake, he thanked God for the honor of the martyr's fate.

"And they (the apostles) departed from the presence of the council, REJOICING THAT THEY WERE COUNTED WORTHY TO SUFFER SHAME FOR HIS NAME." Acts 5:41.

---Main Street Observer,
Tulsa, Okla.

DON'T FORGET THAT NEW YEAR RESOLUTION, BE AT BIBLE STUDY SUNDAY!