

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

## Warners Chapel Church of Christ

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A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

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### WHAT ABOUT YOUR COMMITMENT?

A story was told years ago about a remote village in a very dry part of the world that struggled with maintaining an adequate water supply. One day the elders of the village announced a plan that they believed would solve their problem.

The arid land did have a short rainy season. The elders asked each villager to contribute a gallon of water to their central water tank during the rainy season. This would ensure a minimal supply of water in time of severe drought. The plan was well received and the villagers pledged their commitment.

The rainy season came and went. Drought began to set in and the dry parched earth refused to yield but a minimum of crops. The village wells soon began to dry up. The elders announced that it was time to go to the water tank and ration some of the water that had been stored during the rainy season. The villagers gathered with their containers to be filled from the water from the central water tank. There was great anticipation when one of the village elders turned the spigot to release the water. Shock set in when nothing came out of the spigot. The tank was empty.

After some inquiries, the elders discovered that of all those who had committed to their plan, none had actually put any water in the tank. Each had thought that no one would notice if they did not commit to the plan.

Those who are unfaithful to the Lord's church, in their patterns of assembling, think that no one will notice. If everyone had that same idea, our attendance would be quite sporadic.

"No one will know if we are even there."

God Knows!

What about your commitment. Maybe you need to re-evaluate?

—Paul

### Elders corner:

## **Kindness Changes the World**

You've no doubt heard the expression, "You have to crawl before you can walk."

I was thinking about that with respect to people and spiritual growth. Why is it that we often expect people to be perfect the moment after they become Christians?

I once heard about a Bible class where they were discussing worship. In that class the students were talking about what God authorizes in worship relative to music. We of course understand that to be vocal (words) music without the accompaniment of instruments (Eph. 5:19). Well, a new convert said, I just don't see what would be so wrong with playing an instrument during worship.

Instead of opening the Bible and discussing the meaning of "authority" with respect to what we do and don't do in worship, an older Christian said, "don't you know any better than that?" How sad.

The day we become Christians, God doesn't expect us to know and understand everything. In fact, we'll never get to that point. He just commands that we know enough.

Andrew Carnegie, while discussing the subject of people development, said this: "In gold mining you literally move tons of dirt to find a single ounce of gold. However, you don't look for the dirt--you look for the gold."

What a great thought! Realize that people are imperfect. Sometimes you need to brush aside the dirt to get to the gold. I've found that most people really want to do what's right. If you'll be patient, lovingly teach, and look at the potential of the individual, then you'll be far more productive working with people.

After all, that's exactly what God did with us. "For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.

For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Rm. 6:6-8).

I hope you have a great day!

Neil Richey Piedmont Road church of Christ Marietta, Georgia

### **READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2014**

August 25 - I Cor. 7:20-40

August 26 - I Cor. 8

August 27 - I Cor. 9

August 28 - I Cor. 1-18



August 29 - I Cor. 10:19-33

August 30 - I Cor. 11:1-16

August 31 - I Cor. 11:17-34



### **OUR SICK**

# Please Remember in your prayers

**Doris Cooper** will undergo an Echo Cardiogram on Tuesday, August 27th. There is not an explanation or diagnosis for her experiencing chest pain at this time.

Please continue to pray for **DJ Harrison**. She is having speech and memory problems following her stroke.

**Harold Doub** was released from the hospital this past Wednesday. (Correction to the diagnosis: the mass removed was not cancerous, but pre-cancerous.) His address is: 1851 Longmont Drive, Kernersville, NC 27284).

**Edith Drew,** Karen Clemmons' mother, was put on the ventilator this past week. She is doing better in Fayeteville at the Cape Fear Valley Medical Center, ICU.

**Drew Parker** underwent emergency appendectomy surgery this past Wednesday and came through the surgery well. Carmen and Charlie have gone to be with him and his family.

Please pray for **Bill Workman**, Clayton's father and family. His cancer has recurred and is in his liver and spine. It is not curable. He will begin treatments next week in an attempt to keep it from spreading further and to help him manage pain.

**James Allen,** Roger's father is scheduled to have platletts checked on August 25th to determine when he will have operations to remove his tumors.

**Cody Dover's** great uncle has been given a short time to live. He is under Hospice Care in Florida. Cody and his grandmother, Betty Wright, have gone to be with him. They have requested our prayers in his behalf.

### IN SYMPATHY:

Our sympathy goes out to **Paul Sinnatuah and family** in the death of his niece and nephew who died from the Ebola Virus.

#### **BAPTISMS:**

We commend the following who obeyed the gospel and were baptized into Christ this past week:

Thursday: Ashley Alderman and McKayne Hill Sunday: Cody Dover

More information will be provided in next week's bulletin.

# 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.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO A "COVERED DISH" FELLOWSHIP MEAL IN THE ANNEX FOLLOWING THE MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE SPONSORED BY ZONE 4.

### **WARNERS CHAPEL EVENTS:**

**August 24** - Deacons Meeting at 5 p.m.

<u>August 31</u> - 5th Sunday contribution will go to the Zambia Work for the school in Africa.

<u>September 7</u> - Congregational Pot Luck Lunch as a send off for Brian and Sarah Davis before they leave for the mission in Cusco, Peru. This will be their last Sunday with us. Their departure date is September 22nd.

November 1 - Annual Chicken Stew at 6 p.m.

November 2-6 - Gospel Meeting with Brother Terry Joe Kee from Jonesboro, Arkansas. Theme: Ancient Lessons For The Modern World.

### **AREA EVENTS:**

**Sept. 7-12** - West Jefferson church of Christ 5th **Annual Old Fashion Tent Meeting.** Guest Speaker: Ed Melott

<u>Sept. 25-28</u> - Gospel Meeting at the South Stokes church of Christ. Speaker: James Pharr.

October 4 - Ladies Day at the Eastside church of Christ. Theme: "Women of Strength: Married and Single" and Special Sessions for "Teen" Girls. 8 a.m. to 12 Noon. Luncheon to follow program.

### See Bulletin Board for details

### FOR THE RECORD

Sunday Bible Study - *August 17, 2014* 150 Sunday Morning Worship Service:

Contribution for *August 17*, 2014 \$6,414 Daily Adult Bible Readers: 39

Chapters Read: 787

**Daily Children Bible Readers:** 

Chapters Read: Sunday Evening:

Wednesday Evening: August 20, 2014

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## Lord's Day Appointments - August 31, 2014

DEVOTIONS: OPENING PRAYER: SONG LEADER SCRIPTURE READERS

Scripture - Allen Cooper Morning - Gene Southern A.M. - Jason Allen A.M. - Tommy Rose

Song Leader - Tim Allen Evening - Jake Thomason P.M. - Youth Lead Service P.M. - Bill Carothers

Prayer - D. C. Mock Wed. - Mark Roy

NURSERY (0-2 1/2): NURSERY (2 1/2-4): Greeters: August FELLOWSHIP MEAL:

Morning - Meredith Southern Morning - Abby Little Brad & Betty Hoots

**Evening -** Robin Hauser **Evening -** Nancy Minor

Opening and Closing Building

Sunday: - August 31 Mike Cooper
Wednesday: - Sept. 3 Mike Cooper

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Devotions: Opening Prayer a.m. - Joe Everett Scripture Reader a.m. - Jack Piper

Scripture: Jason Allen p.m. - Paul Sinnatuah p.m. Don Minor

Song: Wayne Allen Song Leaders: a.m. - Gene Southern Nursery #1: a.m. - Sandy Warner

Prayer: Carl Cooper p.m. - Wayne Allen p.m. - Nancy Minor

Wed. - Song Req. Service Nursery #2: a.m. - Jessica Lay

Jason Allen/Gene Southern p.m. - Betty Hoots

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES - Nursery open for small children during all services.

**SUNDAY:** 

Bible Classes 10:00 AM
Morning Worship 10:50 AM
Evening Worship 6:00 PM
WEDNESDAY: Mid-Week Service 7:00 PM

"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 DEACONS

David Moore<br/>Tim Allen<br/>Joe EverettRandy Warner<br/>Keith Warner<br/>Andy SantiagoMike Cooper<br/>Jody Everett<br/>Gene Southern<br/>Shawn ThomasonTodd HinsonMark MinorShawn Thomason

Steve Tesh Jason Allen