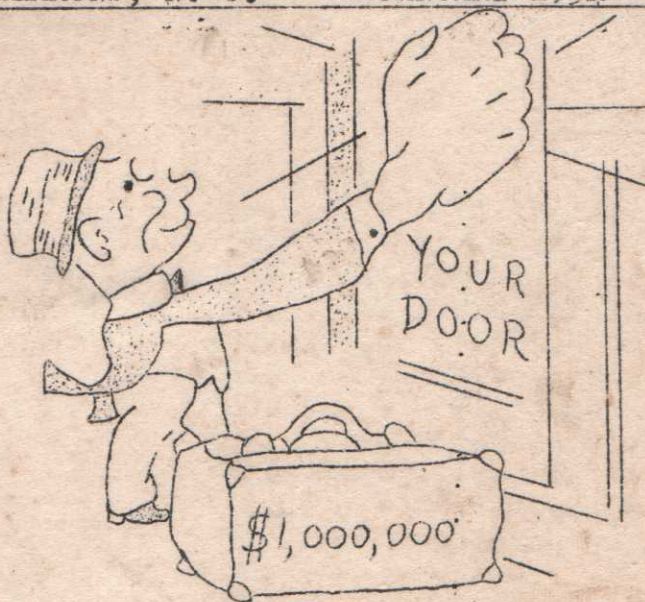


# WARNERS CHAPEL MESSENGER

CLEMMONS, N. C.

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What would you do if someone were to knock on your door and offer you a million dollars to believe and be baptized? You would hasten to do it, wouldn't you? Your Lord has offered you salvation from past sins and the promise of eternal life if you will believe and be baptized (Mk. 16:16). Why not hasten to obey. Your soul is very valuable.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR DECEMBER 1953

J. W. Warner, Treas.

Contributions:

1st Sunday - - - - -	\$182.00	
2nd " - - - - -	203.34	
3rd " - - - - -	192.65	
4th " - - - - -	194.36	
Balance on hand Dec. 1st, 1953		772.35
		2510.34
		<u>\$3282.69</u>

Expenditures:

Preaching - - - - -	320.00	
Radio station WTOB - -	57.60	
Herald of Truth - - -	25.00	
Church at Boone, N.C. -	25.00	
Church at Tamarack, N.C.	25.00	
Church at N. Wilkesboro	25.00	
Light bulbs - - - - -	2.64	
Cleaning house - - - -	16.00	
Typewriter ribbon - - -	1.34	
Duke Power Co. - - - -	5.67	
Reynolda Inc. - - - - -	72.27	
(Work on pump)		
Chairs - - - - -	5.00	
Literature - - - - -	32.82	
Telephone - - - - -	6.33	
		619.67
BALANCE ON HAND JANUARY 1st, 1954...		<u>\$2663.02</u>

NOTE: A club for the Gospel Advocate will be sent in by the preacher on Thursday, February 4th. The price is \$2.00 in clubs. You may convert your neighbor if you send him the Advocate for one year!

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"The Christian who will not carry a cross cannot wear a crown."

## Putting First Things First

In almost every phase of life there are things that should hold FIRST place. In many cases man decides what should be first but Christ has decided what should be first with reference to all things.

His sermon on the mount contains ideas that are the foundation of many of our activities. In this sermon he said, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness--" Matt. 6:33. This passage of scripture is known to almost everyone, yet it is treated very lightly by many.

During the year that has just ended, many Christians have let their relationship to the kingdom of God sink to second and third place in the activities of life. Is it true that we doubt the words of Christ? Do we think that God IS slack concerning his promises? How many of us are in the service of the Lord IF our business, farms and worldly affairs do not conflict?

Let's face facts, brethren. How many times were we absent, thus forsaking the assembly, during 1953, and all because we think more of material things than we do the God of our being and His church? To the Colossian brethren Paul said, "Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth" Col. 3:2. "Verily I say unto you, there is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel's, but he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life. May the Lord help us all to put HIM first in the coming year by really crowning HIM "Lord of all" in our activities of life.

A STRONG CHURCH IS NOT THE RESULT OF A  
MIRACLE, NEITHER IS IT STRONG BY ACCIDENT.  
THE STRENGTH OF THE CHURCH LIES IN THE FACT  
THAT IT IS COMPOSED OF CONVERTED MEMBERS  
WHO ARE OF ONE HEART AND ONE MIND, STRIV-  
ING TO SERVE GOD ACCORDING TO HIS ABILITY.  
THEY LIVE FOR GOD EVERY DAY, TRY TO WIN  
SOULS TO CHRIST, AND ATTEND EVERY SERVICE  
OF THE CHURCH REGULARLY! DO YOU HELP TO  
MAKE THE CHURCH OF THE LORD STRONG?

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I have to live with myself, and so  
I want to be fit for myself to know; I  
want to be able, as days go by, always to  
look myself straight in the eye.--

Edgar A. Guest.

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Religion that controls one's heart and  
hand can easily convince another's head.

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THIS IS AN INVITATION

TO

TO ATTEND ALL OUR SERVICES