



# Warners Chapel Church of Christ

8999 Lasater Road  
Clemmons, North Carolina 27012  
Telephone 336-766-6078

Preachers: **Paul Kirkpatrick**  
**Frank Shepard**

***“The churches of Christ salute you” Rom. 16:16***

***A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU***

**FEBRUARY 24, 2013**

## ***THE BUZZARD, THE BAT, AND THE BUMBLEBEE***

*If you put a buzzard in a pen six or eight feet square and entirely open at the top, the bird, in spite of his ability to fly, will be an absolute prisoner. A buzzard begins his flight with a run in the space of about ten to twelve feet. Without the space to run, as is its habit, he won't attempt to fly, but will remain a prisoner in his small jail with no roof. An ordinary bat can't take off from a level place. If placed on the floor or flat ground all it can do is shuffle about helplessly, and no doubt painfully, until it reaches some slight elevation from which it can throw itself into the air. A bumblebee dropped into an open tumbler will die there unless taken out. It never sees the means of escape at the top but tries to get out through the sides at the bottom, seeking a way out where none exists, until it destroys itself.*

*In a lot of ways there are lots of people like the buzzard, the bat, and the bumblebee. Struggling about with all their problems and frustrations, not realizing that if they look up, they will find the answer. Paul wrote, **“I can do all things through Christ, who strengthens me.” (Philippians 4:13)** What about you, Christian? Do you seek God's help in time of adversity, or do you always try to do it your own way, much like the buzzard, the bat, and the bumblebee?*

*—Frank*

## ELDERS CORNER:

### BAPTISM IN THE BOOK OF ACTS

Twenty-seven times the student of Acts finds the words “baptize”, “baptized” and “baptism.” Over and over again, the diligent Bible student is impressed with what this book has to say about the subject of baptism.

First, we see the **NECESSITY** of baptism. In the book of acts, when men and women asked what they needed to do in order to be saved, baptism was always a part of the answer (Acts 2:38; 16:39). For example, on the day of Pentecost, the pricked people who heard Peter’s preaching were told to “...repent and be baptized for the remission of sins” (Acts 2:38). Based upon Peter’s inspired statement, we would have to say that baptism is an essential to salvation as having one’s sins remitted.

To argue that baptism is unessential is to argue that having one’s sins remitted is unessential. Surely, no one would say that having one’s sins remitted is unessential. After all, Jesus shed His blood “...for the remission of sins” (Mt. 26:28). Was it necessary for Jesus to die? Almost all men would agree that the death of Jesus was essential to man’s salvation (Heb. 2:9). Yet, they reject the essentialness of baptism when the same language is used to describe it. Later, in the book of Acts, we find the word “must” connected with baptism on two different occasions. On the road to Damascus, Saul was told to go into the city and there it would be told him what he “must” do in order to please Jesus (Acts 9:6). In the city, Saul was told to arise and “wash away” his sins (Acts 22:16; cf. I Cor. 6:11). The Philippian jailor asked what he “must” do in order to be saved (Acts 16:30). Paul and Silas instructed him to be baptized (16:33).

Second, we see the **URGENCY** of baptism. Those who learned the truth on the day of Pentecost were baptized on that same day (Luke 2:41). The apostles did not delay baptizing these men and women into Christ. They realized that until men and women were baptized, they were still in their sins (Acts 2:38). In the eighth chapter of Acts, the eunuch was baptized on his way home from worship. From the context, it is easy to see the urgency that the eunuch placed upon baptism. After all, when they came to water, he asked if anything was standing in the way of his being baptized (8:36). Based on his confession, Philip commanded the chariot to stand still and baptized him into Christ (8:37-38). The eunuch did not wait until he got home to be baptized. He obeyed God immediately. In like manner, when the Philippian jailor and his family understood the precious plan of God, they were baptized “...the same hour of the night” (Acts 16:33). From the context, we know that their baptism took place in the early hours of the morning. They were not taught until after midnight (16:25). Why didn’t Paul and Silas wait until daybreak to baptize the jailor and his household? What does this tell us about the urgency of baptism?

Third, we see the **AUTHORITY** of baptism. Throughout the book of Acts, baptism is done “in the name of Jesus Christ” (2:38; 8:12; 16; 10:48; 19:5). To do something in the name of Christ is to do it by His authority. In giving the great commission to His disciples, Jesus connected baptism with His authority. He said “All power [authority] is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, [even] unto the end of the world. Amen” (Mt. 28:18-20; cf. Col. 3:17). Is it surprising that the apostles made this same connection between baptism and the authority of Christ throughout the book of Acts?

Any Bible student who studies the book of Acts must be impressed with what this great book says about baptism. Those who reject baptism as being essential to salvation, must of necessity, reject the book of Acts.

—SELECTED

*\*Sewing this Week: February 24, 2013*

<b>Devotions:</b>	<b>Opening Prayer</b> a.m. - Frank Shepard	<b>Scripture Reader</b> a.m. - Mark Minor
<b>Scripture:</b> Jason Allen	p.m. - Andy Santiago	p.m. - Brad Hoots
<b>Song:</b> Steve Tesh	<b>Song Leaders:</b> a.m. - Clayton Workman	<b>Nursery #1:</b> a.m. - Sandy Warner
<b>Prayer:</b> Carl Cooper	p.m. - Tim Allen	p.m. - Linda Flinchum
	Wed. - Song Req. (Gene&Wayne)	<b>Nursery #2:</b> a.m. - Meredith Southern
		p.m. - Jean Rose

## OUR SICK

### Please Remember In Your Prayers

**Madelene Holbrook** underwent open heart surgery last week and is now at home. She is doing well but will need someone with her for the next few weeks. She is limited to what she will be able to lift during this healing time. See Sherrill if you can assist.

**Don Jackson** is presently in Room 6114 at the Forsyth Medical Center. He was experiencing some blood pressure irregularities and was admitted to the hospital for testing and evaluation.

**Elmer Laudenslager** was released from the hospital last week where he had been treated for a foot wound.

Please remember the family of **Kyle Allen** in your prayers. He was a missionary in India and passed away unexpectedly on Sunday. See Emily Workman for more information.

**Michael Anderson**, Catherine Cravy's uncle, underwent a five by-pass surgery on his heart Tuesday. He is doing well, please remember him in your prayers.

Please keep **Lois Peden** in your prayers. She is the daughter of the late Herbert Harper and Mrs. Harper and related to the Harper families here at Warners Chapel. Ms. Peden underwent surgery of a serious nature this past Thursday. She will be in the hospital approx. 5 days.



The **Prayer List** is available on the credenza in the foyer.

#### ~IN SYMPATHY~

Our sympathy goes out to Jack Piper and families of both Jack and Joanne in the death of Joanne on Saturday, February 16th. The funeral was held at Warners Chapel on Wednesday, February 20th with the burial in the Warners Chapel Cemetery.

#### BAPTISM

Rhonda Hardister has been studying the Bible with Linda Collins, a co-worker. Linda obeyed the gospel this past Sunday at the Thomasville church of Christ.

#### READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2013

*February 25 - Mark 5:1-20*  
*February 26 - Mark 5:21-43*  
*February 27 - Mark 6:1-29*  
*February 28 - Mark 6:30-56*  
*February 29 - Mark 7:1-13*  
*March 1 - Mark 7:14-37*  
*March 2 - Mark 8:1-21*



# 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. THE MEAL THIS MORNING IS SPONSORED BY ZONE 4.

#### WARNERS CHAPEL EVENTS:

**Feb. 24 - Ladies Mtg.** for the up-coming "Warners Chapel Ladies Day" following the a.m. service.  
**Feb. 24 - Pew Packers** will meet at 5:30 p.m.  
**Feb. 24 - Congregational Mtg.** following evening service.  
**Feb. 24 - Bundling of "House to House"** following the evening service. (Estimated time about 10-15 minutes.)  
**Feb. 25 - Ladies Evening Sewing for Nicaragua** at 7 p.m. at the home of Carmen Parker. Everyone invited.  
**Feb. 26 - Ladies Sewing for Nicaragua** - 9 a.m. in the Annex. Everyone is invited.  
**Feb. 28 - "50 and Older Class"** will meet at 10:30 a.m. in the Annex.

#### AREA EVENTS:

**Feb. 23 - Ladies Day** at the Cary Church of Christ.  
**Mar. 9 - Carolina Men's Fellowship**  
**Mar. 16 - Ladies Day** at South Stokes  
*See bulletin board for details*

#### *Note:*

Gaye Ruark will be handling the Flower Fund for the Adult Bible Class. If you would like to contribute to this fund, please see Gaye.

#### FOR THE RECORD

Sunday Bible Study - February 17, 2013	163
Sunday Morning Worship Service:	198
Contribution for February 17, 2013	\$6,909
Daily Adult Bible Readers:	29
Chapters Read:	614
Daily Children Bible Readers:	
Chapters Read:	
Sunday Evening:	142
Wednesday Evening: February 20, 2013	137

# *Appointments For March*

**Serving the Lord's Table For March:**

**Steve Martin**

Andy Santiago      Chris Jackson

Bob Plunk      Gene Ruark

**Preparing Communion for March:**

Catherine Cravy

**Making Announcements on Sunday:**

Todd Hinson

**Making Announcements on Wednesday:**

Frank Shepard

## *Lord's Day Appointments - March 3, 2013*

DEVOTIONS:		OPENING PRAYER:	SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READERS
<b>Scripture</b>	- Allen Cooper	<b>Morning</b> - Tim Allen	<b>A.M.</b> - Wayne Allen	<b>A.M.</b> - Trent Thomas
<b>Song Leader</b>	- Tim Allen	<b>Evening</b> - Michael Cooper	<b>P.M.</b> - Roger Allen	<b>P.M.</b> - Jake Thomason
<b>Prayer</b>	- D. C. Mock		<b>Wed.</b> - Mark Roy	

NURSERY (0-2 1/2):		NURSERY (2 1/2-4):		Greeters: <u>March:</u>	FELLOWSHIP MEAL:
<b>Morning</b> -	Gaye Ruark	<b>Morning</b> -	Rhonda Hardister	<b>Roger &amp; Grace Allen</b>	<i>Zone 1</i>
<b>Evening</b> -	Mary Anne Allen	<b>Evening</b> -	Nancy Minor		

### Opening and Closing Building

**Sunday:** - March 3      Mike Cooper

**Wednesday:** - March 6      Mike Cooper

## 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**

**WARNERS CHAPEL CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
**8999 LASATER ROAD**

### ELDERS

### DEACONS

David Moore  
Tim Allen  
Joe Everett  
Todd Hinson  
Steve Tesh

Randy Warner  
Tommy Rose  
Keith Warner  
Andy Santiago  
Mark Minor

Jason Allen  
Mike Cooper  
Jody Everett  
Gene Southern  
Shawn Thomason