

"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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WHO ARE WE?

By Kevin Rutherford

Did you ever wake up one morning, look in the mirror, and then wonder who that is staring back at you? Time moves so quickly and changes us just as rapidly. We change physically, spiritually, and emotionally as the years go by. Did you ever go to church one Sunday morning, observe what was going on, and then wonder who we are? What is this church? What has the church become? Who are we?

National culture is like a swiftly flowing river. There are ever swirling and changing currents within the culture. Some of those currents become strong and dominant while others weaken and vanish. Our national culture has within it currents caused by the emptying of moral sewage into the flow. Some of those polluted currents have become dominant and are growing stronger. Unfortunately those immoral currents in culture often affect the church. This should not be the case. The church is to affect the culture (1 Peter 2:9-12). The culture is not to affect the church (1 John 2:15-17).

While it is true that we should be willing to fit in with our culture in hopes of saving those who are a part of that culture, we must never do so at the expense of truth (1 Corinthians 9:19-23; 11:1-16; Ephesians 5:11; Acts 5:29). If we compromise the truth for the sake of the latest trends, fads, and fashions, we will lose our influence and become good for nothing (Matthew 5:13).

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So, who are we? When you look at some congregations of the Lord's church, you see that they have been greatly influenced by the religious and moral culture of our country. These congregations have begun justifying immorality in their doctrine, while turning to entertainment in their worship. Examining such congregations makes one realize that rapidly passing time and the ever swirling currents of culture have had disastrous effects upon the church. These currents of cultural change have eroded the integrity of the church much like a swollen river might erode the soil on the river bank. Those congregations have truly changed. In fact they have left behind the old paths and have compromised the word of God (Jeremiah 6:16). Perhaps God Himself no longer recognizes them (Revelation 2 & 3).

Who should we be? We must be the Lord's church. We can only be the true church of Christ if we follow the Law given to us by Christ (John 12:48). The form, stamp, or pattern which produces the church was preached in the first century (Romans 6:17). The same church was produced everywhere that same form was preached in the first century (1 Corinthians 4:17). That pattern is the Gospel of Jesus Christ that Paul told Timothy to hold fast to (2 Timothy 1:13). It is the faith which Jude commanded Christians to earnestly contend for (Jude 3). It is the same seed of the kingdom that produced the church of Jesus Christ in the first century and will produce the same in the twenty-first century (Luke 8:11).

We must continually examine ourselves to make sure that we are following the Faith (2 Corinthians 13:5). To remain the true church of Christ, we must resist the cultural trends that are eroding the soil of truth, integrity, and morality.



READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2017

June 12 - John 20

June 13 - John 21

June 14 - Acts 1

June 15 - Acts 2:1-22



June 16 - Acts 2:22-47

June 17 - Acts 3

June 18 - Acts 4:1-22



OUR SICK Please Remember in Your Prayers

Please continue to keep Frank & Jane Shepard, Elwood Flinchum, Don Jackson, Bob Plunk, & Wayne & Cathy Hutchins in your prayers.

Please remember **Bro. Ted Stewart** in your prayers. He is having a very difficult time.

Prayers are requested for **Ellie Smith** (Lisa Nail's mother) who is having tests next week.

Ella Weatherman (Lisa Nail's great aunt) is also having continued problems.

Please pray for **Stan Ferguson**, whose wife Amy is a good friend of Emily Workman. Stan has suspected cancer and was scheduled to undergo additional testing this past Thursday to confirm. The Ferguson's have several children, including a son who is Austin's age.

Frank & Jane will no longer need us to take them meals. Their friend Jewel will be with them until they move. Thank you for all that you have done regarding their meals.

THE PRAYER LIST IS AVAILABLE ON THE CREDENZA IN THE FOYER.





PLACED MEMBERSHIP

We welcome Colin and Sarah Robinson into the family of Christ that worships here at Warners Chapel. The Robinson's address is:

123 Will Trace Circle, Unit 4 Clemmons, North Carolina 27012

Colin's phone number - 678-975-4430 Sarah's phone number - 678-925-3774

SHUT-INS

Mildred Barker Lutrelle Chipman Di-Ann Moser Dot Pegram Eva Nelle Sidden

Please keep the shut-ins in your prayers and check the sign-up sheet to take communion to Dot Pegram if you are able. (sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board)



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.

WARNERS CHAPEL EVENTS:

<u>June 13</u> - Sewing for Nicaragua - from 9-12 a.m. in the Annex.

June 16-24 - Nicaragua Campaign - There are five members going. Envelopes are in the fover for those who want to make a contribution. Please remember to keep those going in your prayers.

June 18-21 - VBS - Theme: God's Team - Stories of God's Power. (Sunday through Wednesday). Please pray for our VBS!

It has been requested that each family bring two - 2 litre bottles of drinks.

LOCAL EVENTS:

June 18-22 - Spring Gospel Mtg. Capernaum church of Christ. Guest speaker: Bro. H. Clay Williams from Glenn Heights, TX.

See bulletin board for details



SOUTHWEST FOOD PANTRY

Seventy-nine items were delivered to the SW Food Pantry this past week. This makes a total of 1205 items

delivered thus far in 2017. Keep loading the wagon.

The Food Pantry will be open once in July and once in August while school is out. The suggested items for June is oatmeal and grits.

Please Note: The latest Peru Newsletter is on the credenza in the foyer.

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday Bible Study - May 28, 2017 148
Sunday Worship Service 194
Contribution for June 4, 2017 \$11,346
Daily Adult Bible Readers:

Chapters Read:

Sunday Evening Worship Service 135

Wednesday Evening Bible Study 6-7-17 99

Lord's Day Appointments For June, 2017

Serving the Lord's Table For June:

Roger Allen

Wayne Allen Gene Ruark Andy Santiago Tim Harper

> Joann Landry Roger Allen Andy Santiago

Preparing Communion for June: Making Announcements on Sunday: Making Announcements on Wednesday:

Lord's Day Appointments - June 18, 2017

DEVOTIONS: OPENING PRAYER: SONG LEADER SCRIPTURE READERS

Scripture - John Allen Morning - Don Minor A.M. - Steve Tesh A.M. - Tommy Rose
Song Leader- Gene Southern Evening - Daryl Cook P.M. - Clayton Workman P.M. - Carl Cooper

Prayer - Neal Harper Wed. - Roger Allen

Greeters for June:

Andy and Mindy Santiago

Opening and Closing Building

Lord's Day Appointments - June 11, 2017

DEVOTIONS: OPENING PRAYER: SONG LEADER SCRIPTURE READERS

Scripture - Brad Hoots Morning - D. C. Mock A.M. - Gene Southern A.M. - Michael Cooper Song Leader - Joe Everett Evening - David Elam P.M. - Tim Allen P.M. - Sherrill Stewart

rayer - Michael Cooper Wed. - Don Minor

Opening and Closing Building
Sunday: - June 11 ~ Al Lawson Andy & Mindy Santiago

Wednesday: - June 14 ~ Al Lawson

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 Tim Allen Keith Warner Joe Everett Andy Santiago Todd Hinson Steve Tesh Mark Minor Mark Roy Adam Warner Mike Cooper Jacob Woodbury