

# Warners Chapel Church of Christ

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

**A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU**

**JUNE 19, 2022**

## **A STATE OF MIND**

There are various contemporary views of heaven that are becoming popular in the denominational world and in the church today. One view tells us heaven exists here on this earth in as much as we do good things on this earth. Another view states heaven is the renewing of the earth as a place of ecological balance and social justice. Still some have suggested that heaven is simply a state of mind. They are all wrong. Each of these views represents a lack of respect for the Scriptures. Furthermore, these views each other have in common a connection to Emerging Church thinking which emphasizes whatever you feel or desire, over what God expressly states in His Word.

According to Strong's Concordance and Greek Dictionary, the Greek word translated as "heaven" in the New Testament is "ouranos." This word refers to the "upper regions." "Heaven" is used in three ways in the Bible. 1. The atmosphere of the earth above us, 2. The solar system and universe around us, and 3. The spiritual realm where God lives. The first two are represented in Hebrews 1:10 where we are told God created them and in 2 Peter 3:10 where we are told God will cause the heavens to pass away with a great noise. The third heaven is the spiritual realm that is home to God and which is the final reward for the faithful (2 Corinthians 12:1-6; Revelation 4 & 5; 1 Peter 1:3-4).

Neither the definition of the Greek word, nor the passages referred to above indicate that the heaven which is our final reward has anything to do with the earth. Rather it is a spiritual place into which flesh and blood cannot enter (1 Corinthians 15:50). This "third" heaven (2 Corinthians 12:1-6) is distinct from the earth in every way.

Mathew 6:19-20 show us heaven and earth are not the same place. We are told to lay up treasures in heaven rather than on earth. When Jesus said, "Do not call anyone on earth your father; for One is your Father, He who is in heaven," He was expressing a clear difference between heaven and earth (Matthew 23:9). God said, "Heaven is My throne, and earth is My footstool" (Acts 7:49)." indicating two separate and distinct places. The heaven of this earth (atmosphere) and the heaven above (universe) will pass away, but the

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but the heaven where God lives will never cease to exist. It is that spiritual home of God's eternal throne, about which we speak when we refer to heaven as the eternal home of the righteous.

The spiritual heaven which shall be our final place of existence is described in many wonderful ways in the New Testament. In John 14:1-6 heaven is pictured as a large house with many rooms, and a room has been prepared by Christ for each Christian. In 1Corinthians 12:1-6 heaven is referred to as a "paradise," which is an ancient Persian word for a beautiful garden. In Revelation 4 & 5 heaven is pictured as the beautiful throne room of God where worship takes place continually. Here we see heaven represented in a vivid manner as John reveals to us the tremendous symbolic visions he received while on the Island of Patmos. In this symbolic picture of heaven God is represented as two gems. One like a red stone, and the other like a diamond. He is on a throne above which is found an emerald rainbow, and around which is a sea of crystal. There are torches glowing, elders bowing, and living creatures worshipping. It's a place of tremendously loud worship where thousands upon thousands of angels join the elders and the creatures in singing praises unto God and Jesus Christ.

Heaven is that wonderful place in which those who have been persecuted for their faith in Christ will find a great reward (Matthew 5:10-12) Heaven is the place where Christians will find their incorruptible inheritance (1 Peter 1:3-4). Paul wrote, "For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ" (Philippians 3:20). It is said of those who serve the Lord that their citizenship is in heaven. In others words, heaven is their home, and the country in which they truly belong. And yet it is a country we do not have while we are still on this earth (Hebrews 11:13-16).

This earth, and the created heaven surrounding it will completely destroyed (2 Peter 3:10-12). The heaven that is the place of our eternal reward will never be destroyed (Matthew 25:24, 46). Therefore, te cannot be the same place. Or hope is not here on this earth. Our hope is anchored beyond the veil in the holiest of all, which is heaven (Hebrews 6:19-20). And it is for that very same reason Paul spoke of our hope being laid up for us in heaven (Colossians 1:5).

The third Heaven of our eternal reward, is not on this earth. Heaven will never be on this earth. Heaven cannot be on this earth, and heaven is most certainly not a state of mind. Those who faithfully serve the Lord can look forward to an eternal perfect existence where the Godhead lives, the angels worship, and all of the saved of all of the ages rejoice in their peace and their victory. All thanks and glory to the tremendous God who made heaven possible for us through the sacrifice of His Son!

Kevin V. Rutherford  
*July, 2018*

## **READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2022**

June 20 - Acts 5:1-21  
June 21 - Acts 5:22-42  
June 22 - Acts 6  
June 23 - Acts 7:1-21



June 24 - Acts 7:22-43  
June 25 - Acts 7:44-60  
June 26 - Acts 8:1-25

## OUR SICK

Please Remember in Your Prayers

Tammy Rogers, Rick Clemmons, Hope Turnmire Keller, Gene & Debbie Southern, Bob and Manchel Tesh, Amelia Allen, Bobby Childress, Kay Hauser, Lois Allen, Cleave Binkley, D.J. Harrison, Leander Thomason, Trooper Josh Church, Don Bowles, Ronnie Knost, Bonnie Landreth, David Pharr, Sandy Smith, Jack Piper, Sandy Smith, Ronnie Knost, Elwood Flinchum, Kathy and Wayne Hutchins.

**Doris Cooper** tested positive for COVID 19 on last Saturday morning. Her symptoms are mild so far. She started with a scratchy throat and her sinuses were hurting. At this point Carl is testing negative and no symptoms. We will quarantine until it is clear.

**Gale Queen** was running a fever and has tested positive for COVID mild symptoms so far on Thursday. David is okay. Prayers requested,

**Emily Workman** is not feeling well and has tested positive for COVID. Prayers requested.

**Leslie and Lori Greeson** went to visit their Mom in Georgia on May 28. They attended Chatsworth Church of Christ on May 29th and was exposed to Covid. We hope to be over this and would appreciate your prayers. Please pray for them.

**Sharon York** is the daughter of Ingrid Mock. She has cancer and will begin Chemotherapy this week. Please keep her in your prayers.

**Abby Little** will have surgery on June 15th on both of her knees. Please keep her in your prayers.

**Prayer request for Lauren Krell:** I would like to ask for prayers for Laurel Krell. She was in a terrible automobile accident Monday night and has already had two surgeries with more to come. Lauren is the 21 year old daughter of a friend of mine. Thank you. —Gina Strickland

**Jennifer Harris**, a friend of John & Mary Anne Allen has cancer and will have Chemo and radiation. Please pray for him.

**Curt Sams** was hurt in a accident last Friday. He was bruised and battered and underwent surgery on his back. Please pray for him in his recovery.

Bob Wilson's **Uncle Mike** underwent heart surgery on Friday, June 17th. He is doing fine. Please keep him in your prayers that he will soon recover.

**Buddy Strickland** will have hernia surgery on June 22nd. **Avery Strickland** will have her wisdom teeth removed on June 24th. We will pray for the both of you.

# 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.

## WARNERS CHAPEL EVENTS:

JUNE 26-30 - Warners' Chapel VBS.

\*It would be helpful if a family would bring two - two Liter bottles of drinks.

\*There will be a sign-up sheet for those who would like to bring cupcakes for VBS.

Sunday Evening - Finger Foods Night  
Wednesday Evening - Cupcake Night

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~IN SYMPATHY~

*Our sympathy is extended to the families of **Sue Harper** who passed away on June 15th in Nashville, TN. Sue Harper was married to Carl Harper, a brother of Neal Harper. Please pray for the families of Sue Harper.*

## RESPONSE

*We are happy that **Hannah Shepard** has been baptized into Christ and we welcome **Hannah** into God's family here at Warners Chapel.*

Read the following scriptures and see for yourself that one can fall from grace

Gal. 5:4; Matt. 25:30; Phil. 2:12; John 5:5-6; Rom. 11:20-22; 1 Cor. 10:12; Rev. 22:14; Luke 8:13; 2 Pet. 1:10; James 5:12; Rev. 2:5; 1 Cor. 9:27; 2 Pet. 2:20-21; 2 Pet. 3:17.

## “HAPPY FATHER’S DAY”

# SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY SERVICE ASSIGNMENTS

JUNE, 2022

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY: GENE SOUTHERN

COMMUNION FOR JUNE: JIM HARRISON

## DEVOTIONS:

### SCRIPTURE

June 5 - Rodney Brown  
June 12 - Randy Warner  
June 19 - Gene Ruark  
June 26 - Al Lawson

### SONG LEADER

Clayton Workman  
David Shoaf  
Gene Southern  
Justin Little

### PRAYER

Todd Hinson  
Mark Minor  
Mike Glenn  
Jim Harrison

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## OPENING PRAYERS FOR JUNE:

### SUNDAY A.M.

June 5 - Andy Santiago  
June 12 - Steve Tesh  
June 19 - Brad Byrd  
June 26 - Robbie Landry

### SUNDAY P.M.

June 5 - Adam Warner  
June 12 - Justin Little  
June 19 - David Queen  
June 26 - Colin Robinson

### WEDNESDAY

June 8 - Don Minor  
June 15 - Will Lucas  
June 22 - D. C. Mock  
June 29 - David Moore

SECURITY AND GREETING: JODY EVERETT & ED O'SHIELDS

PLEASE OPEN BUILDING BY 10:30 A.M., 5:40 P.M., AND WEDNESDAY BY 6:40 P.M.

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## SONG LEADERS FOR JUNE:

### SUNDAY A.M.

June 5 - Roger Allen  
June 12 - Wayne Allen  
June 19 - Clayton Workman  
June 26 - Charley Belch

### SUNDAY P.M.

June 5 - Wayne Allen  
June 12 - Clayton Workman  
June 19 - Charley Belch  
June 26 - David Shoaf

### WEDNESDAY

June 1 - Gene Southern  
June 8 - Justin Little  
June 15 - Roger Allen  
June 22 - Wayne Allen  
June 29 - Clayton Workman

**“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  
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### *ELDERS*

Tim Allen  
Todd Hinson  
Steve Tesh  
Andy Santiago

### *DEACONS*

Randy Warner  
Keith Warner  
Mark Minor  
Jody Everett

Gene Southern  
Shawn Thomason  
Mark Roy  
Adam Warner

