

Warners Chapel Church of Christ

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

A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

March 19, 2017

DISTINCTIVE

By Kevin Rutherford

There is a tendency in the church today to compromise with culture and false doctrine in an attempt to become more like everyone else. The church compromises with moral issues affecting marriage, modesty, drinking and gambling (Matthew 19:9; Ephesians 5:18; Colossians 3:5). The church has also been compromising lately with denominational error such as instrumental music, faith only, and the idea that one church is as good as another (Ephesians 5:18; Mark 16:16; Matthew 16:18).

Along with the tendency to compromise with culture and denominationalism comes a new style of preaching. Preaching should always be handled carefully and lovingly (Ephesians 4:15). It is not a work to be taken lightly. Preachers who show no love or compassion in their preaching are often doing more harm than good for the cause of Christ (Colossians 3:12-15). However, we are much more likely to see preachers today who are so soft and general in what they say that it appears as if they may be attempting to please everybody (Galatians 1:10; 2:4; 5). The rambling and weak style of modern preaching leaves one wondering if there is any conviction at all in the preacher. Preaching should be done in love and compassion, but it also should be distinctly scriptural and authoritative. Preachers are not at a poetry recital for kindergarten children when they stand in the pulpit. They are there to boldly preach the powerful Gospel of Jesus Christ (Romans 1:16).

Churches of Christ will be filled with the sounds of distinctive preaching when they love the Word of God and seek to use it as their only standard (2 Timothy 3:15-17). When congregations

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of the body of Christ are convicted of the fact that we must preach the Word of God and nothing else we will stand out from the culture and the denominations (1 Peter 4:11).

The gospel of Jesus Christ is unique, authoritative, distinctive, and powerful (Romans 1:14-17). Who gives us the right to weaken and modify the Scriptures? When were we given the authority to become so generic and vanilla that we blend in with everyone else? Have we forgotten what Peter wrote concerning the unique and distinct nature of the church? Peter said, "But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; who once were not a people but now are the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy." (1 Peter 2:9, 10)

We can know the truth (John 8:32). We can know that we are saved (1 John 5:13). "We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one." (1 John 5:19). We must not be ashamed of those facts. Let's preach and practice the pure Law of Christ without compromise with culture and without degrading into denominationalism. We preach a unique and distinctive message that is backed by the authority of God. Let us not water it down for anyone.



RECIPE FOR A BLESSING

*1 hour of time.
3 or 4 gospel hymns sung with feeling.
1/2 dozen real prayers.
1 helpful Bible study.*

All mixed together and seasoned with good fellowship and Christian love and served on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 in the meeting house of God's people. Try it next Wednesday evening!

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READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2017

March 20 - Mark 16
March 21 - Luke 1:1-20
March 22 - Luke 1:21-38
March 23 - Luke 1:39-56



March 24 - Luke 1:57-80
March 25 - Luke 2:1-24
March 26 - Luke 2:25-52



OUR SICK Please Remember in Your Prayers

Please continue to keep Frank & Jane Shepard, Elwood Flinchum, Mary Tesh, Bob Plunk, Charlie Parker, Wayne & Cathy Hutchins, and Cannon & Shannon Harper in your prayers.

Jane Shepard's surgery has been postponed until April 5th to allow for further tests to be made due to a diagnosis of ALS. Please continue to pray for Jane and Frank.

Charlie Parker is scheduled for heart ablation surgery on March 31st at the Baptist Hospital.

Please pray for Tony McBrayer, that his treatment will be helpful.

D.J. Harrison needs prayers. She has been having some chest pains for 3-4 days.

Kari Woodbury's Grandfather, Dick Staicoff, found out he has cancer on his esophagus and they cannot do much right now because he just came out of the hospital for fluid build-up on his lungs.

My sister-in-law's father, Vernon Todd, a member of South Stokes church of Christ, is under Hospice Care and in need of our prayers for him and his family. — Joyce Greenup

Lilah Cochran, Kari Woodbury's cousin's 2 yr. old daughter who has leukemia, was able to go home this past week but continues to have ongoing treatments. Her address is posted on the bulletin board.

BAPTISM

We rejoice in that Danielle Hill was baptized into Christ last Lord's Day evening. We commend Danielle and welcome her into the family of Christ that worships here at Warners Chapel.

CONGRATULATIONS

Our congratulations to Justin Minor who was recently promoted to Sargeant in the National Guard while attending a two week encampment at Fort Bragg.

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



~IN SYMPATHY~

Our sympathy goes out to the family of Gary Vance who passed away on Saturday, March 11th. He was the brother of Tom Vance and visited Warners off and on several years ago. He was a school classmate of several members here at Warners Chapel.



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:

March 19 - Bundling of House to House in Annex this evening.

March 21 - Sewing for Nicaragua from 9-12 a.m. in Annex.

March 21 - Youth Group Acts Class; Hotdogs

March 23 - The 50 and Over Class will meet at 10:30 a.m. in the Annex.

May 20-21 - Senior Rally - Speaker: Melvin Sapp

June 18-21 - VBS - Theme: God's Team - Stories of God's Power. Sunday through Wednesday.

LOCAL EVENTS:

April 1 - Evangelism Workshop at Northwest church of Christ. 8:30-12 Noon.

April 2-6 - 73rd Annual Carolina Lectureship hosted by the Plaza church of Christ in Sumter, SC.

See bulletin board for details

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)

SOUTHWEST FOOD PANTRY

The food item request for March is pasta/pasta sauce.
(No glass please)

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday Bible Study - March 12, 2017	123
Sunday Worship Service	164
Contribution for March 12, 2017	\$7,602
Daily Adult Bible Readers:	41
Chapters Read:	618
Sunday Evening Worship Service	121
Wednesday Evening Bible Study 3-15-17	109

Lord's Day Appointments For March, 2017

Serving the Lord's Table For March:

D.C. Mock

Wesley Huff Jacob Woodbury
John Allen Gene Southern

Preparing Communion for March:

Doris Cooper

Making Announcements on Sunday:

Tim Allen

Making Announcements on Wednesday:

Roger Allen

Lord's Day Appointments - March 26, 2017

DEVOTIONS:	OPENING PRAYER:	SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READERS
Scripture - Justin Minor	Morning - Roger Allen	A.M. - Jason Allen	A.M. - Jacob Woodbury
Song Leader - Jason Allen	Evening - Jody Everett	P.M. - Nathan Roy	P.M. - Mark Clemmons
Prayer - Shawn Thomason		Wed. - Song Req. Service Gene & Jason	
<u>Greeters for March:</u>			
Richard & Karen Clemmons			

Opening and Closing Building

Sunday: - Mar. 26 ~ Mark Minor
Wednesday: - Mar. 29 ~ Mark Minor

Lord's Day Appointments - March 19, 2017

DEVOTIONS:	OPENING PRAYER:	SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READERS
Scripture - John Allen	Morning - Michael Cooper	A.M. - Steve Tesh	A.M. - Dwight Barringer
Song Leader - Don Minor	Evening - Jonathan Huff	P.M. - Clayton Workman	P.M. - Tommy Rose
Prayer - Neal Harper		Wed. - Roger Allen	
Opening and Closing Building		<u>Greeters for March:</u>	
		Richard & Karen Clemmons	
Sunday: - March 19 ~ David Moore			
Wednesday: - March 22 ~ David Moore			

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
Joe Everett
Todd Hinson
Steve Tesh

Randy Warner
Keith Warner
Andy Santiago
Mark Minor
Jason Allen

Mike Cooper
Jody Everett
Gene Southern
Shawn Thomason