



# Warners Chapel Church of Christ

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

**A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU**

**MAY 13, 2018**

## ORIGINS

The earth did not create itself from nothing. Nothing produces nothing. The First Law of Thermodynamics shows us no new matter or energy is being created by the universe. The earth did not create itself from self-existing, eternal matter. Matter is not eternal. The Second Law of Thermodynamics shows us matter is running down, and therefore had a beginning. So, where did the earth come from? Genesis 1:1 give us the answer. "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth."

For something to exist now, there must be something that has always existed (self-existent). That which is self-existent needs no cause, and in fact is the first cause. God identified Himself as the One who is self-existent in Exodus 3:14. When God identified Himself as "I AM" He was saying He simply exists. He has always existed, exists now, and always will exist. Jesus Christ identified Himself in the same way (John 8:58). In Revelation 1:8 Jesus said, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

The earth and universe did not cause itself. It did not cause itself from nothing, and it did not cause itself from matter. That which caused it must be of a different nature than matter for matter is not self-existent. God is spirit not matter (John 4:24). God is the self-existent spirit who created this material universe.

God is an intelligent being (Isaiah 55:8-9). A self-existent, non-material being of immense intelligence is required as an explanation for the origin of the earth and universe. The evidence of design in the make-up and location of earth attests to an intelligent designer. The design within the human body requires a designer. DNA is intelligent information and intelligent information demands an intelligent source.

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For this earth to exist, we must have a self-existent cause. God is self-existent. We must have a cause of a different nature than this material universe. God is spirit. We must have an intelligent cause. God is intelligent beyond man's ability to understand. God created the earth.

God created the earth in six literal twenty-four hour periods (Genesis 1). Exodus 20:8-11 reinforces this fact. God used six days to create and stopped on the seventh in order to illustrate to the Jews the importance of working six days and resting on the seventh. For this comparison to make any sense at all the days in Exodus 20, and the days in Genesis 1 must be literal 24 hour periods of time. God did not call eons of millions of years, "days." God did not need millions upon millions of years to evolve life on this earth. God created Adam and Eve as male and female from the beginning (Matthew 19:4). He did not create them as a pool of amino acids that sequenced into proteins, that developed into single cell creatures, which evolved into more complex creatures, and eventually evolved into Adam and Eve. One will find no such foolishness in the Bible.

What we are able to scientifically observe in nature today shows us that macro-evolution does not work. The law of Biogenesis shows us life cannot come from non-living matter. Therefore, the spontaneous generation of life from non-living matter did not occur. Also, Evolution needs vast numbers of beneficial mutations to occur in order to advance an organism, but beneficial mutations are very rare. Most mutations are harmful to the organism. Evolution needs beneficial mutations that add genetic information to advance the organism and that simply does not happen. Evolution doesn't work. A godless universe did not evolve life, and God did not choose to use Darwinian macro-evolution to develop life.

But what of wax images of partially evolved men in the museums, and the plaster casts of evolutionary skulls in the university science classroom? Numerous factors come into play in regard to this matter. One of which is the fact that plaster casts of the skulls don't fully reveal all the details of the originals and very few scientists have access to the originals. A second factor is the fact that so many fossils are simply extinct races of men (Neanderthal) or extinct apes (Lucy). A third factor is the radical imagination of artists and evolutionists who create images that more closely fit their ideas than the physical facts of the fossils. Also, the track record of evolutionists is not good. Consider Nebraska man. A tooth was found in Nebraska from which an entire missing link creature and lifestyle was created in the imaginations of evolutionists. Later examination revealed the tooth to be that of a pig. More could be said, Entire books have been written on this matter. Suffice it to say for now, we do not need to be intimidated by artists' impressions based on evolutionists imaginations.

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

~Kevin V. Rutherford

## **READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2018**

**May 14 - John 4:1-30**  
**May 15 - John 4:31-54**  
**May 16 - John 5:1-24**  
**May 17 - John 5:25-47**



**May 18 - John 6:1-21**  
**May 19 - John 6:22-44**  
**May 20 - John 6:45-71**



## OUR SICK Please Remember in Your Prayers

Please continue to pray for **Mary Ellen Dull, Nita Kirkland, Hutchins family and Claude Pharr.**

Prayers are requested for **Tom Clauser, Jr.** (step-brother of Mark Roy) who suffered a critical aortic tear this past Sunday. He was life-flighted to a critical care unit in Cleveland, OH. He underwent surgery and is in critical but stable condition at this time.

**Virginia Kee** (grandmother of Emily Workman) is suffering from a severe sinus infection and cold and is therefore refusing food. Please pray she will begin to feel better soon so a hospital stay can be avoided.

**Debbie Cranfill**, Mark Minor's cousin and Sherrill's niece, was to have her spleen removed this past Thursday. She is dealing with multiple health issues at this time. Please pray for her. She is in the Baptist Hospital.

An old friend, **Paul Smith**, is on a few weeks time remaining. Please pray for his easy passing.

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



### SHUT-INS

**Mildred Barker  
Ernestine Martin**

**Kim Matthews  
Di-Ann Moser**

*It was reported that Mildred Barker's health is in decline at this time.*

*Please keep the shut-ins in your prayers*



## SOUTHWEST FOOD PANTRY

289 items were delivered to the Pantry this past week. Thank you!

The suggested items for the month of MAY is:

Instant Potatoes/stuffing/macaroni and cheese

## 2018 Nicaragua Medical Mission June 15-23

The Medical Mission to Nicaragua has been cancelled due to the continued civil unrest and violence. Please pray for the citizens and especially our brothers and sisters in Christ.



**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:

**May 17** - The 50 and Over Class will meet at 11 a.m. in the Annex.

**May 19-20** - Senior Rally. The Speaker will be Rod Rutherford.

**May 20** - Congregational Fellowship Meal following the morning worship service.

**May 26** - There will be a reception celebrating the marriage of **Jake and Leandra (Thomason)** on Sat., May 26th at 2 p.m. in the Annex here at Warners Chapel. (There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer if you plan to attend.) In conjunction with the reception, a shower will be held for Jake & Leandra with gift cards during the month of May. The basket will be on the credenza and will be given to them at the Wedding Reception on May 26th. They are registered at Bed, Bath and Beyond. Cards from Lowe's and Walmart would also be very useful. (see bulletin board)

### ADDRESS CHANGE

The Wingo's change of address is:

5441 Hanover Drive  
Winston-Salem, NC 27103  
Telephone # 336-926-0868

Please make this change in your directory.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Table centerpieces are needed for the Senior Rally on May 19th. This will be done like our recent Ladies Day tables. Only centerpieces will be needed. Sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer.

**ALSO:**

If anyone has the cloths for the Lord's Supper Table, please return them.

### **FOR THE RECORD**

Sunday Bible Study - May 6, 2018	125
Sunday Worship Service	161
Contribution for May 6, 2018	\$8,177
Daily Adult Bible Readers:	40
Chapters Read:	574
Sunday Evening Worship Service	126
Wed. Evening Bible Study - May 9, 2018	112

## Lord's Day Appointments For May, 2018

Serving the Lord's Table For May:

Mark Roy

R. J. Landry      John Allen  
Walter Cruz  
Lois Allen  
Steve Tesh  
Andy Santiago

Preparing Communion for May:

Making Announcements on Sunday:

Making Announcements on Wednesday:

## Lord's Day Appointments - May 20, 2018

DEVOTIONS:	OPENING PRAYER:	SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READERS
<b>Scripture</b> - Jason Allen	<b>Morning</b> - Gene Southern	<b>A.M.</b> - Wayne Allen	<b>A.M.</b> - Michael Cooper
<b>Song Leader</b> - Wayne Allen	<b>Evening</b> - Mike Cooper	<b>P.M.</b> - Gene Southern	<b>P.M.</b> - Sherrill Stewart
<b>Prayer</b> - Carl Cooper		<b>Wed.</b> - Tim Allen	

Greeters for May:

Mark and Nancy Minor

Opening and Closing Building

**Sunday:** - May 20 ~ John Allen  
**Wednesday:** - May 23 John Allen

## Lord's Day Appointments - May 13, 2018

DEVOTIONS:	OPENING PRAYER:	SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READERS
<b>Scripture</b> - John Allen	<b>Morning</b> - Sherrill Stewart	<b>A.M.</b> - Clayton Workman	<b>A.M.</b> - Shawn Thomason
<b>Song Leader</b> - Clayton Workman	<b>Evening</b> - Mike Landgren	<b>P.M.</b> - Nathan Roy	<b>P.M.</b> - Gene Ruark
<b>Prayer</b> - Tommy Ridings		<b>Wed.</b> - Charley Belch	

Opening and Closing Building

**Sunday:** - May 13 ~ Justin Minor  
**Wednesday:** - May 16 ~ Justin Minor

Greeters for May:

Mark and Nancy Minor

### 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**

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  
Mark Roy  
Adam Warner  
Jacob Woodbury