

Warners Chapel Church of Christ

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

A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

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OPTIMISM

BY KEVIN RUTHERFORD

Christians have every reason in the world to be optimistic about the future of the church. We may have some legitimate concerns about the future of the church in this country. Extremes in attitudes towards the Scriptures have split the church and will continue to do so. Cultural and denominational influences will further take their toll on congregations. Some young people will leave the church and many preachers will quit preaching.

However, we can be optimistic about the future of the church when we look toward the judgment day. On the day of judgment all of those who have fought against the church will meet the wrath of the Lord (2 Thessalonians 1:3-12). On the other hand, the Lord's kingdom (the church) will be delivered to God, so that we might receive our reward (1 Corinthians 15:24). The eternal home of the church will be that place where there is no sorrow or suffering.

We can certain be optimistic about the eternal future of the Lord's one body (Ephesians 1:22, 23; 4:4). But, we can also be optimistic about the future of the Warners Chapel church of Christ. We do not know what Satan may cast against us in the coming years. We do know that he will seek to destroy us (1 Peter 5:8). However, with the help of God, we can overcome the devil and do great things for the Lord (I Corinthians 10:13; Romans 8:28, 31). We can do all things through Christ who strengthens us (Philippians 4:13).

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We can be optimistic about the future of this congregation because of what the church has done in the past. The history and record of the Warners Chapel church of Christ shows a congregation that has stood firmly for the truth for many years. It is a congregation that has been blessed with many sound elders, deacos, and evangelists in its history. The past record shows a congregation that is loving, kind, and generous also. If we will maintain these aualities, while seeking constantly to improve ourselves, good things will happen. However, we cannot rest on the good work done in the past. We must ever reach forward and press toward the goal (Philippians 3:12-14).

We can be optimistic about this congregation because of the great talents and abilities of the members here. We must not look at our abilities in an arrogant way, but rather in a humble and grateful way (James 4:10). We know that anything good that we have comes from God (James 1:17). But because we have the ability to work for the Lord, He is going to expect us to do so (Matthew 25:14-30). God will bless us if we will work hard for Him (1 Corinthians 3:6). We have been given a wonderful opportunity to evangelize this community. Let us not fail to use such an opportunity.

The Warners Chapel church of Christ has been blessed in many ways. Let us honestly examine ourselves, repent of our failures, and press on toward the prize. We have the opportunity, and the ability to do great things for the Lord, with His help. I am optimistic about the future of this congregation and hope that you are too.



READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2017



**June 26 - Acts 8:1-25
June 27 - Acts 8:26-40
June 28 - Acts 9:1-21
June 29 - Acts 9:22-43**

**June 30 - Acts 10:1-23
July 1 - Acts 10:24-48
June 2 - Acts 11**



OUR SICK Please Remember in Your Prayers

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

Please remember **Bro. Ted Stewart** in your prayers. He was moved this past Thursday to Bermuda Commons, Room 202 for rehab. He is doing much better at this time.

The Landry family will be away traveling - Joann & Robby will be gone 3 weeks and RJ and Aliya will be in NY for 4 days. Please pray for their safety and an easy journey.

Please remember the group that went to Nicaragua this past week, that they have a safe trip back home.

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



CONGRATULATIONS!!

Bill and Gaye Carothers are the proud grandparents and Mary Ellen Dull the proud great grandparent, of a baby girl, Avery Rosalee Tomlinson. She weighed in at 6 lbs. 15 oz. Both she and Anna are doing well.



Congratulations to:

Ava Longworth and Wesley Huff who won the awards for "The Brought One Program" at VBS this year.

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)

Warners Chapel Members:

Please check the birthday listings for your family located on the credenza in the foyer. This listing will be in the 2017 Workbook.



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 25 - Finger Food Farewell for Frank & Jane after evening service.

July 8 - (Saturday) NCSBS Graduation at 5:00 p.m. Meal immediately following the graduation. Graduates: Alfred Huff & Joni Huff. Everyone is invited.



SOUTHWEST FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry will be open once in July and once in August while school is out. The suggested items for July is canned vegetables (corn, beans, peas, mixed vegetables).

Does Bible School Really Matter?

A well known preacher of Atlanta was asked to speak at a prison camp. The prisoner who introduced the preacher said, "Several years ago two boys lived in the same community in North Georgia, attended the same school, played with the same boys, and went to the same Sunday School. One boy dropped out of Sunday School because he felt he had outgrown it and felt it was "sissy stuff". The other boy kept on going because he felt it meant something in his life. The boy who dropped out of Sunday School is now making this introduction and the boy who kept going is the famous preacher who will speak to us at this time." (need more be said?)

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday Bible Study - June 18, 2017	
Sunday Worship Service	168
Contribution for June 18, 2017	\$7,527
Daily Adult Bible Readers:	33
Chapters Read:	516
Sunday Evening Worship Service (VBS)	110
Wednesday Evening Bible Study 6-21-17 (VBS)	107

Lord's Day Appointments For July, 2017

Serving the Lord's Table For June:

Steve Martin

Alfred Huff Mark Roy
Walter Cruz Robbie Santiago
Marie Harper
David Moore
Clayton Workman

Preparing Communion for July:

Making Announcements on Sunday:

Making Announcements on Wednesday:

Lord's Day Appointments - July 2, 2017

DEVOTIONS:	OPENING PRAYER:	SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READERS
Scripture - Rodney Brown	Morning - Steve Tesh	A.M. -	A.M. - Dwight Barringer
Song Leader - Wayne Allen	Evening - Michael Cooper	P.M. -	P.M. - Clayton Workman
Prayer - Steve Martin		Wed. -	

Greeters for July:

D.C. & Ingrid Mock

Opening and Closing Building

Sunday: - July 2 ~

Wednesday: - July 5 ~

Lord's Day Appointments - June 25, 2017

DEVOTIONS:	OPENING PRAYER:	SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READERS
Scripture - Walter Cruz	Morning - Sherrill Stewart	A.M. - Jason Allen	A.M. - Bill Carothers
Song Leader - Jason Allen	Evening - Jason Allen	P.M. - Nathan Roy	P.M. - Roger Allen
Prayer - Shawn Thomason		Wed. - Song Req. Service Gene S. & Jason A.	

Opening and Closing Building

Greeters for June:

Sunday: - June 25

Mark Minor

Andy & Mindy Santiago

Wednesday: - June 28

Mark 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

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
Mark Roy
Adam Warner
Jacob Woodbury