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

A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

December 1, 2019

CARE MORE OR CARE LESS?

Someone has observed that in a world that couldn't care less, Christians are people who couldn't care more. True enough. But consider this twist. Maybe Christians should be people who couldn't care less! A while ago, I ran across a short article that reported the bulletin of a church in a small town carried this message on the front page: "The Church That Could Care Less." Turning the page, the message continued, "We could care less where you come from. We could care less where you've been. We could care less what you have. The thing we really do care about is you, and so does God." Wow! What a great twist on the great truth!

In an uncaring world, Christians are to be people who love and care. Sometimes congregations and Christians forget that. Some stray into believing the only thing that matters in religion is being "right" about what we believe. We are constantly reminded of the importance of being a "sound" church and preaching "sound doctrine." Let me assure you, I have no desire to detract from that emphasis. In fact, one of the things that attracts my soul to this day, is the widespread desire and emphasis in many churches of Christ to "buy the truth, and sell it not" (Proverbs 23:23a). Congregations and Christians who have no desire or concern to be "sound" are in great danger of drifting away from the truth into fables and false doctrines (2 Timothy 4:1-5).

What I want to take issue with in this article is the notion that a church (or preacher or elder or any other Christian) is "sound" and pleasing to God simply on the basis that it knows and believes and preaches truth in the absence of love. In 1 Corinthians 13:1-3 the apostle Paul uses the phrase "but have not love" three times to remind us even the most extreme expressions of religiosity add up to a big fat zero if devoid of love. Read those verses and you will be reminded that religious practice without love is also without profit. It is possible to sing without the instrument, pray and preach and do the Lord's Supper and give financially in a way that is outwardly true to the Word - And yet not profit spiritually at all. Let me say it loud and let me say it clear - an unloving preacher, elder, Christian, or congregation is not "sound" according to the Bible. If you're still not convinced, read Revelation 2:1-7 where Jesus acknowledged that the church of Christ at first century Ephesus was a hard-working, sin-hating, clean-living, Bible-believing, lie-opposing, teacher-testing, truth-loving, doctrinally sound, untiring, persevering church that was stubbornly standing fast for the truth. But there is a fly in the sugar bowl! Jesus told this church, "Nevertheless, I have this against you, that you have left your first love" (verse 4). He describes this congregation as having "fallen" and calls on them to repent (verse 5). I'm not suggesting that we love the truth less — I'm urging us to love people more. While a church may love without fully practicing the truth, no church can fully practice the truth and not love.

~Caleb J. Rutherford

THANK YOU

Warners Chapel is blessed in many ways because of the Christians that attend and work for the cause of Christ. It is always encouraging seeing brethren going forward learning and using what they have learned to be an example to the church and those of the world.

Last Sunday evening the young men took charge of the services, showing all in attendance their willingness to be active in the church. Some led us in song, others read scripture, some prayed, and one of our young men gave a short talk. It takes courage and determination to stand in front of the congregation. All that participated were well-prepared and did a great job.

Since the beginning of our young men participating, we all can see how greatly improved they have become. It is evident that these young men worked hard to present themselves as examples to all of us. They challenge those that are young and old to have the same desire to please God.

It is an encouragement to all knowing our younger generation is becoming more active in doing the Lord's will.

A simple thank you goes out to each one. Keep up the good work!

READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2019

**December 2 - 1 John 1
December 3 - 1 John 2
December 4 - 1 John 3
December 5 - 1 John 4**



**December 6 - 1 John 5
December 7 - 2 John
December 8 - 3 John**

OUR SICK

Please Remember in Your Prayers

Please continue to remember Kevin's nephew, **Nathan Davis**, who is recovering from a recent car accident .

Also:

Please pray for Kevin's brother, **Brett Rutherford**, who was reported to have a kidney blockage.

Please pray for **David Parker**, who has upcoming surgery and treatments. Also pray for **James Baldwin** who is recovering from a heart attack. - Lisa Nail.

Please remember **Susie Steen**, the mother of Sandra Church's son-in-law. Her cancer has returned.

Charles Walker, Andy Santiago's uncle, had heart valve replacement surgery recently and did well. Please continue to pray for his recovery. Waiting now to determine if he will need a pacemaker.

SHUT-INS

Mary Ellen Dull
D. J. Harrison

Ernestine Martin
Carolyn Minor

Please remember the shut-ins in your prayers

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



~IN SYMPATHY~

Sister Betty Smith, 90 year old mother of Jeannie Tate, died Monday, November 25th at Forest Ridge Nursing Home in West Jefferson, NC. Arrangements to be announced.

~IN SYMPATHY~

Our sympathy goes out to the **Simone (Simmie) Sell's** family (Carrie, Bryan and Grandson, Jay Williams). Sister Simmie passed away on November 24, 2019. She had been a faithful member of Warners Chapel for a number of years and is remembered fondly by many who knew her. She moved to Atlanta for health reasons but her heart never left the community of Winston-Salem she called home for 33 years. Family Visitation was held at Hayworth Miller Nov. 29th and the graveside service was held at Ashelawn Memorial Gardens in Crumpler, NC on Nov. 30th.

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

Dec. 3 - Tuesday Evening Class has been cancelled until January.



SOUTHWEST FOOD PANTRY

Suggested Items for the month of **December**:

Canned Meat: chicken/tuna

The total items delivered so far to the SW Food Pantry in 2019 is 2,578 items.

*Laundry detergent, hand dishwashing liquid, and soap would be greatly appreciated at any time.

NEW CELL TELEPHONE NUMBERS For Todd and Dana Hinson

Todd Hinson: 336-416-5320

Dana Hinson: 336-414-9696

Please make the changes in your church directory.

20 SOMETHING GROUP

The 20 Something Group is collecting for Soldier Packages. 2 Gray boxes are in the foyer to collect items for soldiers that are stationed overseas. The boxes will be there until Wednesday, December 4th.

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday Bible Study - November 24, 2019	133
Sunday Worship Service:	166
Contributions for Nov. 24, 2019	\$6,616
Daily Bible Readers:	34
Chapters Read:	569
Sunday Evening Worship Service:	124
Wednesday Evening Bible Study, Nov. 27, 2019	108

Lord's Day Appointments For December, 2019

Serving the Lord's Table For December

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

Steve Tesh

David Elam Allen Cooper
Tommy Ridings
Gina Harper
Andy Santiago
Clayton Workman

Lord's Day Appointments - December 8, 2019

DEVOTIONS:	OPENING PRAYER:	SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READERS
Scripture - Darryl Cook	Morning - Caleb Rutherford	A.M. - Roger Allen	A.M. - Jim Harrison
Song Leader - Tommy Rose	Evening - Nathan Roy	P.M. - Gene Southern	P.M. - Clayton Workman
Prayer - Todd Hinson		Wed. - Justin Little	

Greeters for December:

Gene and Debbie Southern

Opening and Closing Building:

Sunday: - December 8 ~ Al Lawson
Wednesday: - December 11 ~ Al Lawson

Lord's Day Appointments - December 1, 2019

DEVOTIONS:	OPENING PRAYER:	SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READERS
Scripture - Allen Cooper	Morning - Roger Allen	A.M. - Roger Allen	A.M. - Bill Carothers
Song Leader - Roger Allen	Evening - Bob Tesh	P.M. - Gene Southern	P.M. - Roger Allen
Prayer - D. C. Mock		Wed. - Justin Little	

Opening and Closing Building:

Sunday: - December 1 ~ Shawn Thomison
Wednesday: - December 4 ~ Shawn Thomison

Greeters for December:

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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
Todd Hinson
Steve Tesh
Andy Santiago

Randy Warner
Keith Warner
Mark Minor
Jason Allen
Jody Everett

Gene Southern
Shawn Thomason
Mark Roy
Adam Warner
Jacob Woodbury