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“The churches of Christ salute you” Rom. 16:16

A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

October 27, 2019

THE PERFECT SEED AND THE PERFECT SOWER

A man, suffering from a terrible itching, was on his way to the doctor’s office. In the elevator he was joined by a deaf man who was with a companion. Smiling a greeting, the itcher started to scratch himself all over, stopping just as he reached the right floor. After he stepped off the elevator, the deaf man turned to his companion and signed, “I wonder what he meant by that?”

The teaching of Jesus sometimes leaves people asking the same thing. In Mark 4:11-12, after giving the “Parable of the Sower/Soils,” Jesus warned His disciples: *“To you it has been given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God; but to those who are outside, all things come in parables, (12) so that ‘Seeing they may see and not perceive, And hearing they may hear and not understand, lest they should turn, And their sins be forgiven them.’”* The point of these words is not that Jesus seeks to hide the truth or make it difficult to see. The point is that those who listen superficially will miss the point! Half listening to a preacher on Sunday morning is not the same as hearing the word of God.

The primary emphasis in the parable of the soils is not on preaching. It is on hearing. Jesus likens the word of God to seed sown in four different kinds of soil or ground: wayside (hard), stony, thorny, and good ground (Mark 4:3-8). The soils clearly stand for different kinds of responses to the word of God. Some outrightly reject the word, some accept it but then stumble, and some allow multiple distractions to choke the word out. In only one of the

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four hearts does the seed end up bearing fruit and saving a soul! But amidst the differences in the soils/souls there is one marked similarity - they all hear the word: "*they hear*" (vs. 15), "*they hear the word*" (vs. 16), "*ones who hear the word*" (vs. 18), "*those who hear the word*" (vs. 20). There was a lot of listening going on in Jesus' parable.

In this case in Mark 4 the perfect seed was being sown by the Perfect Sower preaching a perfect sermon! But while the seed and the Sower in this case were perfect, the soils were not. Some have convinced themselves that any time a sermon "fails" it must be the preacher's fault. But in Jesus' parable, it wasn't the sower or the seed that failed but the soil! Preachers have much to do with a sermon's success or failure, and sometimes they do fail. But in Jesus' parable the problem is not on the sower but on the soils who receive the seed. At least as important as the question of how well the preacher speaks is how well do we listen. When God's Word is preached, we hear the preacher if we listen only with our ears, but we hear God when we listen with our hearts.

~Caleb J. Rutherford



**WARNER CHAPEL CHURCH OF CHRIST
FALL GOSPEL MEETING**

NOVEMBER 3-6, 2019

SPEAKER: DOUG FRAZIER
THEME: GOD'S USE OF ...

SUNDAY BIBLE STDY:	10:00 a.m.	... <u>THE AGED</u>
SUNDAY A.M. WORSHIP	10:50 a.m.	... <u>WATER</u>
SUNDAY P.M. WORSHIP	6:00 p.m.	... <u>THE UNUSEABLE</u>
MONDAY EVENING	7:00 p.m.	... <u>YOUTH</u>
TUESDAY EVENING	7:00 p.m.	... <u>WOMEN</u>
WEDNESDAY EVENING	7:00 p.m.	... <u>THE FIRST CENTURY CHURCH</u>

READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2019

October 28 - 2 Timothy 2
October 29 - 2 Timothy 3
October 30 - 2 Timothy 4
October 31 - Titus 1



November 1 - Titus 2
November 2 - Titus 3
November 3 - Philemon



OUR SICK Please Remember in Your Prayers

Fred Holder is now essentially confined to his home and would appreciate visitors and cards.

Bill Knost remains in the Bermuda Commons Rehab., 316 NC Hwy 801 South, Advance, NC 27006. Room 213, Tel. #336-998-0240. His recovery has been slow but making progress. Please continue to keep him in your prayers.

Please continue to keep **Don Jackson** in your prayers.

Isaac Woodbury had a procedure on his neck last Wednesday. The procedure went well. The family is waiting for the test results (should know by Friday).

Mary Ann Allen completed radiation treatments this past Wednesday. She appreciates all the many prayers on her behalf.

Todd Hinson will have kidney surgery on December 19th at Medical Park Hospital.

Please keep **Carolyn Minor** in your prayers. She is currently having trouble with her legs swelling and having to have in-home care to attend to them.

Kim Matthews would like more visits. She is at Salem Terrace.

Please remember the **Tesh Family**. Steve's mother is very sick.

Please pray for Rick Clemmons mother, **Rosemary Clemmons**. She is having difficulty with some of her medications. She is seeing her doctors and they are making changes.

D.J. and Jim Harrison's great-grandson, **Preston Best**, has been diagnosed with diabetes. He is 4 years old.

Tim Cook, cousin of Gay Carothers had surgery this past Wednesday for a brain tumor. Please keep him in your prayers.

Chris Smith, a member at the Broad St. church in Statesville, has been transferred to the Forsyth Hospital for surgery on his leg.

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



SHUT-INS

Mary Ellen Dull
D. J. Harrison

Ernestine Martin
Carolyn Minor

Please remember the shut-ins in your prayers



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

Oct. 28 - Tuesday Night Class from 7-8 p.m. in Annex.

Nov. 1 - On Friday night, there will be a youth camp-out at the home of Joe and Eva Everett. There will also be a cookout meal and devotional that starts at 6 p.m. that night, and all in the congregation are invited to enjoy the food and fellowship. Once the food and devotional are over, the youth will begin their activities for the night. Please sign up on the list on the Youth Board, so they know how much food will need to be provided.

Nov. 2 - Warners Chapel Annual Chicken Stew at 6 p.m. in the Annex.

Nov. 3-6 - Fall Gospel Meeting with Brother Doug Frazier. Congregational Fellowship Meal following the morning worship service. See Schedule on page 2.

AREA EVENTS:

Nov. 9 - Elders Seminar at the North Main Street church of Christ in Mocksville, NC. From 9:00 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. See bulletin board for details.

SOUTHWEST FOOD PANTRY



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

Toiletries (deodorants, toothpaste, toothbrushes, feminine hygiene products, shampoo, conditioner, etc.)

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

Please Note:

The new issue of House to House is available on the desk in the foyer.

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday Bible Study - Oct. 20, 2019

Sunday Worship Service:

Contributions for Oct. 20, 2019

Daily Bible Readers:

Chapters Read:

Sunday Evening Worship Service:

168
\$6,193

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Lord's Day Appointments For October, 2019

Serving the Lord's Table For October:

Clayton Workman
Bill Carothers Dwight Barringer
Jody Everett
Kathleen Warner
Todd Hinson
Caleb Rutherford

Preparing Communion for September:

Making Announcements on Sunday:

Making Announcements on Wednesday:

Lord's Day Appointments - November 3, 2019

DEVOTIONS:	OPENING PRAYER:	SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READERS
Scripture - Bill Carothers	Morning - Mark Roy	A.M. - Justin Little	A.M. - Gene Southern
Song Leader - Nathan Roy	Evening - Mike Lundgren	P.M. - Nathan Roy	P.M. - Daryl Cook
Prayer - Caleb Rutherford		Wed. - Tim Allen	

Greeters for November:

Shawn & Terrie Thomison

Opening and Closing Building:

Sunday: - November 3 ~ Harry Picciuto

Wednesday: - October 30 ~ Harry Picciuto

Lord's Day Appointments - October 27, 2019

DEVOTIONS:	OPENING PRAYER:	SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READERS
Scripture - Robby Landry	Morning - Al Lawson	A.M. - Clayton Workman	A.M. - Mark Clemmons
Song Leader - Steve Tesh	Evening - Ian Quinn	P.M. - Roger Allen	P.M. - Tommy Rose
Prayer - Al Lawson		Wed. - Song Req. Service Gene S. & David S.	

Opening and Closing Building:

Sunday: - October 27 ~ Mark Roy

Wednesday: - October 30 ~ Mark Roy

Greeters for October:

Gene & Gaye Ruark

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