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

A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

September 15, 2019

EATING AND DRINKING IN THE CHURCH BUILDING

The early Christians ate meals together on a frequent basis (Acts 2:46; Jude 12). Eating meals together was both a symbol and an act of Christian fellowship. The evidence of this lies in the fact that Christians were not to eat with those from whom they had withdrawn their fellowship (1 Cor. 5:11). Clearly, we have scriptural authority for Christians eating common meals together. Historians show us that those meals often took place immediately before or after worship (F.W. Mattox, *The Eternal Kingdom*, p. 52).

Because we have established the scriptural authority for the meal, we can conclude that we also have scriptural authority to have a location for that meal to take place. We have the command to assemble in Hebrews 10:25. The command to assemble necessitates a place to assemble and thus we have authority for church buildings. The authority for eating gives us the authority to have a place to eat.

Some years ago, I spoke to a brother in Christ who preached for a church that would not have common meals (potluck meals/fellowship meals/love feasts) in the church building. This brother specifically stated that doing so was in violation of 1 Corinthians 11:22, and was a sin that would cause a Christian to end up in hell. I asked him if they had a water fountain in the church building. When he said, "yes," I reminded him of the fact that 1 Corinthians 11:22 says, "What, Do you not have houses to eat and drink in?" When I asked him how he could consistently teach people are going to hell for eating in the church building, but not for drinking in the church building; he told me the water fountain was necessary because their services were very long. Corinthians 11:22 is the most common passage referred to by those who teach that eating in a church building is a sin. In the context, Paul is discussing an abuse of the Lord's Supper. The Lord's Supper is not a meal to be eaten for the purposes of filling the belly. It is not an act of worship to be partaken of only by those who have available to them the bread and fruit of the vine (1 Cor. 11:20, 21). Paul rebukes the Corinthians for their attitudes and actions when he says, "What? Do you not have houses to eat and drink in?"

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Or do you despise the church of God, and shame those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall I praise you in this? I do not praise you” (1 Corinthians 11:22). A meal can be eaten before or after worship but the Lord’s Supper does not need to be turned into a meal. Paul’s words in 1 Corinthians 11:22 are to Christians who had turned the Lord’s Supper into a meal. He tells them they can take care of that at home.

Do Paul’s words of rebuke teach us that we cannot eat in a church building? Consider the fact that there were no church buildings in Paul’s day. Also, remember that the early Christians often met in homes (Acts 12:12; Rom. 16:2-5; 1 Cor. 16:19). Did they eat in their homes? Yes. Did they worship in their homes? Yes. Did they eat and worship in the same place? Yes. It is not a sin to eat and worship in the same place.

There is no inherent evil in Christians eating together as long as they are faithfully in fellowship (1 Corinthians 5:11). The practice is scriptural, authorized, and beneficial (Acts 2:46; Jude 12). Because the practice is scriptural, we are free to examine options regarding how to have such meals, and to choose which of those options is the most expedient. Regarding options, one must be very careful not to bind his opinion in such a way as to condemn to hell those who choose another option. For, when one has done that he has become guilty of binding where God has not.

~Kevin V. Rutherford

WARNERS CHAPEL YOUTH CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

“LEARN TO DISCERN”

September 28, 2019

8 am - 9 am - Breakfast and Registration
9 am - 9:25 am - Welcome and Singing
9:30 am - 10 am - “The Sexualization of America”
10:10 am - 10:40 am - “Dating/Courtship”
10:45 am - 11:20 am - Guys/Girls Class
11:30 am - 11:55 am - Group Game

12 pm - 12:55 pm - Lunch

1 pm - 1:30 pm - “Media: The Heavy Influence”
1:45 pm - 2:15 pm - “Self-Worth”
2:15 pm - 2:30 pm - Closing Remarks
2:45 pm - Sno Cone Machine

Please register by September 15th at warnerschapelchurchofchrist.org

READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2019

Sept. 16 - 2 Cor. 9
Sept. 17 - 2 Cor. 10
Sept. 18 - 2 Cor. 11:1-15
Sept. 19 - 2 Cor. 11:16-33



Sept. 20 - 2 Cor. 12
Sept. 21 - 2 Cor. 13
Sept. 22 - Gal. 1



OUR SICK Please Remember in Your Prayers

Bill Knost underwent surgery to repair his broken hip. He also has a fractured vertebrae in his neck. He is in some pain but the surgery went okay. Please pray for Ronnie and all the family.

Don Jackson underwent surgery again this past week to implant a permanent pacemaker. He is quite weak at this time. He will remain under observation for a time before he will be released from the hospital. Please keep Don in your prayers.

Buddy Strickland's knee surgery went well. Thank you all for your prayers.

Prayers are requested for the family of **Chad Culbertson**. His wife has been moved to hospice as a result of cancer. He is the best friend to David and Krystal Warner.

Please keep my cousin **Avonica Sheldon** in your prayers. She is in ICU in Reno, Nevada. She is 18 years old. Thank you. Terri Thomason.

Addresses will be posted in the foyer for **Mandy Burnette and her parents** if anyone would like to send a card. Her brother died suddenly last week.

Please continue to keep **Renee' Morgan** (who is now having two radiation treatments per day) and three year old **Ruby Bradd** in your prayers. Both suffering with cancer.

Please pray for all our student children and college students from Warners Chapel.

~PLACED MEMBERSHIP~

We are pleased to welcome Allen and Jessica Allen back to Warners Chapel. Allen & Jessica's address is: 3809 Robinhood Road, Winston-Salem, NC 27106. Allen's telephone No. is 336-655-6561, and Jessica's No. is 336-692-3860.

~ADDRESS UPDATE~

Adam & Kathleen Warner's new address is: 1040 Lasley Rd., Lewisville, NC 27023. Adam's phone No. is 336-682-1917 - Kathleen's phone: is 336-406-1647, Kathleen's e-mail: kwarner7nc@gmail.com.

GOSPEL ADVOCATE

Please see **Don Minor** to renew or newly subscribe to the Gospel Advocate this month. Will take cash or check in payment.

SHUT-INS

Mary Ellen Dull
D. J. Harrison

Ernestine Martin
Carolyn Monor

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.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO A COVERED DISH CONGREGATIONAL FELLOWSHIP MEAL TODAY NEXT DOOR IN THE ANNEX FOLLOWING THE MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE. YOU WILL BE OUR HONORED GUESTS.

WARNERS CHAPEL EVENTS

Sept. 15 - Congregational Fellowship Meal in Annex. Visitors are invited as our honored guests.

Sept. 17 - Tuesday Night Class from 7-8 p.m.

Sept. 28 - Youth Conference with Brother Joe Wells, editor of Kaio Magazine for teens and the host of the internet Bible Program — The Hey Joe Show. (Schedule shown on Page 2)

AREA EVENTS:

Sept. 22-26 - Gospel Mtg. at the Lexington church of Christ. Theme: "Why are There so Many Churches?" Speaker: Brother Phil Sanders.

Sept. 27 - Ladies Night Out at Linville Forest. Guest Speaker: Rebekah Colley from Lakeside church of Christ in Orange Park, FL. Dinner and Program - Registration at 6 p.m. RSVP 336-784-9562.

Sept. 28 - A Young Ladies Day at the Charlotte Ave. church of Christ (for Middle School-College Ladies along with their mothers, grandmothers and all the Titus 2 Women in their lives. 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Speaker: Brittany Davis.

(See Bulletin Board for further information)



SOUTHWEST FOOD PANTRY

Suggested Items for the month of September:

CEREAL OATMEAL/GRITS

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday Bible Study - Sept. 8, 2019:	141
Sunday Worship Service:	160
Contribution for Sept. 8, 2019:	
Daily Bible Readers:	35
Chapters Read:	516
Sunday Evening Worship Service:	128
Wed. Evening Bible Study: Sept. 11, 2019	117

Lord's Day Appointments For September, 2019

Serving the Lord's Table For September: :

Caleb Rutherford

Carl Cooper Robbie Landry

Mark Minor

Marie Harper

Jim Harrison

Caleb Rutherford

Preparing Communion for September:

Making Announcements on Sunday:

Making Announcements on Wednesday:

Lord's Day Appointments - September 22, 2019

DEVOTIONS:	OPENING PRAYER:	SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READERS
Scripture - Gene Ruark	Morning - Mark Roy	A.M. - Roger Allen	A.M. - Gene Ruark
Song Leader - Gene Southern	Evening - Don Minor	P.M. - Charley Belch	P.M. - Michael Cooper
Prayer - Charley Belch		Wed. - Song Req. Service Gene S. & Clayton W.	

Greeters for September:

Roger and Grace Allen

Opening and Closing Building:

Sunday: - September 22 ~ Randy Warner

Wednesday: - September 25 ~ Randy Warner

Lord's Day Appointments - September 15, 2019

DEVOTIONS:	OPENING PRAYER:	SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READERS
Scripture - Brad Hoots	Morning - Steve Tesh	A.M. - Gene Southern	A.M. - Bill Carothers
Song Leader - Joe Everett	Evening - Mike Cooper	P.M. - Wayne Allen	P.M. - Shawn Thomason
Prayer - Kevin Rutherford		Wed. - Nathan Roy	

Opening and Closing Building:

Sunday: - Sept. 15 ~ Colin Robinson

Wednesday: - Sept. 18 ~ Colin Robinson

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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