

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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SINCERE SELF-EXAMINATION

By Kevin Rutherford

It is very important for individual Christians to continually examine themselves in light of the Scriptures (2 Corinthians 13:5). The Word of God acts as the mirror into our souls. Through regular Bible study we should be able to see ourselves for who we really are spiritually. We should then be willing to make whatever changes are necessary in order to please God (James 1:22-25).

It is dangerous for a Christian to think that he has reached such a high spiritual level he needs no longer examine himself. Paul wrote, "Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall" (1 Corinthians 10:12). If the men who are in the eldership are qualified men, they will be spiritually mature (1Timothy 3:1-7). However, even the elders are told to "take heed" to themselves (Acts 20:28).

Congregational self-examination is just as important as individual self-examination. Congregations of the body of Christ must continually look at themselves in an open and honest manner. We must see ourselves for who we are. We must constructively critique our worship, teaching, and work. If Satan can lull congregations into a sense of complacency he has gained a victory.

When one reads Revelation chapters two and three, it becomes very clear the Lord wants congregations to recognize their faults and correct them. The Lord told the congregations of Asia what they were doing right and what they were doing wrong. Concerning those things that were wrong, Jesus encouraged them to repent (e.g. Revelation 2:5). I have often thought it would be of benefit for us to receive a specific report from the Lord as to how He views the

local church. Though we do not expect to receive such a report until the judgment day, we do have the New Testament to give us all the information we need in order to please our Savior.

Elders, deacons, evangelists, and teachers must all be concerned about the spiritual strength and well being of the congregation. We must ask ourselves questions about our evangelistic work, benevolent work, and the work of edification. Are we doing what God wants us to do? When we see weaknesses or failures we must make every effort to correct them. It should be our goal to be found without spot individually and congregationally when the Lord returns. (2 Peter 3:14).

We understand full well that there is no such thing as a perfect Christian or a perfect congregation (1 John 1:9, 10). However, perfection must be our goal. Paul said, "Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:12-14). Let us never rest on our laurels. Let us never fall into the sin of complacency. Let us ever press on toward the goal individually and congregationally!



A NOTE OF THANKS:

Dear Warners Chapel Congregation,

Thank you so much for your generous donations for our book give away! Our students were thrilled to get their own books to read this year.

We greatly appreciate your support.

Sincerely, Yadkinville Elementary

READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2017

May 29 - John 11:1-29 May 30 - John 11:30-57

May 31 - John 12:1-26

June 1 - John 12:27-50



June 2 - John 13:1-20 June 3 - John 13:21-36

June 4 - John 14



OUR SICK Please Remember in Your Prayers

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

Rhonda Hardister underwent emergency appendectomy surgery this past Thursday. She is reported to be doing well at this time.

Please pray for **Meredith Southern and family.** She was able to bring baby Tucker home on Tuesday but had to be re-admitted to Forsyth early Wednesday because of dangerously high BP. She is doing better and could possibly be released late Friday afternoon.

Please pray for Jim and D.J. Harrison's granddaughter, **Merry**. She is having problems with a blockage in her kidney.

Please keep **Sandy Smith** in your prayers. She had to go to the ER due to high blood sugar and is resting at home.

Prayers have been requested by Kevin for **Ronald Gilbert**, who has been diagnosed with Guillain-Barre Syndrome. Also, for **Brett Rutherford**, Kevin's brother, who possibly has a rare form of MS.

Joann Landry's mother may have skin cancer, please pray it is not melanoma. Also her Uncle Bobby may have colon cancer again. Please pray for a good outcome. Thank you!

Frank & Jane Shepard are home again. There is a new sign-up sheet on the board for those willing to prepare/take them food.

Congratulations To:

Chad and Meredith Southern in the birth of their baby boy, Tucker Warren Southern, who was born on May 19th weighing 6 lb.-10 oz. & 20 1/2 in. long. He is at home and doing well.

~In Sympathy~

Our sympathy goes out to Jane Jester (a past member at Warners Chapel) whose mother, Janie Willis, passed away recently. The funeral was held on Thursday at the Linville Forest church of Christ where Jane and Janie are members.

Response:

We commend Ann Ridings who came forward last Wednesday evening confessing error in her life and requesting the prayers of the congregation in her behalf.

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)



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:

<u>May 30</u> - Sewing for Nicaragua - from 9-12 a.m. in the Annex.

June 4 - Congregational Photo following a.m.

worship service.

June 4¹ - There will be a Baby Shower for Danielle and McKayne Hill in the Annex from 2-4 p.m. Danielle is registered at Babies R Us and Target. June 16-24 - Nicaragua Campaign - There are five members going. Envelopes are in the foyer for

those who want to make a contribution.

June 18-21 - VBS - Theme: God's Team - Stories of God's Power. (Sunday through Wednesday). If you would like to help with VBS, please see Jason Allen. The class material has come in and is in the supply room.

LOCAL EVENTS:

June 4-8 - Gospel Mtg. at the Centergrove church of Christ. Guest speaker will be will be Bro. Derek Franklin, minister of the Crawford Rd. church of Christ in Rock Hill, SC.

<u>June 18-22</u> - Spring Gospel Mtg. Capernaum church of Christ. Guest speaker: Bro. H. Clay Williams from Glenn Heights, TX.

See bulletin board for details

SOUTHWEST FOOD PANTRY

The suggested items for <u>May</u> - instant potatoes/stuffing/macaroni and cheese.

The suggested items for <u>June</u> - oatmeal / grits

The #3 Issue of House to House is available on the credenza in the foyer. Please take several and give to friends and neighbors.

FOR THE RECORD

| Sunday Bible Study - May 23, 2017 | 133 |
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| Sunday Worship Service | 179 |
| Contribution for May 23, 2017 | |
| Daily Adult Bible Readers: | 45 |
| Chapters Read: | 530 |
| Sunday Evening Worship Service | 121 |
| Wednesday Evening Rible Study 5-24-17 | 86 |

Lord's Day Appointments For June, 2017

Serving the Lord's Table For June:

Gene Ruark Wayne Allen Andy Santiago Tim Harper

> Joann Landry Roger Allen Andy Santiago

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

Lord's Day Appointments - June 4, 2017

OPENING PRAYER: SONG LEADER **DEVOTIONS:** SCRIPTURE READERS

- Daryl Cook Morning - David Moore Scripture A.M. -Clayton Workman **A.M.** - Shawn Thomason **Evening** - Mark Roy Wayne Allen P.M. - Gene Ruark Song Leader- Roger Allen **P.M**.

Todd Hinson Wed. Mark Roy Praver

Greeters for June:

Andy and Mindy Santiago

Opening and Closing Building

Sunday: - June 4 Shawn Thomason Wednesday: - June 7 Shawn Thomason

Lord's Day Appointments - May 28, 2017

DEVOTIONS: OPENING PRAYER: SONG LEADER SCRIPTURE READERS

Morning - Todd Hinson A.M. -Wayne Allen - Allen Cooper A.M. - Gene Southern Scripture Song Leader -**Evening** - Shawn Thomason Tim Allen P.M. -Jason Allen P.M. - Daryl Cook

D.C. Mock Song Req. Service Prayer Wed. -Wayne A. & Don M.

Greeters for May:

Opening and Closing Building Mike Cooper - May 28 Randy and Linda Warner

Sunday:

Wednesday: - May 31 Mike Cooper

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES - Nursery open for small children during all services.

SUNDAY:

Bible Classes 10:00 AM Morning Worship 10:50 AM 6:00 PM **Evening Worship** 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 Randy Warner Jody Everett Keith Warner Tim Allen Gene Southern Andy Santiago Mark Minor Shawn Thomason Mark Roy Joe Everett Todd Hinson Steve Tesh Jason Allen Adam Warner Mike Cooper Jacob Woodbury