

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

Warners Chapel Church of Christ

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A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

MY CUP IS AS GOOD AS YOUR CUP

You are planning to make a birthday cake for you wife's birthday and you want to let your six-year old daughter "help" you. As you begin your task, you do so by getting the ingredients together. The ingredients call for "one half cup of water, one half cup of oil and two eggs."

She says, "I'll get the water."

The next thing you see is her pouring water into one of the cups that belong to her tea set.

"We need to use this cup," pointing to the glass measuring cup. She is puzzled because she wants to use her cup. A cup is a cup, right? So what should you do? If you use your daughter's cup to measure a half cup of water, the cake will be a disaster. There will not be enough water in the cake.

The recipe called for a measurement that is objective. That means using a standard measurement that is used by all those who would follow the recipe correctly.

This type of measurement should be used in spiritual matters. Objective truth is information that is contained in a standard. When determining whether a practice is right or wrong an objective standard must be used. There are those who would resort to a subjective standard. An example of a subjective standard would be determining right or wrong by being guided by one's feelings. Everyone has their own set of feelings and has a right to their opinion on things, but one should use the objective standard of truth that comes from God's word in determining right from wrong.

Not just any cup will do.

Paul

ELDER'S CORNER:

THE QUESTION FROM A BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVE

Does the New Testament ever tell us to join the church of our choice?

Matthew wrote the first twenty-eight chapters of the New Testament. Nowhere did the former publican ever charge anyone at anytime to attend the church of his choice. He did, however, record Jesus' promise to build His church (Matthew 16:18).

Mark penned one New Testament book of sixteen chapters. At no time did he ever advise anyone to join the church or synagogue of his own choice. He did, though, record Jesus' words to go preach the gospel to every creature and to baptize believers for the remission of sins. (Mark 16:15-16).

Luke, the beloved physician, penned two books of the New Testament—Luke and Acts—and by volume wrote more of the New Testament than any other man. In these combined fifty-two chapters he never counseled anybody to attend the church of his choice. He did, however, record the apostle's preaching which is necessary to be added to the Lord's church (Acts 2:38-47). In that section, he also noted that the early church "continued steadfastly in the apostles' teaching" (Acts 2:42), and never recorded any multiple, "Christian" denominations in his inspired church history.

John wrote five New Testament books —John, 1, 2, and 3 John, and Revelation—which contains an even fifty chapters. Yet the Apostle of Love at no time commanded anybody to attend the church of his choice. He did, however, record that Jesus spoke of a time when His people would be "one fold" (John 10:16) as well as His prayer for the abiding unity of that flock (John 17:20-21). John also spoke of withholding fellowship for any not abiding "in the doctrine of Christ" (2 John 1:9-11). He wrote that one must not add to or take from God's Word (Revelation 22:18-19).

Paul wrote fourteen New Testament books (if we include Hebrews), and they contain an even one hundred chapters. Yet at no time did Paul ever charge anyone to join the church of his choice. He did, however, speak of "The body, the church" and noted that there in one body (Colossians 1:18; Ephesians 4:4). He wrote of the unity that God's people were to possess: same mind, same love, one accord, and one mind (Philippians 2:2). By contrast, he wrote that the Christians in Rome were to "mark" (be on the lookout for), and turn away from those who caused divisions "contrary to the doctrine" they had learned (Romans 16:17).

Peter wrote two New Testament epistles consisting of eighty chapters. He who initially was given the keys to the kingdom of heaven (Matthew 16:19) never told anybody at any time in any place to join the church of his choice. He did preach, however, that they should repent and be baptized for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38).

James and Jude, our Lord's half-brothers, each wrote one epistle. James' work has five chapters; Jude's has one chapter of twenty-five verses. In neither epistle did either advise anyone to attend the church of his choice. Jude did, however, instruct to contend earnestly for the faith, once delivered. (Jude 1:3).

The New Testament urges us to accept the church of Christ's choice (Matthew 16:18).

Adapted from Robert R. Taylor, Jr., Sermons that Save

READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2014

February 3 - Matt. 22:1-22

February 4 - Matt. 22:23-46 February 5 - Matt. 23:1-22

February 6 - Matt. 23:23-39

February 7 - Matt. 24:1-28 February 8 - Matt. 24:29-51

February 9 - Matt. 25:1-30

OUR SICK

Please Remember in your prayers

Sherrill Stewart was reported to be ill last Lord's Day.

Please continue to keep "DJ" Harrison in your prayers.

Mary Anne Allen's mother, **Rowena Hayes** is scheduled to undergo heart surgery on February 18th. Please pray for her.

Roger Allen's father, **James Allen**, is doing better. He will remain in the hospital for 6-8 weeks more so they can monitor his blood levels and adjust as necessary. He is starting to get depressed for having to stay in the hospital so long. Cards would be appreciated. His address is 115 Commerce Street, Celina, TN 38551.

Mindy Santiago's aunt, **Katherine Rumley**, is doing some better but is still very weak. She may be going to the Oaks for rehab. Please continue to pray for her.

Gina Harper's friend, **Lowell Schuyler**, is battling cancer. Please keep him in your prayers as he is going to the Cancer Treatment Center in Atlanta on Feb. 2nd.

Please keep **Jessica Vaughn** in your prayers. She is a co-worker of Lois Allen. She will undergo a very serious surgery soon.

~IN SYMPATHY~

Our sympathy goes out to Lois Allen and the family of **Debbie Bowers Moser**, who was killed in an auto accident on January 23rd. Please keep her family in your prayers. Mrs. Bowers was a member of the South Stokes church of Christ and Lois Allen's cousin.



The **Prayer List** is available on the credenza in the foyer.

Please Note:

If you would like to send a sympathy card to Don Richard's family, the address is Mr. and Mrs. Steve Richards, 220 Timber Trails Lane, Mocksville, NC 27028.

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 MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO A "COVERED DISH" FELLOWSHIP MEAL IN THE ANNEX FOLLOWING THE MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE PROVIDED BY ZONE 1.

WARNERS CHAPEL EVENTS:

<u>Feb. 2</u> - Ladies Day Planning Meeting following morning worship service.

Feb. 2 - Pew Packers at 5:30

 $\underline{\text{Feb. 4}}$ - Sewing for Nicaragua in the Annex at 9:30 a.m.

 $\underline{\text{Feb. } 6}$ - 50 and Older Class will meet at 10:30 in the Annex.

<u>Feb. 9</u> - Congregational Meeting following evening services. There will be a Fellowship in the Annex with snacks provided after the congregational meeting. Everyone is invited.

AREA EVENTS:

March 8 - Carolina Men's Fellowship at Gold Hill Road. Sign-up sheet for van on bulletin board in fover.

March 15 - Ladies Day at South Stokes

April 6-10 - 70th Carolina Lectures - Kannapolis church of Christ

<u>June 14-15</u> - Abilene church of Christ 100th Homecoming - They are requesting help from anyone who may have information on the church, pictures or memorabilia that you can share. For further information see bulletin board for further details.

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FOR THE RECORD

Sunday Bible Study - January 26, 2014	134
Sunday Morning Worship Service:	168
Contribution for January 26, 2014	\$6,844
Daily Adult Bible Readers:	36
Chapters Read:	714
Daily Children Bible Readers:	

118

Sunday Evening:

Chapters Read:

Wednesday Evening: (cancelled due to weather)

Lord's Day Appointments - February 9, 2014

DEVOTIONS: OPENING PRAYER: SONG LEADER SCRIPTURE READERS

Scripture - Michael Cooper Morning - Joe Everett A.M. - Steve Tesh A.M. - Mark Minor

Song Leader - Roger Allen Evening - John Allen P.M. - Wayne Allen P.M. - Allen Cooper

Prayer - Frank Shepard Wed. - Clayton Workman

NURSERY (0-2 1/2): NURSERY (2 1/2-4): Greeters: February FELLOWSHIP MEAL:

Morning - Rhonda Hardister Morning - Meredith Southern Randy & Linda Warner Zone 2

Evening - Linda Flinchum Evening - Nancy Minor

Opening and Closing Building

Sunday: - February 9 Rick Clemmons
Wednesday: - February 12 Rick Clemmons

Lord's Day Appointments - February 2, 2014

Devotions: Opening Prayer a.m. - Wayne Allen Scripture Reader a.m. - Jason Allen

Scripture: Justin Minor p.m. - Jim Harrison p.m. - Justin Minor

Song: Don Minor Song Leaders: a.m. - Roger Allen Nursery #1: a.m. - Meredith Southern

Prayer: Mark Minor p.m. - Jason Allen p.m. - Mary Anne Allen

Wed. - Mark Roy Nursery #2: a.m. - Debbie Southern

p.m. - Jeannie Moore

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
Kandy Warner
Keith Warner
Andy Santiago
Gene Southern
Shawn Thomason

Steve Tesh Jason Allen