

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

# Warners Chapel Church of Christ

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#### A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

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## **MILK**

Have you "tasted that the Lord is gracious (1 Peter 2:3)"? The grace of God is sweet to the taste because it is by the grace of God (through faith) that salvation has been made possible for mankind (Ephesians 2:8-10).

If you have tasted that the Lord is gracious, you will lay aside all malice (1 Peter 2:1). Malice is the hatred that desires to harm others. Christians must instead be identified by agape which is the love that desires the best for others. If you have tasted the gracious nature of the Lord you will remove all malice from your life. If you have tasted that the Lord is gracious you will also lay aside all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking (1 Peter 2:1).

If you have been saved by the blood of Christ you have tasted that the Lord is gracious, and you will desire the pure milk of the Word (1 Peter 2:2). Just like a newborn baby desires and needs milk, so Christians must desire and in fact do need the Word of God. One cannot be a Christian without the Word of God (Romans 1:16). One cannot be a growing Christian without regularly ingesting the Word of God (1 Peter 2:2). The only way for a Christian to grow is to regularly take in the powerful Word of God (1 Peter 2:1).

This means one must give all diligence to his study of the Bible. One must give all diligence to Bible study so that he can grow (1 Peter 2:2). One must also give all diligence to Bible study so that he can rightly divide the word of truth (2 Timothy 2:15). Bible study is a crucial component in presenting oneself as a worker approved by God who does not need to be ashamed.

Just as the Word of God produces faith in the hearts of men and women (Romans 10:17), so too the Word of God increases faith in the hearts of men and women (1 Peter 2:2). The Word of God is able to increase my faith because it is "living and powerful, and sharper than any

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two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."

The Word of God has the power to cause one to mature in the faith because it was given to man through the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit told the inspired writers which words to write down (1 Corinthians 2:13). All Scripture is given by the Holy Spirit in this way (2 Timothy 3:16). Paul wrote, "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work (2 Timothy 3:16-17)." The Scriptures are the only revelation from God available to man today. The Bible is the only Scripture that a Christian needs in order to become spiritually mature and complete.

The beautiful, powerful, and wonderful Word of God is the incorruptible seed by which we are born again (1 Peter 1:23). The Word of God will live and abide forever, so that as long as the earth shall stand, souls will have opportunity to come to God (1 Peter 1:23-25).

Let us plant the Word of God deeply into our hearts (Psalm 119:11). Let us allow the Word of God to illuminate our path (Psalm 119:105). We long for the Word of God because it is able to give understanding (Psalm 129:131), and we treasure it (Psalm 119:127). The Word of God is the milk by which we are able to grow and it is that which we love exceedingly (Psalm 119:167).

~Kevin V. Rutherford



#### FUNK WORDS:

Dr. Willard Funk, the well-known dictionary publisher, was asked to select the ten most expressive words in the English language. The following is his list:

The bitterest word: alone
The most tragic word: death
The most revered word: mother
The most beautiful word: love
The most cruelest word: revenge
The most peaceful word: tranquil
The warmest word: friendship
The most coldest word: no
The most comforting word: faith

Words can build up or tear down. They can comfort or hurt; they can encourage or humiliate. They can be sweet or bitter. A Christian, who seeks to imitate the gentle nature of Christ, should be careful with words. "Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one" (Colossians 4:6)

—Glenn Hitchcock (House to House)

### **READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2018**

May 21 - John 7:1-27

May 22 - John 7:28-52

May 23 - John 8:1-27

May 24 - John 8:28-59



May 25 - John 9:1-23

May 26 - John 9:24-41

May 27 - John 10:1-23



# OUR SICK Please Remember in Your Prayers

Please continue to pray for Mary Ellen Dull, Nita Kirkland, Wayne & Cathy Hutchins and Claude Pharr.

**Ingrid Mock** was released from the hospital this past Thursday after having tests made to see if she was having heart problems. The doctors determined she was having severe esophagus spasms and she is now at home.

**Nita Kirkland** underwent cataract surgery this past Thursday. She also found out she may be having back surgery.

**(Update) Virginia Kee** (grandmother of Emily Workman) has pneumonia and continues to have some eating issues as a result of that. Please continue to pray for a full recovery.

**Debbie Cranfill,** Mark Minor's cousin and Sherrill's niece, had her spleen removed last week - since it was considerably enlarged, it was sent to a laboratory for testing. She is dealing with multiple health issues at this time but is doing much better. She is in the Baptist Hospital and could possibly be released this weekend. Please continue to pray for her.

**Suzie Steen,** a visitor this past Sunday, has been diagnosed with Stage 3 Breast Cancer. She is the mother-in-law of McKala Church Steen (Sandra Church's daughter). Please pray for her.

Also, please pray for our fellow Christian families in Nicaragua. Violence has erupted in most major cities including uncounted deaths. Please pray for a quick resolution.

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



#### **SHUT-INS**

Mildred Barker Kim Matthews Ernestine Martin Di-Ann Moser

It was reported that Mildred Barker's health is in decline at this time.

Please keep the shut-ins in your prayers

#### **CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to Andrew Hinson who graduated from Freed-Hardeman University last week and has taken a full-time job in Huntsville, AL. His new address is: 124 Crimson Rose Drive, Apt. 12, Madison, AL 35756



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 IN THE ANNEX NEXT DOOR FOLLOWING THE MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE. YOU WILL BE OUR HONORED GUEST!

#### **WARNERS CHAPEL EVENTS:**

<u>May 19-20</u> - Senior Rally - Speaker: Rod Rutherford Congregational Fellowship Meal following the morning worship service.

May 24 - The 50 and Over Class will meet at 11 a.m. in the Annex.

<u>May 26</u> - There will be a reception celebrating the marriage of **Jake and Leanndra (Thomason)** on Sat., May 26th at 2 p.m. in the Annex here at Warners Chapel. (There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer if you plan to attend.) <u>In conjunction with the reception</u>, a shower will be held for Jake & Leanndra with gift cards during the month of May. The basket will be on the credenza and will be given to them at the Wedding Reception on May 26th. They are registered at Bed, Bath and Beyond. Cards from Lowe's and Walmart would also be very useful. (see bulletin board)



#### **SOUTHWEST FOOD PANTRY**

The suggested items for the month of MAY is: Instant Potatoes/stuffing/macaroni and cheese



Congratulations Warners Chapel Graduates

#### FOR THE RECORD

Sunday Bible Study - May 13, 2018	135
Sunday Worship Service	197
Contribution for May 13, 2018	\$7,214
Daily Adult Bible Readers:	39
Chapters Read:	521
Sunday Evening Worship Service	118
Wed. Evening Bible Study - May 16, 2018	106

# Lord's Day Appointments For May, 2018

Serving the Lord's Table For May:

Mark Rov

R. J. Landry John Allen

> Walter Cruz Lois Allen Steve Tesh Andy Santiago

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

# Lord's Day Appointments - May 27, 2018

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

Scripture - Allen Cooper Morning - Tommy Rose A.M. -Clayton Workman A.M. - Tommy Rose **Evening** - Daryl Cook P.M. - Carl Cooper Song Leader- Tim Allen **P.M**. Youth Lead Service

Prayer D. C. Mock Wed. Song Req. Service Wayne A. & Roger A.

**Greeters for May:** 

Mark and Nancy Minor

Opening and Closing Building

Sunday: May 27 Shawn Thomason Wednesday: -May 23 Shawn Thomason

# Lord's Day Appointments - May 20, 2018

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

Morning - Gene Southern Evening - Mike Cooper A.M. - Michael Cooper Scripture Jason Allen A.M. - Wayne Allen Song Leader Wayne Allen P.M. - Gene Southern P.M. - Sherrill Stewart Wed. - Tim Allen

Prayer Carl Cooper

**Opening and Closing Building Sunday:** - May 20 John Allen **Greeters for May:** Wednesday: - May 23 John Allen Mark and Nancy Minor

#### 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 **Randy Warner Jody Everett** Keith Warner Joe Everett Gene Southern Andy Santiago Mark Minor **Shawn Thomason** Todd Hinson Mark Roy Steve Tesh Jason Allen Adam Warner Mike Cooper Jacob Woodbury