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

A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

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TEENS AND DATING - PART TWO

Anyone in his right mind knows you were born ready to date. Right? Wrong!

It sounds right, but there can be serious consequences to dating before you're ready. For example, one young girl liked a guy at school, but she knew he had some bad habits. She knew she shouldn't date him until he straightened those out. Finally, she gave in and dated him under the pretense that he would "settle down." Naively, she believed him. And kept on believing him until they got married. She was counseled to wait, but she answered, "We're in love. It will work out."

Only one month after their wedding, he resumed his old habits. But she stayed with him, hoping that he would hold to his promise and change. Then one day, to her amazement, he told her he was tired of being "tied down." He wanted his freedom.

Abruptly, divorce erased five years of marriage. She found herself responsible for two young children. Having only a high school education, she couldn't find a job to provide for them adequately.

This girl was living in an unfortunate present, facing an uncertain future, because of an irresponsible past.

She experienced the full force of The Law of the Harvest:

You reap what you sow.
You reap more than you sow.
You reap later than you sow.

She sowed an immature decision. Later, she reaped many results of that decision.

Many dating problems, as well as many marriage problems, result from one or both of the individuals starting to date before he or she is old enough. Consider this research: 91 percent of girls who began dating at age twelve had sex before graduation, compared with 56 percent who had dated at thirteen; 53 percent who dated at fourteen; 40 percent who dated at fifteen; and 20 percent who dated at sixteen. Seventy percent of boys with a ninth-grade steady said they'd had sex, compared to 60 percent of girls; 52 percent of boys who dated occasionally as freshmen had sex, compared to 35 percent of girls.

The girl in the previous example was definitely not old enough to date, because she did not have the maturity to resist her emotions and make a responsible choice.

The real answer to the right age to start dating is "H"--"none of the above." Being old enough to date is not a physical age. Instead it is an issue of maturity. It shows up in the quality of your relationship with your parents and especially in your ability to resist physical involvement consistently and completely. The statistics quoted earlier show that most students start dating long before they are ready.

Paul

THE ELDERS CORNER:

Joy of Family

Our study on happiness today comes from an Old Testament psalm. It speaks of the joy of family

Psalms 127:1: "Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain. 2: It is vain for you to rise up early, to sit up late, to eat the bread of sorrows: for so he giveth his beloved sleep. 3: Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward. 4: As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth. 5: Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them: they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate."

Let's notice some important things the Lord says about happiness and the family.

* Family can never be what it should unless the Lord's will is being followed. Family without God and His word is vanity. That would mean that even if you have a wonderful family relationship, the ultimate goal of family (eternal life) cannot be realized. There will be no pleasant family relationships in hell no matter how wonderful it was on earth.

* Family is the creation of God. Of course we know that, but we sometimes may fail to be thankful for family, especially if it is grown family and we are in the midst of some squabble. Even in this life, there is a great loss of happiness when we stop seeing the good in our family.

* Children are a heritage from the Lord. Think about the word, heritage. Your children will be what is left of your influence in the world after you are gone. They are your legacy. All the more reason to let the Lord build the house.

* A man's (woman's) family can bring great joy to life when they are pointed in the right direction like an arrow flies to its target in the hand of a mighty archer.

Let's make happiness contagious to others by our own life leading the way to it.

Mike Glenn

Nicaragua Medical/Evangelism Campaign

In June, a number of Warners Chapel Christians will be leaving for Nicaragua. If you wish to participate by helping with the expenses (in addition to your regular contribution), please write your check to Warners Chapel and put it in the Nicaragua envelopes you will find on the credenza in the foyer.

READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2012

April 30 - Luke 21:1-19
May 1 - Luke 20:38
May 2 - Luke 22:1-20
May 3 - Luke 22:21-46



May 4 - Luke 22:47-71
May 5 - Luke 23:1-25
May 6 - Luke 23:26-56

OUR SICK Please Remember In Your Prayers

Atha Clark will undergo knee replacement surgery on May 10th.

Please continue to pray for **Dot Pegram** that the doctors may find a medication that will help her with the terrible pain she has been enduring for so long.

Mary Ellen Dull and **Ingrid Mock** underwent cataract surgery this past week.

Betty Hoot's sister, **Janet Graham**, lung biopsy was good but continue to pray for her because of medication issues at this time.

Emily Workman's uncle, **Bobby Pate**, has been moved to a rehab facility and will be there for a couple of weeks. Please pray for him and his wife. The address is Vanderbilt Stallworth Rehab Center, 2201 Children's Way, Room 2027, Nashville, TN 37212. It is felt he would appreciate cards. Please mention Emily's name and Warners Chapel when sending cards so he will know where they are from. Also, prayers are requested for Emily's Grandmother, **Gladys Bobbit** who fell recently.

DON RICHARDS

Don Richards has returned home from WV following Anna's funeral. Don will be at the same address and his son and daughter in law will be moving in with him to care for him. They will be seeking someone to care for him during the day. Visits are welcomed.

RESPONSE

We commend **Jim Harrison** who came forward last Lord's Day confessing error in his life and requesting the prayers of the congregation.

BAPTISM

We also commend **Derek Elam** who was baptized last Lord's Day and welcome Derek into the family of Christ that meets at Warners Chapel. Derek is the son of David & Wanda Elam and Virginia Elam's grandson.

AREA EVENTS:

April 29-May 2 - Gospel Meeting at the Lexington church of Christ with Tom Miller speaking.

April 29-May 2 - Gospel Meeting at the North Main church of Christ in Mocksville. Brock Shanks will be speaking.

May 19 - Ladies' Day at the Morganton Church of Christ.

May 10-13 - Gospel Meeting at the West Innes church of Christ. **Surendra Singh** will be the speaker.

May 19 - Ladies Day at the Morganton church of Christ.

May 20 - South Stokes church of Christ will hold a "Friends and Family Day".

See bulletin board for details

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 MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO REMAIN FOR A "COVERED DISH" FELLOWSHIP MEAL SPONSORED BY THE CONGREGATION.

WARNERS CHAPEL EVENTS:

April 29 - Guest Speaker - Gary Pollard will be teaching the Bible Class and Preaching today.

April 29 - 5th Sunday Contribution will be designated to go to the Rockingham Church of Christ and to other local mission efforts.

April 29 - Super Saturday VBS Meeting following the congregational meal in the Annex.

April 29 - Pew Packers will meet at 5:30 p.m.

April 30 - Sewing for Nicaragua at 7 p.m. at the home of Lois Allen (sewing bears for the children).

May 1 - Ladies Sewing for Nicaragua in Annex at 9 a.m.

May 3 - The 50 & Over Bible Study group will meet at 10:30 a.m.

May 5 - Senior Rally - Please mark your calendar! The speaker will be Mel Futrell. Sign-up sheet is posted on bulletin board in the foyer.

WARNERS CHAPEL VBS

Those who are interested in helping with our Super Saturday VBS will need to meet today, April 29th after services in the fellowship hall. Please bring a covered dish and we will have lunch together and a brief brainstorming session near the end of the luncheon.

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday Bible Study - April 22, 2012	160
Sunday Morning Worship Service:	207
Contribution for April 22, 2012	\$5,725
Daily Adult Bible Readers:	36
Chapters Read:	724
Daily Children Bible Readers:	
Chapters Read:	
Sunday Evening:	156
Wednesday Evening: April 25, 2012	142

Lord's Day Appointments - May 6, 2012

DEVOTIONS:	OPENING PRAYER:	SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READER
Scripture - Roger Allen	Morning - Carl Cooper	A.M. - Roger Allen	A.M. - Jason Allen
Song Leader - Jason Cravy	Evening - Chris Jackson	P.M. - Jason Allen	P.M. - Nathan Roy
Prayer - Frank Shepard		Wed. - Roger Allen	

NURSERY (0-2 1/2):	NURSERY (2 1/2-4):	Greeters: <u>May</u>	FELLOWSHIP MEAL:
Morning - Abbie Little	Morning - Jessica Lay	Brad & Betty Hoots	<i>Zone 1</i>
Evening - Robin Hauser	Evening - Gina Harper		

Opening and Closing Building

Sunday: - May 6	Todd Hinson
Wednesday: - May 9	Todd Hinson

**Serving this Week: April 29, 2012*

Devotions:	Opening Prayer a.m. - Tommy Rose	Scripture Reader a.m. - Trent Thomas
Scripture: Shawn Thomason	p.m. - Gene Ruark	p.m. - Gene Ruark
Song: Don Minor	Song Leaders: a.m. - Wayne Allen	Nursery #1: a.m. - Robin Hauser
Prayer: Mark Minor	p.m. - Song & Prayer Ser.	p.m. - Debbie Southern
	Wed. - Mark Roy	Nursery #2: a.m. - Meredith Southern
		p.m. - Jean Rose

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
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“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

David Moore
Tim Allen
Joe Everett
Todd Hinson
Steve Tesh

DEACONS

Randy Warner
Tommy Rose
Keith Warner
Andy Santiago
Mark Minor
Jason Allen
Mike Cooper
Jody Everett
Gene Southern
Shawn Thomason