



# Warners Chapel Church of Christ

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

**A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU**

**MARCH 1, 2020**

## CHRISTIAN LOVE

Love motivated Jesus to die for man (John 3:16; 1 John 3:16). The sacrificial love of God for mankind must motivate and encourage a similar love among Christians for their brothers and sisters in Christ (1 John 4:7-10). Notice especially verses ten and eleven: "In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another." Jesus died for my brother in Christ. Therefore, my brother in Christ is of infinite value and I must love him. Jesus died for my sister in Christ. Therefore, my sister in Christ is of infinite value and I must love her. "If God so loved us, we also ought to love one another!"

The love that Christians have for one another should flow naturally from their commitment to the Lord. Peter wrote, "Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart, having been born again, not of corruptible seed, but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever (1 Peter 1:22-23)." In reality there is no faithful Christian who is not a loving Christian. A Christian who teaches and preaches sound doctrine in every way, and yet who is not loving, is not sound and faithful. John said, "My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth. And by this we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before him (1 John 3:18-19)." Do you see what John said? It is when we properly love our brethren that we know we are of the truth.

Paul taught the church at Ephesus to be united (Ephesians 4). In that context, he encouraged Christians to be involved in "speaking the truth in love," to their brethren (Ephesians 4:15). He then spoke of how love unites the church in a powerful way as he wrote of the body being

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“jointed and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes the growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love (Ephesians 4:16).” If there is no love there is no true unity. If there is no deep and committed love among brethren the church is just wandering around in a sea of superficiality and selfishness.

In his second letter to the church at Corinth, the apostle Paul listed the characteristics of an effective minister (2 Corinthians 6). He spoke of purity, knowledge, kindness, the armor of righteousness, and the word of truth (1 Corinthians 6:6-7). If we don’t have these qualities we are not faithful ministers. For example, if we don’t have the word of truth we cannot be good ministers. The word of truth must be known, loved, and lived by us if we are going to be good and faithful ministers. But look at what else is in the text! “Sincere love (2 Corinthians 6:6).” Not just love, but sincere love. You can’t be a faithful minister of God without sincere love.

In Paul’s first letter to the Corinthian church he identified true unity (1 Corinthians 1:10). True unity exists when we all speak the same thing. What we all must be speaking is the word of God (1 Peter 4:11)! Yet, love is also required for true unity. 1 Corinthians twelve identifies the division that existed in the church at Corinth over the various miraculous gifts. Paul strongly emphasized the unity of the church and the importance of each member to the church with his illustration of the body. Every member of the body is important! But, what will help us to see that? What will enable us to live that out? Love! The more excellent way! Thus, begins Paul’s discussion of the importance of love and the qualities of love in chapter thirteen. If you want unity you need to learn to love.

Dear brethren it would be very hard to over-emphasize the importance of love to Christianity. If there is no love there no Christianity. If there is no love there is no church of Christ. Without love there is weakness, apathy, and failure. Love the truth and never compromise. Love God and live in reverence toward Him. Love your brethren and let it be shown in your actions toward them. Love the lost and invite them to explore the Gospel message.

~Kevin V. Rutherford

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## **READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2020**

**March 2 - Mark 8:1-21**  
**March 3 - Mark 8:22-38**  
**March 4 - Mark 9:1-29**  
**March 5 - Mark 9:30-50**



**March 6 - Mark 10:1-31**  
**March 7 - Mark 10:32-52**  
**March 8 - Mark 11:19-33**

## OUR SICK

### Please Remember in Your Prayers

Please remember **Joyce Greenup**. She was ill this past week with the flu.

Please remember **Dora Longren** who continues with her treatments.

Please keep **Elwood Flinchum** in your prayers. His cancer has returned.

**Jack Piper's** cataract surgery went well.

Continue to pray for **Kim Matthews**. Her problem with Huntington Disease has worsened.

Also, please continue to pray for **Tim Harper**.

Please pray for Pat Belch's co-worker, **Michael**. He was diagnosed with cancer of the esophagus this past week.

Please continue in prayer for **Alberta Jackson**. She is undergoing chemo treatments at this time. Thank you – Mattie Pharr.

Please pray for God's mercy and for His intervention in destroying the Coronavirus. Pray for our leaders' wisdom and our doctors to be able to fight the virus.

### SHUT-INS

**Mary Ellen Dull**  
**D. J. Harrison**

**Ernestine Martin**  
**Carolyn Minor**

Please remember the shut-ins in your prayers

### ~IN SYMPATHY~

*Our prayers go out to Keith, Sandra and all the Warner family in the passing of their youngest son, Joseph Derek Warner, who passed away at his home on February 20th at the age of 40. The Family Visitation was held at Hayworth Miller in Lewisville on Feb. 27th and the funeral at Warners Chapel on Friday, February 28th.*

*Also, please remember the Quinn Family in the passing of Ian Quinn's Grandfather recently.*



### SOUTHWEST FOOD PANTRY

Suggested Items for the month of March:

Cereal, Oatmeal/grits

### Teachers Needed:

In need of teachers for the Cradle Roll Class for Sunday and Wednesday. Also teachers for 2-3 yr. olds for Sunday. Please let Jason Allen know if you are able to teach either of these classes.

**Please Note:** The New House to House publication is on the desk in the foyer.



**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:

**Mar. 3** - Sewing for missions will meet on Tuesday morning from 9-12 a.m. in the Annex.

**Mar. 3** - Tuesday Evening Bible Class will meet at 7 p.m. in the Annex.

**Mar. 7** - Warners Chapel Ladies Day Speaker: Katonya Smith from the Eastside Congregation. Theme: "Diversity in Unity" - 1 Corinthians 12:12-14

"How each member of the body works together in Christ" Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. in auditorium. A light Continental Breakfast will be served in the Annex. The program will begin at 9 a.m. in the auditorium.

### PLEASE NOTE!

We will need help cleaning up after the Ladies Day. Please sign the list on the bulletin board in the foyer if you can help. If you signed up to bring a cake, please bring it to the Annex by Saturday morning. Those bringing gift bags can bring them Saturday morning. If you need to bring them earlier, put them on the children's table in the back corner of the Annex. If you signed up to decorate a table, you can decorate any time after the Tuesday night Bible Study. Please have your table decorated by Friday night. Thanks for your help in making sure our Ladies Day is successful!

### AREA EVENTS:

**March 6-7** - Personal Evangelism Seminar at the Linville church of Christ. The speakers will be Rob and Nicole Whitacre. See bulletin board for flyer for times and topics.

**March 14** - **LADIES DAY!** At the South Stokes church of Christ. 8:15 a.m. - 12:00 Noon. Theme: Spiritual Accessory Check, Speaker: Heather Smith. See bulletin board.

**March 14** - (Saturday) Carolina Men's Fellowship at Gold Hill Rd. church of Christ. Time: 9a.m.-3:00 p.m. Sign-up sheet in foyer for those who would like to take the bus.

### FOR THE RECORD

Sunday Bible Study - February 23, 2020	131
Sunday Worship Service:	184
Contributions for February 23, 2020	\$7,853
Daily Bible Readers:	39
Chapters Read:	724
Sunday Evening Worship Service:	126
Wednesday Evening Bible Study, February 19, 2020	112

## Lord's Day Appointments For March, 2020

Serving the Lord's Table For March:

Caleb Rutherford

Wayne Allen   Darryl Cook  
Sherrill Stewart  
Sandy Warner  
Mark Roy  
Jim Harrison

Preparing Communion for March:

Making Announcements on Sunday:

Making Announcements on Wednesday:

## Lord's Day Appointments - March 8, 2020

DEVOTIONS:	OPENING PRAYER:	SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READERS
<b>Scripture</b> - Darryl Cook	<b>Morning</b> - Tommy Rose	<b>A.M.</b> - Nathan Roy	<b>A.M.</b> - Darryl Cook
<b>Song Leader</b> - Tommy Rose	<b>Evening</b> - Gene Ruark	<b>P.M.</b> - Clayton Workman	<b>P.M.</b> - Gene Southern
<b>Prayer</b> - Todd Hinson		<b>Wed.</b> - Wayne Allen	

Greeters for March:

Elwood & Linda Flinchum

Opening and Closing Building:

**Sunday:** - March 8 ~ Colin Robinson  
**Tuesday:** - March 11 ~ Colin Robinson

## Lord's Day Appointments - March 1, 2020

DEVOTIONS:	OPENING PRAYER:	SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READERS
<b>Scripture</b> - Allen Cooper	<b>Morning</b> - Joe Everett	<b>A.M.</b> - Roger Allen	<b>A.M.</b> - Jacob Woodbury
<b>Song Leader</b> - Roger Allen	<b>Evening</b> - Nathan Roy	<b>P.M.</b> - Gene Southern	<b>P.M.</b> - Mark Clemmons
<b>Prayer</b> - D. C. Mock		<b>Wed.</b> - Justin Little	

Opening and Closing Building:

**Sunday:** - March 1 ~ Al Lawson  
**Wednesday:** - March 4 ~ Al Lawson

Greeters for March:

Elwood & Linda Flinchum

### 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