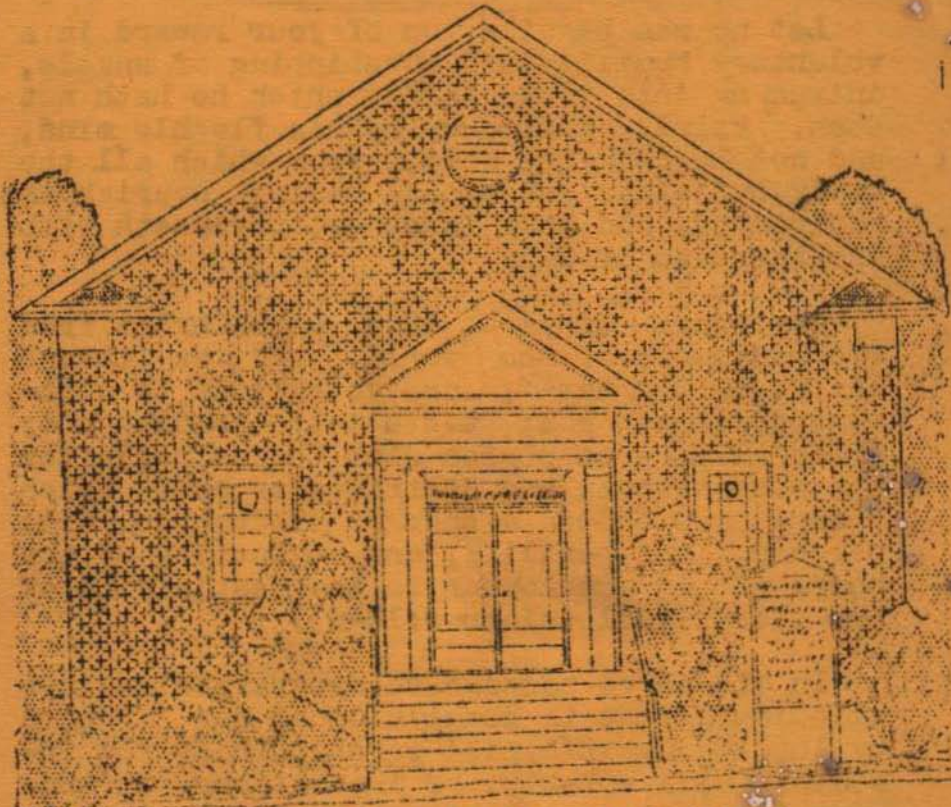


WARNERS CHAPEL. CHURCH OF CHRIST



W E E K L Y C A L E N D A R

Bible Study.....10:15 A. M.
Morning Worship(Begins)....,11:00 A. M.

P R E A C H I N G

First and Third Sundays....11:00 A. M.
Second and Fourth Sundays.. 7:30 P. M.

B I B L E C L A S S E S

Monday Evening..... 8:00 P. M.
Friday Evening..... 8:00 P. M.

Cecil L. Derryberry.....Minister

WILL WORSHIP

Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshipping of angels, intruding into those things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind, and not holding the Head, from which all the body by joints and bands having nourishment ministered, and knit together, increaseth with the increase of God.

Wherefore if ye be dead with Christ from the rudiments of the world, why as though living in the world, are ye subject to ordinances, (touch not; taste not; handle not; which all are to perish with the using;) after the commandments and doctrines of men? Which things have indeed a shew of wisdom in will worship, and humility, and neglecting of the body; not in any honour to the satisfying of the flesh. (Colossians 2:18-23)

In the above passage we are warned against allowing anyone to beguile us of our reward by leading us into will worship. Those who institute will worship, or innovations in true worship, often exhibit a humility that is voluntary and pretend to have a deep respect for the commandments of God. Paul describes them as "intruding into those things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind." By worshipping according to their own will, instead of according to the commandments of God, they rebel against Christ who is the Head of the Church and never receive the reward of the faithful.

The christian is dead with Christ from the rudiments of the world and must not be subject to the commandments and doctrines of men.

These things may have a shew of wisdom according to the wisdom of the world, but they will all perish with the using. Therefore we are commanded to "Touch not; taste not; handle not;".

"Will-worship is after our own will. It is self-chosen; and for this single reason is a departure from allegiance to God. (However plausible and specious such worship may appear, however much of shew of wisdom it may exhibit, the Holy Spirit has written its folly and emptiness so plainly that none but the willingly blind can fail to see it. Loyalty to the divine government requires hearty obedience to divine law. Whatever God commands, therefore, we must do. To hesitate is to falter, is to forsake our allegiance. To set up any "commandment of men" and to honor it as a command of God, is treason. God's will is expressed in his commandments. Every commandment, even the least, is an expression of his will, and an embodiment of his authority as the monarch of the universe. To obey his commandment, to do his will, is, therefore, the very essence of true piety. Everything else is mere will-worship.) From a Commentary on the New Testament Epistles, By David Lipscomb and J. W. Shepherd, Volume IV, Page 287."

"Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you." (Deut. 4:2)

"Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven." (Matthew 7:21)....C.L.D.

(Continued next week)

NEED FOR IMPROVEMENT

How many male members do we have in the Church at Warner's Chapel? According to our records there are 44 male members in the church at Warner's Chapel .

How many of this number take a leading part ??? How many will conduct services ???

Is this as it should be? If not, who is at fault, the Preacher or those taking the lead? Is it because we as Elders are falling short of our duty?

I want to ask each leading member to ask himself this one solemn question; Have I done all that I could to encourage the youth by giving them something to do, that they will not be idle?

How many come in the Church and we lose sight of them and they drift back to the world? Will they or will we have to answer for this sad condition? I feel it will be both.

LET US CORRECT THIS WHILE TIME AND OPPORTUNITY IS OURS TO DO SO.

....John W. Warner

"It is almost as presumptuous to think you can do nothing as to think you can do everything."...Phillips Brooks

"The day that prayer dies in a man's soul he commits spiritual suicide."...Donald Mackay