

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

Warners Chapel Church of Christ

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A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

January 19, 2014

DECISIONS, DECISIONS

Our lives and our well-being depend on the decisions we make. How do you make decisions? Specifically, how do you make decisions concerning spiritual matters?

- A. Flip a coin. Heads it's right, tails it's wrong.
- B. Weigh the matter carefully. You know, see if it *feels* right.
- C. Measure it against what the majority thinks. If everyone else accepts it, then it is OK.
- D. None of the above.

If you answered "A," then you are not alone. Many people make decisions this way. They may not actually flip a coin, but they don't give the matter much thought. These people give more thought to the brand of dog food that they give Old Rover.

If "B" was your answer you are among an enormous number of people. Many tend to trust their feelings when making a decision, i.e., "trusting your gut."

For those who answered "C," you are also among a great number of people. These make decisions based upon what the majority or simply others in your sphere of influence think is right. Some would call this the "mob mentality." If they see others breaking the law they think it is all right to do the same.

If your answer was "D," you are probably in the minority most of the time. You don't care how others feel or think when making decisions about spiritual things. God is the objective standard of truth for all spiritual matters. If God says a thing is wrong, then it is wrong no matter what you or others may think or feel about. If God says a thing is right then it is right no matter what you or others think about it. When it comes to spiritual matters we had better seek out God's counsel.

Decisions, decisions...

—Paul

ELDER'S CORNER:

DISCOURAGEMENT

The tempest of discouragement has sunk many a ship which once sailed toward the heavenly shore. It is Satan's most effective weapon against those who are striving for the eternal prize. When he gets our heads down and our spirits low; he is near victory unless we rally and regain our faith that all things will work together for good if we are true children of God. "Behold the Lord thy God hath set the land before thee; fear not. Neither be discouraged." - Deut. 1:21

Discouragement kept most the Israelites who left the land of Egypt from entering the Promised Land. Moses was their leader and he exhorted them not to fear or be discouraged. God had promised to be with them and fight their battles. But it seems they were determined to be discouraged in spite of all the things which were going their way. They sent twelve spies to survey the land and ten of these advance men brought back discouraging reports. They described rich land which flowed with milk and honey, but they also told of giants and great walled cities. When the people heard the report of the ten faithless spies, they refused to cross the Jordan into the Promised Land and all who were twenty years old or older when they left the land of Egypt perished in the wilderness.

The examples in the Old Testament were written for our instruction. Let us not be like these faithless children of God who perished in the wilderness because of discouragement. The Lord has placed the sweet land of rest before us. Let us go up and possess it and never fear or be discouraged. We all have our failures and disappointments in life, but there is always hope unless we allow these setbacks to overcome and defeat us. A small boy at a lakeside resort launched a little boat of his own manufacture one rather windy afternoon. The breeze filled the sails immediately but instead of carrying the small craft on its course, capsized it immediately and sent it straight to the bottom. The young sailboat owner looked sober for a moment, then remarked, "That's a good wind for kites" and immediately went to get his kite!

If you have failed in something you have attempted, the very circumstances which caused you to lose may be an advantage when you try something else. Don't sit down and sulk because your boat went to the bottom. The very wind that capsized it may carry your kite higher than you ever dared to dream.

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READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2014

January 20 - Matt. 13:31-58 January 21 - Matt. 14:1-21

January 22 - Matt. 14:22-36

January 23 - Matt. 15:1-20



January 24 - Matt. 15:21-39

January 25 - Matt. 16

January 26 - Matt. 17

OUR SICK

Please Remember in your prayers

Bob Hoots remains in the Baptist Hospital in Room 1172. His pneumonia has responded well to the treatment but he is extremely weak. Please continue to remember him in your prayers.

Roger Allen's father, **James Allen**, has been transferred to Cumberland Hospital to finish his next six weeks of recovery in their skilled care unit. He is stable at this time and prayers are requested as he still has a long way to go in recovery.

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

Harold Hinson, Todd Hinson's father, had the stent removed this past Wednesday from his kidney surgery last week. He is doing very well in his recovery.

Andrew Holland, a teenager from Soddy church of Christ in Soddy, TN had a serious fall this past week fracturing his skull, brain bruise and neck injury. He was moved out of ICU on Wednesday bu has a long recovery ahead. (He has been on several of the Nicaragua Campaigns.)

Gladys Drake, Wanda Elam's mother has pneumonia.

Prayers are requested for the family of **David Huffman** who passed away on Tuesday. He lived on Styers Ferry Road.

Lutrelle Chipman has requested that cards be sent to her roommate **Mary Jo Hobson** in Room 508 at the Yadkin Nursing Care Center. Lutrelle says Ms. Hobson does not have any visitors. The address: 903 W. Main Street, Yadkinville, NC 27055.



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

~IN SYMPATHY~

Our sympathy goes out to the family of **Don Richards**, who passed away Wednesday at the nursing home. The funeral will be held in West Virginia. Don Richards was a member of Warners Chapel

Also, our sympathy goes out to the family of **Kathy Arrington**, who passed away this last week. Family night was held at Hayworth Miller in Lewisville on Thursday evening and burial was held at the Westlawn Cemetery in Clemmons this past Friday afternoon. Kathy and family were past members of Warners Chapel.

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 3.

WARNERS CHAPEL EVENTS:

Jan. 19 - Pew Packers at 5:30

<u>Jan. 21</u> - Sewing for Nicaragua in the Annex at 9:30 a.m.

<u>Jan. 23</u> - 50 and Older Class will meet at 10:30 in the Annex.

AREA EVENTS:

March 8 - Carolina Men's Fellowship at Gold Hill Road.

NCSBS

The next quarter of NCSBS begins January 27th. The Thursday evening class is from 6-9 p.m. and will be on the Life of Christ taught by Paul Kirkpatrick. There is a sign-up sheet on the board for all classes.

NEW ADDRESS

Gladys Harper's new address is: Brookstone Terrace P. O. Box 1682 Clemmons, NC 27012

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday Bible Study - January 12, 2014	140
Sunday Morning Worship Service:	182
Contribution for January 12, 2014	\$6,331
Daily Adult Bible Readers:	34
Chapters Read:	669
Daily Children Bible Readers:	
Chapters Read:	
Sunday Evening:	130
Wednesday Evening:	110

Lord's Day Appointments - January 26, 2014

DEVOTIONS: OPENING PRAYER: SONG LEADER SCRIPTURE READERS

Scripture - Randy Warner Morning - Carl Cooper A.M. - Wayne Allen A.M. - Derek Elam

Song Leader - Steve Tesh Evening - Randy Warner P.M. - Gene Southern P.M. - Jake Thomason

Prayer - Al Lawson Wed. - Song Req.

Wayne A. & Clayton W.

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

Morning - Sandy Warner Morning - Mary Anne Allen Andy & Mindy Santiago Zone 4

Evening - Marie Harper **Evening -** Betty Hoots

Opening and Closing Building

Sunday: - January 26 Wednesday: - January 29

Lord's Day Appointments - January 19, 2014

Devotions: Opening Prayer a.m. - Gene Southern Scripture Reader a.m. - Mark Minor

Scripture: Andrew Hinson p.m. - Tommy Ridings p.m. - Brad Hoots

Song: Tommy Rose Song Leaders: a.m. - Tim Allen Nursery #1: a.m. - Abby Little

Prayer: Andy Santiago p.m. - Steve Tesh p.m. - Robin Hauser

Wed. - Roger Allen Nursery #2: a.m. - Gina Strickland

p.m. - 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

WARNERS CHAPEL CHURCH OF CHRIST 8999 LASATER ROAD

ELDERS DEACONS

David MooreRandy WarnerMike CooperTim AllenKeith WarnerJody EverettJoe EverettAndy SantiagoGene SouthernTodd HinsonMark MinorShawn ThomasonSteve TeshJason Allen