



# Warners Chapel Church of Christ

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

**A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU**

**MAY 6, 2018**

## BAPTISM

Mark 16:16 records the following words of Jesus Christ: "He who believes and is baptized will be saved." This simple statement is not hard to understand. Baptism is just as necessary to salvation as belief. In order to receive salvation one must be a believer and he must be baptized. A baptized unbeliever is not saved. An unbaptized believer is not saved.

Some well-respected and intelligent theological scholars have suggested Mark 16:16 does not teach baptism is necessary to salvation because the second phrase in this verse does not include baptism. The second phrase simply says, 'he who does not believe will be condemned.' The answer is obvious to anyone not seeking a way around clear Biblical teaching. One will not be baptized if he does not believe, therefore it is unnecessary to put baptism in the second phrase. Also, to suggest the second phrase negates the first phrase is to suggest the Lord contradicted Himself in two consecutive statements. The fact remains, one must be baptized to be saved.

Understanding the clear teaching of this passage has caused some unbelievers to argue this verse doesn't really belong in the Bible anyway. It is true that two of the three oldest manuscripts do not contain this passage. However, one of those two left a blank where it was clearly left out, when such blanks are found no-where else in the manuscript. It is also important to point out the two manuscripts that don't contain Mark 16:16 contradict one another in more than three thousand places. Also, the third of the three old manuscripts contains Mark 16:16. In addition, the vast majority of ancient Greek manuscripts do in fact contain this verse. To argue this verse does not belong in the Bible is to argue for taking away from the Word of God. But even if one marks out, or tears out Mark 16:16 from his Bible there are still many other passages in the Bible which speak of the importance and necessity of baptism to salvation.

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Acts 2:38 records the following words of the inspired apostle Peter: “Repent, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins.” This simple statement is not hard to understand. Baptism is just as necessary to receiving remission of sins as is repentance. In order to receive remission of sins one must repent and be baptized. A baptized individual who refuses to repent is not saved. A person who has repented but has not yet been baptized is not saved.

Those who do not like the clear teaching in this verse suggest this verse really means one is baptized because he has received remission of sins. The Greek word “eis” is never used in the New Testament to mean “because of.” It always point forward. One must be baptized in order to receive remission of sins. Also, one may compare Acts 2:38 with Matthew 26:28 to see how this exact phrase is used in another passage. Jesus said, “For this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.” Jesus did not give His blood because people had already received remission of sins, but rather so that remission of sins would be possible. We are not baptized because we have already received remission of sins, but rather so that we may receive remission of sin.

Acts 22:16 records the following words of Ananias: “Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.” This simple statement is not hard to understand. Baptism is necessary to having one’s sins washed away. We know the blood of Christ washes our sins away (Colossians 1:14; Revelation 1:5). Because Paul was told to be baptized to have his sins washed away, it must be the case that the blood of Christ washes our sins away when we are baptized (Acts 2:16),

It is interesting to see that Ananias also equates being baptized with “calling on the name of the Lord.” Baptism is clearly a part of “calling on the name of the Lord:” for salvation. Romans 10:13 says, “For whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.” Peter made the same point in his sermon on the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2:21). When the people cried out “what shall we do?” Peter told them to repent and be baptized for the remission of sins. This reinforces the teaching brought out in Acts 22:16. Calling on the name of the Lord is necessary for salvation. One cannot call on the name of the Lord for salvation without a willingness to humbly submit to God’s command regarding baptism.

This by no means exhausts the Biblical teaching regarding baptism. Yet these verses alone make clear the fact that baptism is necessary for salvation.

~Kevin V. Rutherford



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

May 7 - Luke 24:1-35  
May 8 - Luke 24:36:53  
May 9 - John 1:1-28  
May 10 - John 1:29-51



May 11 - John 2  
May 12 - John 3:1-18  
May 13 - John 3:19-36



## OUR SICK Please Remember in Your Prayers

Please continue to pray for **Mary Ellen Dull**, **Nita Kirkland** and **Claude Pharr**.

Neal Harper's brother, **Carl Harper**, was hospitalized recently with pneumonia. He has been released and is at home.

Please pray for **Brittany Burton** - a parent of one of Nancy Minor's pre-schoolers. She had two stents put into her brain to relieve pain and pressure associated with TCH. This procedure was very successful! Thank you for your prayers.

From Lorie Rose - "Thank you for your prayers and cards for my friend, Bruce Ann. She saw two oncologists recently and the news she received was very discouraging. The cancer is in her lymph nodes, lungs and bone. Please continue to pray for her and thank you again for your prayers and cards."

### SHUT-INS

**Mildred Barker**  
**Ernestine Martin**

**Kim Matthews**  
**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*



## SOUTHWEST FOOD PANTRY

The suggested items for the month of MAY is:

Instant Potatoes/stuffing/macaroni and cheese

## 2018 Nicaragua Medical Mission June 15-23

Currently, we have ten members from Warners Chapel planning to participate in the campaign in Granada, Nicaragua. Each member has already contributed \$500 to commit to the trip. The ladies will also be sewing dresses for the team to distribute. Please continue to pray for this effort.

### GRADUATION

In order for Warners Chapel to honor all our graduates (High School, College, Home School, Tech Schools, etc.) a Graduation List has been posted on the bulletin board. Please add your name or the name of a family member who will be graduating this Spring so all may be recognized for their achievements.



**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:

May 6 - Bundling of House to House in Annex this evening after worship service.

May 8 - Sewing for Nicaragua at 9 a.m. in Annex.

May 10 - The 50 and Over Class will meet at 11 a.m. in the Annex.

May 11 - Youth Devo (Friday) at the home of Jason & Katerina Allen. More details to follow.

May 19-20 - Senior Rally. The Speaker will be Rod Rutherford. Please Note: Table centerpieces are needed for the Senior Rally on May 19th. This will be done like our recent Ladies Day tables. Only centerpieces will be needed. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer.

May 26 - There will be a reception celebrating the marriage of **Jake and Leannndra (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.) **In conjunction with the reception**, a shower will be held for Jake & Leannndra 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)

### AREA EVENTS:

**May 6-9 - Spring Gospel Meeting at the Corinth Church of Christ.** The speaker will be Wesley Simons.

**SEE BULLETIN BOARD FOR DETAILS**

### **FOR THE RECORD**

Sunday Bible Study - April 29, 2018	137
Sunday Worship Service	179
Contribution for April 29, 2018	
Daily Adult Bible Readers:	37
Chapters Read:	483
Sunday Evening Worship Service	496
Wed. Evening Bible Study - May 2, 2018	103

## Lord's Day Appointments For May, 2018

Serving the Lord's Table For May:

Mark Roy

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 13, 2018

DEVOTIONS:	OPENING PRAYER:	SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READERS
<b>Scripture</b> - John Allen	<b>Morning</b> - Sherrill Stewart	<b>A.M.</b> - Clayton Workman	<b>A.M.</b> - Shawn Thomason
<b>Song Leader</b> - Clayton Workman	<b>Evening</b> - Mike Landgren	<b>P.M.</b> - Nathan Roy	<b>P.M.</b> - Gene Ruark
<b>Prayer</b> - Tommy Ridings		<b>Wed.</b> - Charley Belch	

**Greeters for May:**

Mark and Nancy Minor

Opening and Closing Building

<b>Sunday:</b> - May 13	~	Justin Minor
<b>Wednesday:</b> - May 16	~	Justin Minor

## Lord's Day Appointments - May 6, 2018

DEVOTIONS:	OPENING PRAYER:	SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READERS
<b>Scripture</b> - Michael Cooper	<b>Morning</b> - Caleb Rutherford	<b>A.M.</b> - Charley Belch	<b>A.M.</b> - Gene Southern
<b>Song Leader</b> - Roger Allen	<b>Evening</b> - Bill Carothers	<b>P.M.</b> - Nathan Roy	<b>P.M.</b> - Daryl Cook
<b>Prayer</b> - Tim Allen		<b>Wed.</b> - Allen Cooper	

Opening and Closing Building

<b>Sunday:</b> - May 6	~	Rick Clemmons
<b>Wednesday:</b> - May 2	~	Rick Clemmons

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### 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  
Joe Everett  
Todd Hinson  
Steve Tesh

Randy Warner  
Keith Warner  
Andy Santiago  
Mark Minor  
Jason Allen  
Mike Cooper

Jody Everett  
Gene Southern  
Shawn Thomason  
Mark Roy  
Adam Warner  
Jacob Woodbury