

# Warners Chapel Church of Christ

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***“The churches of Christ salute you” Rom. 16:16***

**A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU**

**APRIL 24, 2022**

## ***What We Can Learn From the Preacher***

Solomon began his writing of the book of *Ecclesiastes* by saying the contents of the book are “the words of the preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem (Ecclesiastes 1.1).” The title of the book comes from this opening statement. The word, “ecclesiastes” refers to “the one who addresses the assembly.” Thus, the preacher. The preacher (King Solomon) is very depressed as he describes view of life throughout the book called, “The Preacher.” However, he ends the book on a positive note with an excellent conclusion telling us what life is all about. Let’s skim through the book of Ecclesiastes and see what we can learn from the preacher.

One thing we can learn from the preacher is that seeking meaning and purpose in life apart from God is vain and discouraging (Ecclesiastes 1& 2). Solomon wanted to figure it all out by virtue of his wisdom and apart from God (Ecclesiastes 1:12-18). Solomon experimented with laughter and pleasure as his purpose in life for a time, but only to find “this is also vanity,” and to ask in despair, “what does it accomplish?” Next, Solomon tries to figure out how he can “gratify his flesh with wine, while guiding [his] heart with wisdom.” That didn’t work too well so he turned to landscaping and building, then collecting possessions, then taking whatever he wanted, then devoting himself to labor, and then concluding, “all was vanity and grasping for the wind. There was no profit under the sun.”

The preacher just became more depressed. After looking for lasting transcendent contentment and purpose in all the wrong goals and activities Solomon said, “I hated life because the work that was done under the sun was distressing to me, for all is vanity and grasping for the wind (Ecclesiastes 2:17).” Solomon despaired of all the labor that is done under the sun and said, “For what has a man for all his labor, and for the striving of his heart with which he has toiled under the sun? For all his days are sorrowful, and his work

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burdensome; even in the night his heart takes no rest. This also is vanity (Ecclesiastes 2:22-23) So, what can we learn from the preacher up to this point? Well, at least this: We need something more than our labor to bring lasting peace and fulfillment to our lives.

King Solomon the preacher also devoted time to a study of suffering (Ecclesiastes 4). He saw power on the side of those who became oppressors and tears on the part of those who were oppressed and considered it better to not even be born than to suffer oppression (Ecclesiastes 4:1-3). Solomon spoke of the envy a neighbor has for a one who displayed skill in his work. He spoke of one being lonely with no companion because he works too hard for wealth. This Solomon calls “vanity and grave misfortune,” as he begins to describe the importance of companionship. In chapter five Solomon spoke of the oppression of the poor and the violent oppression of the righteous, then describes the foolish covetousness that motivates all of that oppression and says, “this is also vanity.” What can we learn from the preacher’s descriptions of suffering? There must be something more to life than this.

The preacher then drew some contrasts between the wealthy man who lives in luxurious abundance and the laboring man. The preacher said, “the sleep of a laboring man is sweet, whether he eats little or much; but the abundance of the rich will not permit him to sleep (Ecclesiastes 5:12).” After that Solomon went to talk about how riches can hurt their owner and his children. He discussed the reality that the wealthy cannot take any of their wealth with them when they die.

There is a lot packed into the book of *Ecclesiastes* including so many lessons that can be learned from the preacher. Solomon the preacher became weary with all of his writing and abruptly jumped to the conclusion. The preacher writing this article is running out of space and must abruptly jump to the conclusion which is actually the conclusion Solomon drew. That is “Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is man’s all. For God will bring every work into judgment, including every secret thing, whether good or evil (Ecclesiastes 12:13-14).” What can we learn from the preacher? That everything else is kept in perspective when we put God first, and putting God first is the only way to finding true lasting contentment, meaning, and purpose in life.

~Kevin Rutherford

## **READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2022**

April 25 - Luke 18:24-43  
April 26 - Luke 19:1-27  
April 27 - Luke 19:28-48  
April 28 - Luke 20:1-26



April 29 - Luke 20:27-47  
April 30 - Luke 21:1-19  
May 1 - Luke 21:20-38

## OUR SICK

Please Remember in Your Prayers

Gary Harper, Ellen Meachum, Meredith, (Brenda, Ginger, Carolyn, and Walter Goff), Dr. Charles Gainor & Son, Izac, Sandy Smith, D.J. Harrison, Nikki Santiago, Jack Piper, Sandy Smith, Ronnie Knost, Elwood Flinchum, Kathy and Wayne Hutchins.



**Brad Hoots' Update:** Brad had a setback on his recovery on Friday but is back on track and was released from the hospital last Monday. He is moving slow but is grateful to be home. Thank you everyone for all the acts of kindness shown to us both during this time. — Betty.

**Aldine Clark** is back at church. Please continue to keep him and his family in your prayers on the passing of his first cousin, **Valeria Cloud Johnson**.

**Bonnie Landreth** is doing better and is taking Physical Therapy. She has begun to drive her car some and has gone to see her daughter, **Tammy Rogers**, a few times at the hospital. Please keep her in your prayers.

**Tammy Rogers** has been in the hospital for two weeks. They may possibly release her this weekend, either Friday or Saturday to **Accordius Nursing Home** in Clemmons, located at 3905 Clemmons Rd., Clemmons, NC 27012. She will remain in the Home for one month to take Physical Therapy.

**Lou Ann Harper** was moved to Trinity Rehab in Clemmons recently. No visitors at this time. Please continue to pray for her. Neal has been able to return to church last Sunday.

**Ronnie Knost** fell last Tuesday and fortunately did not break any bones but needs to wear a full leg brace - hip to ankle. Please keep her in your prayers.

**Doris Cooper** has chronic back pain. She went to the doctor and had two shots in the back and then had severe headache from the shots. Please pray for her.

**Update on Ellen Meachum:** She is making progress and is able to move and talk some now. Her family has appreciated the prayers and are impressed by all the cards from Warners Chapel.

It was announced recently that **David Pharr**, a well-known preacher, has been in the hospital here in Winston-Salem for heart surgery. He has been released from the hospital and is at home recovering. Please keep him in your prayers.

**Joey Childress**, a friend of John and Mary Anne Allen, recently underwent quadruple bi-pass surgery at the Novant Hospital. Please keep him in your prayers.

# 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.**

### WARNERS CHAPEL EVENTS:

**April 29th - Ladies' Lunch** at the Jack Warren Shelter at 1:30 p.m. Bring your own lunch and it was mentioned that someone may wish to bring dessert. If you have any questions, Please see or call **Lois Allen** or **Mindy Santiago**.

**May 14-15 - Senior Rally. The speaker: brother Wesley Simons - The theme: "What we have Learned By Growing Older"**

#### Saturday:

**Lesson 1 - We Have Learned to Respect Authority**

**Lesson 2 - We Have Learned that it Pays to Serve God.**

**Lesson 3 - We Have Learned what our Two Major Problems are.**

#### Sunday:

**Sunday Morning Bible Class: We Have Learned Something About Child Rearing.**

**Sunday Morning Worship: We Have Learned How to Grow Spiritually.**

### VBS & TEACHERS

*Anyone interested in helping with VBS this year, please plan to stay for a meeting following the Sunday morning worship service.*

*Also, if you would be interested in helping to teach the 1-5 year old class on Sunday morning starting in July, please get with Ellen Wingo or Emily Workman.*

*The same class needs a teacher Wednesday night. See Lois Allen about that one.*

*If we have sufficient teachers and students, we could possibly split this class into a 2-3 year olds class and pre-k to kindergarten class like we have had in the past.*

# SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY SERVICE ASSIGNMENTS

April, 2022

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY: MARK ROY

COMMUNION FOR APRIL: DAVID SHOAF

## DEVOTIONS:

### SCRIPTURE

April 3 - Wayne Allen  
April 10 - Mark Minor  
April 17 - Andy Santiago  
April 24 - Rodney Brown

### SONG LEADER

Clayton Workman  
Charley Belch  
Steve Tesh  
Wayne Allen

### PRAYER

Todd Hinson  
Mark Roy  
Kevin Rutherford  
David Shoaf

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## OPENING PRAYERS FOR APRIL:

### SUNDAY A.M.

April 3 - Charley Belch  
April 10 - Bob Tesh  
April 17 - Rodney Brown  
April 24 - Steve Tesh

### SUNDAY P.M.

April 3 - Brad Hoots  
April 10 - Mark Minor  
April 17 - Adam Warner  
April 24 - Carl Cooper

### WEDNESDAY

April 6 - D.C. Mock  
April 13 - Mike Lundgren  
April 20 - Randy Warner  
April 27 - David Moore

SECURITY AND GREETING: RICHARD HAMMAN & SHAWN THOMASON

PLEASE OPEN BUILDING BY 10:30 A.M., 5:40 P.M., AND WEDNESDAY BY 6:40 P.M.

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## SONG LEADERS FOR APRIL:

### SUNDAY A.M.

April 3 - Justin Little  
April 10 - Roger Allen  
April 17 - Wayne Allen  
April 24 - Clayton Workman

### SUNDAY P.M.

April 3 - Roger Allen  
April 10 - Wayne Allen  
April 17 - Clayton Workman  
April 24 - Charley Belch

### WEDNESDAY

April 6 - David Shoaf  
April 13 - Gene Southern  
April 20 - Justin Little  
April 27 - Roger Allen

**PLEASE, IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO BE HERE, ARRANGE COVERAGE!**

IF YOU SHOULD BE UNABLE TO SERVE ON ASSIGNED DATES, PLEASE GET SOMEONE TO TAKE YOUR PLACE

“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*

Tim Allen  
Todd Hinson  
Steve Tesh  
Andy Santiago

### *DEACONS*

Randy Warner  
Keith Warner  
Mark Minor  
Jody Everett  
Gene Southern  
Shawn Thomason  
Mark Roy  
Adam Warner