

# Warners Chapel Church of Christ

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

**A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU**

**SEPTEMBER 16, 2018**

## **A Great White Throne**

In one of John's visions recorded for us in the book of Revelation he sees a symbolic representation of God sitting upon a great white throne to judge the earth (Revelation 20:11-15). There are some very interesting facts brought out in this passage regarding the coming day of judgment.

First, books are opened, and judgment is made according to those books. Jesus Christ said His word would judge in the last day (John 12:48). Therefore, the books John sees in this vision must be those which contain the words of Jesus. Jesus Christ is the source of the entire New Testament (Hebrews 1:1-2). When judgment comes, we will be judged by God's New Testament.

Another of the books mentioned in this context is the book of life. This book represents the fact that God knows who is saved. People who were once in this book can be blotted out (Revelation 22:19). Those whose names are not found in the book of life will be cast into the lake of fire on the day of judgment (Revelation 20:15). The lake of fire being a representation of eternal punishment (Matthew 25:41, 46; Mark 9:43-48).

One of the other interesting and important facts shown in John's vision of the judgment is the reality of a judgment according to works (Revelation 20:13). We fully understand that salvation is by the grace of God, yet accepting that reality in no way conflicts with the Biblical teaching regarding the importance of good works (Ephesians 2:10). In fact, good works, though not earning us our salvation, are necessary to salvation (Acts 2:37; James 2:14-26; Hebrews 5:8-9; Matthew 7:21-22). What one does, and more specifically whether or not he obeys God will in fact affect the outcome for them on the day of judgment.

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The text also brings out the fact that all the dead shall be judged. Hades will empty its contents, after which death and Hades will be destroyed. It doesn't matter how one's body is killed, or buried, or disposed of. All will be raised and all will stand before the Lord on the day of judgment. All bodies go to the dust. All bodies dissolve back into the earth in time. This will be no means stop God from resurrecting such individuals, and having them stand before Him on the day of judgment.

This powerful picture of the dead being judged according to their works tells us that the small and great will stand before the Lord. Those whom the world considers unimportant will be judged. Those who live humble, quiet lives, and who never knew fame, earthly glory, or power will be judged. But so too will those who are great. That is those who are famous historically. Those who held great earthly power. Those who had tremendous earthly wealth. These individuals will be judged right along-side the small.

This symbolic vision of the day of judgment begins with a discussion of God sitting on the great white throne preparing for judgment. The first thing to happen is the earth and heaven fled away. This points to the same picture given to us by Peter of the last day (2 Peter 3). On the day of judgment God will take His throne. He will send His Son to take vengeance on the earth and the dead will be raised. The heavens and the earth will be destroyed, passing away with great noise, and melting with fervent heat. This material universe was created by God and will be destroyed by God. This universe cannot stand before the face of the Almighty God who comes in judgment.

The book of Revelation shows us that God comes in judgment upon nations that persecute Christians, and that He will also come in final judgment upon all of the earth. We do not know when this will happen (Matthew 24:36; 2 Peter 3:10). But we do know that it will happen (1 Thessalonians 5:1-8). Be ready.

~Kevin V. Rutherford

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## HOW CAN I MAKE MY FAITH STRONGER?

**“So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.” Romans 10:17**

If I am not present when the word is being preached, will my faith grow? If I only attend Sunday morning worship services and don't take advantage of the Sunday and Wednesday Bible classes that are offered and the Sunday evening services, am I afraid that I will “over indulge spiritually?” If we really want to grow spiritually, we will make the extra effort needed to take advantage of all the opportunities that come our way to learn more about God's Word, including personal Bible study.

## READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2018

Sept. 17 - 2 Cor. 10  
Sept. 18 - 2 Cor. 11:1-15  
Sept. 19 - 2 Cor. 11:16-33  
Sept. 20 - 2 Cor. 12



Sept. 21 - 2 Cor. 13  
Sept. 22 - Gal. 1  
Sept. 23 - Gal. 2



## OUR SICK Please Remember in Your Prayers

**Nita Kirkland** is recovering from her surgery. She is still in Cardiac Intensive Care. Please continue to pray for her, she is in a great deal of pain.

**Madelene Holbrook** is at home and doing better.

"I would like to thank everyone for their cards and prayers in my behalf while I was sick." —Atha Clark

Please keep **Roger Allen** in your prayers. His condition remains about the same at this time.

**Lydia Wright** fell and broke her right arm recently. Please keep her in your prayers.

**Lauren Rutherford** has a fractured rib and is in a lot of pain. Please keep her in your prayers.

**Sherrill Stewart** had a cortisone shot put in his foot this past Wednesday to ease his pain and must stay off of it for two days.

**Sandy Smith** is in the hospital and requests prayers for her situation.

**Ashley Everett's father** was scheduled to have surgery this past Thursday. Please keep him in your prayers.

**Justin Minor's** National Guard Unit has been activated for duty to help with hurricane relief and preparation. He does not know when or where he will be sent. Please pray for his safety as you pray for all others in the hurricane's path.

Please pray for **Lily**, a six yr. old who is a friend of the Southern's and Byrd's. Her parents are facing tough decisions to control her seizures.

Please remember **Parker Bailey** in your prayers. He is a 12 yr. old who was just diagnosed with leukemia.

One of my former students has been diagnosed with Acute T-cell Leukemia. It's treatable but will be a long road with chemotherapy. - Katarina Allen

**Abbie Bowman**, a friend of Ashlyn Strickland, is having some health issues right now and would appreciate your prayers.

### ~~IN SYMPATHY~~

*Our sympathy goes out to the Knost family in the death of his brother, **Earl Knost**. The funeral was held this past Wednesday in Florida at the South Bumby church of Christ.*

### BAPTISM

**Zack Picciuto** was baptized last Lord's Day evening. We are very happy to welcome Zack into the family of Christ that worships here at Warners Chapel. More information will be provided in next week's bulletin.

**THE PRAYER LIST IS AVAILABLE ON  
THE CREDENZA 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.**

**YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO A COVERED DISH CONGREGATIONAL FELLOWSHIP MEAL TODAY IN THE ANNEX NEXT DOOR FOLLOWING THE MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE. YOU WILL BE OUR HONORED GUEST!**

### WARNERS CHAPEL EVENTS:

**Sept. 16** - Congregational Fellowship Meal following this morning's worship service. Everyone is invited.

**Sept. 18** - A New Tuesday Evening Class will begin on Sept. 18th from 7-8 p.m. and will be an Old Testament Overview. Kevin will be teaching the class.

### Area Events:

**Sept. 29** - Annual Youth Day at the Highland Acres church of Christ. RSVP - Sept. 15th.

*See Bulletin board for further information*



### SOUTHWEST FOOD PANTRY

The suggested items for the month of September: "Cereal"

### SHUT-INS

**Mildred Barker  
Ernestine Martin  
Carolyn Minor**

**Kim Matthews  
Di-Ann Moser**

Please keep the shut-ins in your prayers.

*Please Note: The Peru Newsletter is available on the credenza in the foyer.*

### FOR THE RECORD

Sunday Bible Study - September 9, 2018	122
Sunday Worship Service	150
Contribution for September 9, 2018	\$5,903
Daily Adult Bible Readers:	34
Chapters Read:	521
Sunday Evening Worship Service	115
Wed. Evening Bible Study - Sept. 12, 2018	101

## Lord's Day Appointments For September, 2018

Serving the Lord's Table For September:

Al Lawson

Jim Harrison      Tim Harper

Mike Cooper

Mindy Santiago

Joe Everett

Caleb Rutherford

Preparing Communion for September:

Making Announcements on Sunday:

Making Announcements on Wednesday:

## Lord's Day Appointments - September 23, 2018

DEVOTIONS:	OPENING PRAYER:	SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READERS
<b>Scripture</b> - Walter Cruz	<b>Morning</b> - Brad Hoots	<b>A.M.</b> - Tim Allen	<b>A.M.</b> - Sherrill Stewart
<b>Song Leader</b> - Jason Allen	<b>Evening</b> - Tommy Ridings	<b>P.M.</b> - Youth Lead Service	<b>P.M.</b> - Jacob Woodbury
<b>Prayer</b> - Shawn Thomason		<b>Wed.</b> - Song Req. Service Roger A. & Don M.	

**Greeters for September:**

**Andy & Mindy Santiago**

**Opening and Closing Building**

**Sunday:** - September 23 ~ Mark Minor

**Wednesday:** - September 26 ~ Mark Minor

## Lord's Day Appointments - September 16, 2018

DEVOTIONS:	OPENING PRAYER:	SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READERS
<b>Scripture</b> - John Allen	<b>Morning</b> - Roger Allen	<b>A.M.</b> - Gene Southern	<b>A.M.</b> - Gene Ruark
<b>Song Leader</b> - Gene Southern	<b>Evening</b> - Wayne Allen	<b>P.M.</b> - Wayne Allen	<b>P.M.</b> - Michael Cooper
<b>Prayer</b> - Neal Harper		<b>Wed.</b> - Don Minor	

**Opening and Closing Building**

**Sunday:** - Sept. 16 ~ Gene Southern

**Wednesday:** - Sept. 19 ~ Gene Southern

**Greeters for September:**

**Andy & Mindy Santiago**

## 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  
Andy Santiago

Randy Warner  
Keith Warner  
Mark Minor  
Jason Allen  
Jody Everett

Gene Southern  
Shawn Thomason  
Mark Roy  
Adam Warner  
Jacob Woodbury