

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

## Warners Chapel Church of Christ

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A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

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## **HOPE**

## By Kevin Rutherford

Satan is the enemy of hope. He has done all within his power to remove hope from the lives of every human being that has ever lived. He began in the Garden of Eden (Genesis 3). There he removed all hope of man living in that beautiful garden forever. With the entrance of sin and death into the world Satan brought despair, pain, and sorrow. Sin has wreaked havoc upon the hearts, minds, bodies, souls, and strength of people over the centuries. It leaves a path of desolation and destruction. It leaves in its wake the pain of death and the sorrow of regret (Galatians 6:7, 8; Romans 6:23).

The eternal consequences of sin are worse than the earthly. The lake of fire is the final resting place of those who gives their lives over to sin (Revelation 21:8). It is the eternal abode of those who refuse to obey the Will of God (Matthew 25:46). It is described as a place of other darkness where there is weeping and gnashing of teeth (Matthew 25:30). That is the result of sin. That is where sin will send Satan and all who refuse to repent of following him (Matthew 25:41; Acts 17:30).

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Sorrow and suffering have been brought into this world by sin. But in this world there is hope. There is hope that we shall one day escape this place of pain (Romans 8:18-26). While here we must grow in pain. While here we must suffer. But do not despair. "For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us (Romans 8:18)." Do not give up for we are "saved in this hope" (Romans 8:24). Do not live without hope for ". . .we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose" (Romans 8:28). We have hope of a home in heaven where there is no pain, sorrow, suffering or death (Revelation 21:8). That hope is in Christ (Ephesians 1:3). Meanwhile, we must endure this painful life. But we can endure because Christ will give us the power to do so (Philippians 4:6-13).

Job said, "Man who is born of woman is of few days and full of trouble. He comes forth like a flower and fades away; He flees like a shadow and does not continue" (Job 14:1, 2). Life brings moments of joy and pleasure. But life also brings much pain and sorrow. Nonetheless we must maintain an eternal perspective in all of this suffering. Let us realize that life is truly short (James 4:14). Let us understand that as faithful Christians we can look forward to a time of rest, and reward (Matthew 5:12; Philippians 1:19-26). John said, "Then I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, 'Write: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on. Yes, says the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them" (Revelation 14:13).

Don't live in despair. Live with hope. Turn your life over to the Lord in humble obedience and you can have peace in pain and hope in agony (Matthew 11:28-30; Philippians 4:6, 7.



## **READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2017**

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

May 14 - John 4:1-30



# OUR SICK Please Remember in Your Prayers

Please continue to keep Frank & Jane Shepard, Elwood Flinchum, Don Jackson, Bob Plunk, & Wayne & Cathy Hutchins in your prayers.

**Bob Plunk** was released from the hospital this past Tuesday and is doing much better. Thank you for your prayers and please continue to pray for Bob and Carolyn.

It was reported last Lord's Day that **Marie Harper** was at home ill. She is feeling better at this time.

**Sandra Smith** has requested prayers in her behalf. She is going through some difficult times right now.

Prayers have been requested for **Jeanie Barnhart** who is being hospitalized for a serious case of Rocky Mt. Spotted Fever that may take her life. Please pray for her recovery. She lives in Davie Country.

#### **BAPTISMS**:

We commend Liam Allen (son of Jason and Katerina Allen) who was baptized Sunday evening, April 30th. We welcome Liam into the family of Christ that worships here at Warners Chapel.

#### And...

We commend Kylie Nail (daughter of Gray and Lisa Nail) who was baptized Monday evening, May 1st. We also welcome Kylie into the family of Christ that worships here at Warners Chapel.

#### **PLACED MEMBERSHIP:**

We welcome **Sandy Smith** who recently placed her membership here at Warners Chapel. Sandy's address is: 121 Cedar Lakes Trail, Winston-Salem, NC 27105. Telephone: 336-940-8301. Please add her to your directory.

#### ~IN SYMPATHY~

Our sympathy goes out to Andy Santiago and the family of his Aunt, **Dorothy Felts**, who passed away on May 1st. Her funeral was held this past Saturday in Elkin.

#### **SHUT-INS**

Mildred Barker Dot Pegram
Lutrelle Chipman Eva Nelle Sidden
Di-Ann Moser

Please keep the shut-ins in your prayers and check the sign-up sheet to take communion to Dot Pegram if you are able. (sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board)



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 7 - Youth Sunday Evening Devo at 4:30 p.m. Finger Foods.

May 9 - Sewing for Nicaragua from 9-12 a.m. in Annex.

May 11 - The 50 and Over Class will meet at 10:30 a.m. in the Annex.

May 20-21 - Senior Rally beginning at 8-9 am (Continental Breakfast) continuing through 11:50 am with lunch from 12-1 pm. Speaker: Kevin Rutherford. The topic is "Choices".

June 18-21 - VBS - Theme: God's Team - Stories of

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#### **LOCAL EVENTS:**

May 12-13 - Seminar on Personal Evangelism at the North Main St. church of Christ in Mocksville.

May 20 - Ladies Day Springfest at the Northwest church of Christ in Greensboro. 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

May 21-25 - Spring Gospel Meeting at the West Jefferson church of Christ with guest speaker John Daniels.

See bulletin board for details

#### SOUTHWEST FOOD PANTRY

The suggested items for May - instant potatoes/ stuffing/macaroni and cheese.

#### **Graduates:**

Please let the elders or Faye know if you are graduating this Spring in order to not overlook anyone in the graduation celebration on May 21st.

#### FOR THE RECORD

Sunday Bible Study - April 30, 2017	120
Sunday Worship Service	171
Contribution for April 30, 2017	\$7,378
Daily Adult Bible Readers:	38
Chapters Read:	513
Sunday Evening Worship Service	118
Wednesday Evening Bible Study 5-3-17	112

## Lord's Day Appointments For May, 2017

Serving the Lord's Table For May:

**Tommy Rose** 

Mark Clemmons R. J. Landry
Dwight Barringer Richard Hamann

Grace Allen
Jim Harrison
Mark Minor

Preparing Communion for May: Making Announcements on Sunday: Making Announcements on Wednesday:

## Lord's Day Appointments - May 14, 2017

DEVOTIONS: OPENING PRAYER: SONG LEADER SCRIPTURE READERS

Scripture - John Allen Morning - Jacob Woodbury A.M. - Clayton Workman
Song Leader - Clayton Workman
Evening - Mike Cooper P.M. - Gene Southern

A.M. - Clayton Workman
P.M. - Dwight Barringer

Prayer - Tommy Ridings Wed. - Nathan Roy

#### **Greeters for May:**

Randy and Linda Warner

Opening and Closing Building

## Lord's Day Appointments - May 7, 2017

DEVOTIONS: OPENING PRAYER: SONG LEADER SCRIPTURE READERS

Scripture- Michael CooperMorning- Al LawsonA.M. - Tim AllenA.M. - Roger AllenSong Leader- Roger AllenEvening- Adam WamerP.M. - Roger AllenP.M. - John Allen

Prayer - Tim Allen Wed. - Clayton Workman

Opening and Closing Building <u>Greeters for May:</u>

Sunday: - May 7 ~ Rick Clemmons Randy and Linda Warner

Wednesday: - May 3 ~ Rick Clemmons

#### 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

David Moore
Tim Allen
Joe Everett
Todd Hinson
Steve Tesh
Mark Minor
Mike Cooper
Mike Cooper

Randy Warner
Gene Southern
Shawn Thomason
Mark Roy
Adam Warner
Jacob Woodbury