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A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

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HAVE MIRACLES CEASED? [Part 1]

A beginning point in understanding the subject at hand is to define "miracles." There is a natural realm and a spiritual realm. From studying the miracles of the Bible the intervention of the hand of God into his natural creation takes place in such a way that the result is unmistakably the product of Divine power. During the personal ministry of Christ he said, *"Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe"* (Jn. 4:48). Miracles were Divine testimony to his Sonship. Jesus told the Jews, *"If I do not the works of my Father, believe me not. But if I do, though ye believe not me, believe the works: that ye may know, and believe, that the Father is in me, and I in him"* (Jn. 10:37-38). The miracles Jesus did verified his claim to be the Son of God. Mark 16:20 demonstrated the purpose of miracles in the ministry of the apostles. Mark wrote, *"And they [the apostles, cf. Acts 1:9-13] went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen."*

First Corinthians chapter thirteen, verses eight through ten, proves that miracles were not to be a permanent feature of Christianity. The apostle Paul wrote, *". . . But whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away. For we know in part, and we prophesy in part, but when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away."*

Paul is the one who penned the words that inform us that miracles would "fail, cease, and vanish away." Miracles ended with the death of the apostles, i.e., the conveyance of miraculous gifts, who were the only ones who could impart those gifts by the laying on of their hands.

—Paul

ELDERS CORNER:

OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE

Zone Meals after Sunday Morning Services.

For many years our ladies and some of our men have prepared food for a fellowship meal after services on Sunday morning. Each member of the congregation is assigned to one of four groups [an updated list of the four zones will be in the 2009 Work Plan booklet]. Although each zone is responsible for the meal once a month, you are encouraged to attend any time you wish. Everyone who has participated in the past is to be commended for the good work you have done.

The tendency is for attendance at activities such as this to decrease over time. However we are admonished in God's word to continue our participation in good works: "let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart" [Gal. 6:9 NKJV].

The zone meals provide an opportunity for visitors to become better acquainted with us and vice versa. Also, the meals are a time of fellowship with like minded Christians. In other words, the zone meals are a way for us to reach out to others while fellowshiping with brothers and sisters in Christ.

As the old year comes to a close, the elders want to thank those who have so faithfully participated in the zone meal program [including the showers and other functions]. Although there are legitimate reasons (diet, work, other commitments, etc.) why some do not participate in the zone meals, the elders would like to encourage everyone who is able to join us in this good work during 2009.

Read the New Testament in the Year 2008

Dec. 22 - Rev. 13

Dec. 23 - Rev. 14

Dec. 24 - Rev. 15

Dec. 25 - Rev. 16



Dec. 26 - Rev. 17

Dec. 27 - Rev. 18

Dec. 28 - Rev. 19



OUR SICK:

Continue to pray for **Rick Clemmons**. He will soon undergo surgery on his elbow to alleviate the pain in his back. The brain surgery will come at a later date.

Clarence Sheets will undergo eye surgery on December 22nd.

Lorene Brown has recently undergone further surgery on her arm to remove a rod. It is necessary to continue bringing her food for a few more weeks. Please check the board for a new schedule. All are to be commended for the meals furnished over the past several weeks.

Also, prayers have been requested for Frank and Jane Shepard's friend, Jack Clifton and his wife. Mr. Clifton has been diagnosed with possible blood cancer. They attend the church of Christ in Walterboro, SC.



Paul Briden, Jessica Fulcher's husband (friend of Lisa and Laura), **Larry Russell** (friend of Frank & Jane Shepard), **Rick Clemmons**, **Lorene & Albert Crader** (The Mock's neighbors), **Barbara Adams** (Carole Porter's sister), **Randy Turner** (neighbor of the Moore family), **Lorene Brown**, **Jim and Gladys Harper**, **Keith Brenigar** (Sherrill Stewart's neighbor), **Frank Barbe** (Rodney Brown's cousin), **Linda James** (Jessica Frazier's mother), **Guy Clemmons** (Rick's father), **Dana Wadford**, **Jane & Buddy Lawrence** (friends of Kathleen and Adam Warner), **Tim Stanley** (friend of the Cooper family), **Kari Woodbury's** uncle, **Bahnson & Nellie Kathryn Dorse**, **Don Jackson**, **Mary Rackley**, **Elwood Flinchum**, **Kelly Haynes** (Karen Clemmons' cousin), **Michael Koerth** (Rick Clemmons' uncle), **Lois Watkins**, **Ronnie Seats** (Kenny Brown's stepfather) **Ray Wood**, **Nita Kirkland** (Ellen Wingo's mother), **Jim Warner**, **Elmer Laudenslager**, **Dot Reeves**, **Johnsie Moser**, **Nora Holder**, **Hilda Hauser**, **Earl Knost**.

Also:
** the leaders of our country and all those who serve.*

GIFTS FOR BABY BRADLEY BYRD



A basket has been placed in the foyer for any gifts you may wish to give to the newest baby in our congregation, **Bradley Warren Byrd**, born Dec. 10th. The basket will remain in the foyer for approximately the next two weeks.

WELCOMB

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 REMAIN FOR A "COVERED DISH" FELLOWSHIP MEAL SPONSORED THIS MORNING BY ZONE 3.

WARNERS CHAPEL EVENTS:

Dec. 23 - Wednesday evening Bible study moved to Tuesday evening.

Dec. 23 - Youth Group Holiday Party following evening service until 10 p.m. Bring \$10 gift and food.

Dec. 27 - (Sat. from 5-7 p.m.) Holiday drop-in at the Kirkpatrick's. Finger foods and snacks will be served. The address is: 3031 Canterbury Pk. Dr. Winston-Salem, NC 27127.

Dec. 31 - New Year Fellowship in Annex following Wednesday evening Bible Study.



CONGRATULATIONS!!

David Warner graduated on Dec. 18th with a Bachelor's Degree in Health and Human Services from UNC-G.

NOTE: A box of dishes, containers etc. which have been left for some time in the Annex has been placed in a box in the foyer. Please check to see if any belong to you as they will be discarded soon.

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday - Dec.14, 2008

Sunday Bible Study	178
Sunday Morning Worship	218
Contribution for Dec.14, 2008	\$5,505
Daily Adult Bible Readers:	27
Chapters Read:	661
Daily Children Bible Readers:	1
Chapters Read:	21
Sunday Evening	154
Wed. Evening Bible Study 12-17-08	136

LORD'S DAY ASSIGNMENTS - DECEMBER 28, 2008

DEVOTIONS:		OPENING PRAYER:		SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READER
Scripture	Ken Cooper	Morning	Clayton Workman	A.M. - Steve Tesh	A.M. - Sherrill Stewart
Song Leader	Don Minor	Evening	Cannon Harper	P.M. - Tim Allen	P.M. - Gene Ruark
Prayer	Carl Cooper			Wed. - Kenny Brown	

NURSERY (0-2 1/2):		NURSERY (2 1/2-4):		TAPE MONITOR:	FELLOWSHIP MEALS:
Morning	Gaye Ruark	Morning	Robin Hauser	Justin Minor	Zone 4
Evening	Betty Hoots	Evening	Jessica Lay		

Opening and Closing Building

Sunday	Dec. 24	Mark Minor
Wednesday	Dec. 31	Mark Minor



BIRTHDAYS - December 29-Jan. 4, 2008

Jason Cravy - Jan. 2

Rodney Brown - Jan. 3

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY:

Bible Classes	10:00 AM
Morning Worship	10:50 AM
Evening Worship	6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY: Mid-Week Service 7:00 PM

- *Nursery open for small children during all services.*

SEARCH PROGRAM - Sunday Mornings at 7:30 a.m. on Cable 68

Warners Chapel Website: <http://www.warnerschapelchurchofchrist.org>.

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ELDERS

Steve Martin
David Moore
Tim Allen
Joe Everett

DEACONS

Steve Tesh
Randy Warner
Tommy Rose
Keith Warner

Andy Santiago
Mark Minor
Todd Hinson