



# Warners Chapel Church of Christ

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

**A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU**

**APRIL 1, 2018**

## **EATING AND DRINKING IN THE CHURCH BUILDING**

The early Christians ate meals together on a frequent basis (Acts 2:46; Jude 12). Eating meals together was both a symbol and an act of Christian fellowship. The evidence of this lies in the fact that Christians were not to eat with those from whom they had withdrawn their fellowship (1 Cor. 5:11). Clearly, we have scriptural authority for Christians eating common meals together. Historians show us that those meals often took place immediately before or after worship (F.W. Mattox, *The Eternal Kingdom*, p. 52).

Because we have established the scriptural authority for the meal, we can conclude that we also have scriptural authority to have a location for that meal to take place. We have the command to assemble in Hebrews 10:25. The command to assemble necessitates a place to assemble and thus we have authority for church buildings. The authority for eating gives us the authority to have a place to eat.

Some years ago, I spoke to a brother in Christ who preached for a church that would not have common meals (potluck meals/fellowship meals/love feasts) in the church building. This brother specifically stated that doing so was in violation of 1 Corinthians 11:22, and was a sin that would cause a Christian to end up in hell. I asked him if they had a water fountain in the church building. When he said, "yes," I reminded him of the fact that 1 Corinthians 11:22 says, "What, Do you not have houses to eat **and drink** in?" When I asked him how he could consistently teach people are going to hell for eating in the church building, but not for drinking in the church building, he told me the water fountain was necessary because their services were very long.

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1 Corinthians 11:22 is the most common passage referred to by those who teach that eating in a church building is a sin. In the context Paul is discussing an abuse of the Lord's Supper. The Lord's Supper is not a meal to be eaten for the purposes of filling the belly. It is not an act of worship to be partaken of only by those who have available to them the bread and fruit of the vine. (1 Cor. 11:20, 21). Paul rebukes the Corinthians for their attitudes and actions when he says, *"What? Do you not have houses to eat and drink in? Or do you despise the church of God, and shame those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall I praise you in this? I do not praise you"* (1 Corinthians 11:22). A meal can be eaten before or after worship but the Lord's Supper does not need to be turned into a meal. Paul's words in 1 Corinthians 11:22 are to Christians who had turned the Lord's Supper into a meal. He tells them they can take care of that at home.

Do Paul's words of rebuke teach us that we cannot eat in a church building? Consider the fact that there were no church buildings in Paul's day. Also, remember that the early Christians often met in homes (Acts 12:12; Rom.16:2-5; 1 Cor. 16:19). Did they eat in their homes? Yes. Did they worship in their homes? Yes. Did they eat and worship in the same place? Yes. It is not a sin to eat and worship in the same place.

There is no inherent evil in Christians eating together as long as they are faithfully in fellowship (1 Corinthians 5:11). The practice is scriptural, authorized, and even beneficial (Acts 2:46; Jude 12). Because the practice is scriptural, we are free to examine options regarding how to have such meals, and to choose which of those options is the most expedient. Regarding options, one must be very careful not to bind his opinion in such a way as to condemn to hell those who choose another option. For, when one has done that he has become guilty of binding where God has not.

~Kevin V. Rutherford



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

April 2 - Luke 6:27-49  
April 3 - Luke 7:1-30  
April 4 - Luke 7:31-50  
April 5 - Luke 8:1-25



April 6 - Luke 8:26-56  
April 7 - Luke 9:1-17  
April 8 - Luke 9:18-36



## OUR SICK Please Remember in Your Prayers

**Don Jackson** continues to have several health issues that has kept him from attending services recently. Please continue to pray for him. .

**D.C. Mock** was reported to be doing well after his recent surgery. He is at home recovering.

**Mary Seal** underwent a heart catheterization procedure this past week at the Baptist Hospital to check for blockage. No blockages were found. She was scheduled to be released this past Thursday.

It was reported on Wednesday that **Dennis McBrayer** would be undergoing a kidney ablation procedure this past Thursday morning.

**Jo Ann Landry** underwent a procedure on Wednesday and everything was reported to be fine.

Please pray for **Waleah Chadima** who underwent a heart stent procedure this past Thursday in Ohio. She is Pat Belch's Aunt.

**Ashling Clauset** is having an infusion in Chapel Hill on Monday. This is a treatment for Crohn's Disease. She is the eleven year old granddaughter of Charley and Pat Belch.

Please continue to pray for Sherrill Stewart's niece and Mark Minor's cousin, **Debbie Cranfill**, who is undergoing tests and treatment for cancer at this time.

### 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*

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



## 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.



**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 3 - Sewing for Nicaragua at 9 a.m. in Annex.

April 5 - The 50 and Over Class will meet at 11 a.m. in the Annex.

Apr. 14 - Baby Shower for David & Krystal Warner. Elizabeth Alta Warner was born on January 18, 2018. They are registered at Baby's-R-Us.

May 19-20 - Senior Rally. The Speaker will be Rod Rutherford

### AREA EVENTS:

April 8-11 - Gospel Revival at the Cary church of Christ. Speaker: Gary Dismuke. Topic: "Soul Searching Questions".

Apr. 8-12 - 74th Annual Carolina Lectureship at Highland Acres church of Christ in Statesville.

Apr. 13-15 - Youth Rally at the Lake Norman church of Christ.

Apr. 15-19 - Spring Gospel Mtg. at West Jefferson church of Christ. Guest Speaker: Chuck Stewart.

May 5 - Ladies Day at Northwest church of Christ Theme: "Soothe Your Soul" Speaker: Jonee' Lewis from WXII News. 8:30-1:00.

**SEE BULLETIN BOARD FOR DETAILS**



### **SOUTHWEST FOOD PANTRY**

The suggested item for the month of April is:

**Laundry detergent, hand dishwashing liquid, soap**

### **FOR THE RECORD**

Sunday Bible Study - March 25, 2018	115
Sunday Worship Service	152
Contribution for March 25, 2018	\$7,113
Daily Adult Bible Readers:	31
Chapters Read:	375
Sunday Evening Worship Service	125
Wed. Evening Bible Study - Mar. 28, 2018	84

## Lord's Day Appointments For April, 2018

Serving the Lord's Table For April:

Clayton Workman

Gene Southern      Dwight Barringer  
Shawn Thomason  
Laura Cooper  
Todd Hinson  
Caleb Rutherford

Preparing Communion for April:

Making Announcements on Sunday:

Making Announcements on Wednesday:

## Lord's Day Appointments - April 8, 2018

DEVOTIONS:	OPENING PRAYER:	SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READERS
<b>Scripture</b> - Shawn Thomason	<b>Morning</b> - Al Lawson	<b>A.M.</b> -	<b>A.M.</b> - David Moore
<b>Song Leader</b> - Tim Allen	<b>Evening</b> - Jason Allen	<b>P.M.</b> -	<b>P.M.</b> - Jim Harrison
<b>Prayer</b> - Jack Piper		<b>Wed.</b> -	

**Greeters for April:**

Mike & Laura Cooper

Opening and Closing Building

**Sunday:** - April 8 ~ Andy Santiago  
**Wednesday:** - April 11 ~ Andy Santiago

## Lord's Day Appointments - April 1, 2018

DEVOTIONS:	OPENING PRAYER:	SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READERS
<b>Scripture</b> - Rodney Brown	<b>Morning</b> - Brad Hoots	<b>A.M.</b> - Wayne Allen	<b>A.M.</b> - Sherrill Stewart
<b>Song Leader</b> - Wayne Allen	<b>Evening</b> - Tommy Ridings	<b>P.M.</b> - Charley Belch	<b>P.M.</b> - Jacob Woodbury
<b>Prayer</b> - Steve Martin		<b>Wed.</b> - Walter Cruz	

Opening and Closing Building

**Sunday:** - April 1 ~ Mark Minor  
**Wednesday:** - April 4 ~ Mark Minor

**Greeters for April:**

Mike & Laura Cooper

### 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
<b>WEDNESDAY:</b> 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