



# Warners Chapel Church of Christ

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

**A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU**

**JULY 23, 2017**

## ***A LETTER TO GAIUS***

***By Kevin Rutherford***

When John wrote his third epistle he said, "Beloved, do not imitate what is evil, but what is good. He who does good is of God, but he who does evil has not seen God (3 John 11)." This statement of contrast comes after a discussion of the behavior of two different Christians. The first Christian discussed in 3 John was one who was doing good. John addressed this letter to a fellow Christian by the name of Gaius. John praises Gaius for the good things he is doing for the church, and encourages him to keep doing good. From this very brief look at Gaius we can clearly see that he is a man to be imitated.

The first thing for which Gaius is praised is his walking in the truth (3 John 3). To walk in the truth means to live by the truth. Gaius was one who studied, practiced, and preached the truth. The truth set the course for his life. Having heard from other brethren that Gaius was so devoted to the truth brought great joy to John (3 John 4). The word of God is truth (John 17:17). It is the word of God that must guide our lives, just as it guided the life of Gaius.

The second aspect of his character for which Gaius was praised was his love for the church. Love is an important part of Christianity. Without love for our brethren we cannot please God (1 John 3:15). Gaius was a balanced Christian. He was sound in the faith and loving. Surely here is a man worthy of imitation. Gaius is a man who devoted his life to the truth and yet did so in love. This kind of Christian balance is more rare than it should be. We have many Christians in the church today who will stand firmly for the truth, but do so in a caustic and

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bitter way. They do not have enough love. On the other hand there are those Christians speak of love all the time and yet they are ready and willing to compromise the truth for the sake of unscriptural unity. When John taught us to imitate the good, the good man in that context was Gaius. Be balanced like Gaius.

John also said in 3 John 11 “...do not imitate evil...” The example of evil in the context is a man by the name of Diotrephes. Diotrephes was a man who loved “... to have the preeminence... (3 John 9).” This displays a great deal of arrogance on his part. Paul taught us that love is not arrogant (1 Corinthians 13:4). While Gaius was a loving Christian, Diotrephes was a man lacking in love. He wanted to be the one in charge and he wanted all things to go his way. Because of his desire to control the church he would not accept sound brethren such as the apostle John. Perhaps this was because he was afraid the apostle John posed a threat to his power. Power hungry men in the church have caused many problems throughout the centuries.

As John further describes Diotrephes it is mentioned that this man spoke lies about John. He used malicious words in so doing. This is not unusual. When power hungry men see threats to their power they will often lash out in hatefulness. They are doing this in a pathetic attempt to keep their power. Unfortunately, it is sometimes the case that other Christians will believe the cruel lies they tell. Don’t be like this man.

John told us “...do not imitate what is evil, but what is good (3 John 11).” The example of evil in the context is arrogant Diotrephes who loved to have the preeminence. The example of good is Gaius who walked in truth and did so with love. Which example are you following.



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



**July 24 - Acts 25**  
**July 25 - Acts 26**  
**July 26 - Acts 27:1-26**  
**July 27 - Acts 27:27-44**

**July 28 - Acts 28**  
**July 29 - Romans 1**  
**July 30 - Romans 2**



## OUR SICK Please Remember in Your Prayers

*Please continue to keep Dot Pegram, Frank & Jane Shepard, Elwood Flinchum, Don Jackson, Bob Plunk, & Wayne & Cathy Hutchins and Emily Hinson in your prayers.*

Mary Ellen Dull was reported to not be feeling well this past week and was unable to attend the Wed. evening Bible Class.

Ted Stewart is in the Forsyth Hospital, Room 9428. Prayers requested.

Madelene Holbrook will have a heart procedure at the Forsyth Hospital on August 3rd. Prayers are requested.

Roger Allen will be having a spinal procedure on August 7th to deaden nerves. Prayers are requested.

Cathy Hutchins has pneumonia and is presently on medication to clear it up.

Gina Strickland is recovering satisfactorily from her recent surgery.

Please remember Denny Allen, brother of Betty Hoots, who will be having a biopsy on August 2nd.

Ashlyn Strickland's Sergeant Teresa Lunsford's father passed away on Wednesday after a battle with cancer. Please keep her and her family in your prayers. (Ashlyn works for the W-S Sheriff's Dept.)

### ~IN SYMPATHY~

Our sympathy goes out to Grace and James Martin in the death of Grace's father, Alfred Canasa who passed away on July 15th. The funeral was held on Saturday, July 22nd. Cards may be sent to 3825 Avera Ave., Winston-Salem, NC 27106

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



### SHUT-INS

Mildred Barker  
Lutrelle Chipman  
Di-Ann Moser

Dot Pegram  
Eva Nelle Sidden

*Please keep the shut-ins 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 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.**

### WARNERS CHAPEL EVENTS:

July 23 - Bundling of the House to House in the Annex following evening service.

### SOUTHWEST FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry will be open once in July and once in August while school is out. The suggested items for July is canned vegetables (corn, beans, peas, mixed vegetables).

### NEW ADDRESSES:

*Frank & Jane Shephard's new address is: Apartment 108, 1325 McInvale Rd., Hernanda, Mississippi 38632. Their telephone number remains the same.*

*The temporary address for the Huff family: Alfred Huff, 7113 San Pedro Avenue, #409, San Antonio, TX 78216*

### PLEASE NOTE:

*A draft of the Warners Chapel Directory is available for you to check to make sure your information is correct. If it is not, please make corrections. Please add a check mark by your name to indicate that you have checked the information before the directory is printed.*

### FOR THE RECORD

Sunday Bible Study - July 16, 2017	125
Sunday Worship Service	171
Contribution for July 16, 2017	\$6,228
Daily Adult Bible Readers:	40
Chapters Read:	564
Sunday Evening Worship Service	103
Wednesday Evening Bible Study 7-19-17	102

## Lord's Day Appointments For July, 2017

Serving the Lord's Table For July:

Steve Martin

Alfred Huff                      Mark Roy  
Walter Cruz                      Robbie Santiago  
Marie Harper  
David Moore  
Clayton Workman

Preparing Communion for July:

Making Announcements on Sunday:

Making Announcements on Wednesday:

## Lord's Day Appointments - July 30, 2017

DEVOTIONS:	OPENING PRAYER:	SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READERS
<b>Scripture</b> - Andy Santiago	<b>Morning</b> - Tim Allen	<b>A.M.</b> - Wayne Allen	<b>A.M.</b> - Jim Harrison
<b>Song Leader</b> - Don Minor	<b>Evening</b> - Tommy Rose	<b>P.M.</b> - Youth Led Service	<b>P.M.</b> - Roger Allen
<b>Prayer</b> - Mark Minor		<b>Wed.</b> - Nathan Roy	

**Greeters for July:**

D.C. & Ingrid Mock

### Opening and Closing Building

**Sunday:** - July 30 ~ Todd Hinson  
**Wednesday:** - Aug. 2 ~ Todd Hinson

## Lord's Day Appointments - July 23, 2017

DEVOTIONS:	OPENING PRAYER:	SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READERS
<b>Scripture</b> - Robby Landry	<b>Morning</b> - D. C. Mock	<b>A.M.</b> - Nathan Roy	<b>A.M.</b> - David Moore
<b>Song Leader</b> - Steve Tesh	<b>Evening</b> - Jim Harrison	<b>P.M.</b> - Don Minor	<b>P.M.</b> - Bill Carothers
<b>Prayer</b> - Al Lawson		<b>Wed.</b> - Song Req. Service Roger A. & Tim A.	

### Opening and Closing Building

**Sunday:** - July 23 ~ Mark Roy  
**Wednesday:** - July 26 ~ Mark Roy

**Greeters for July:**

D.C. & Ingrid Mock

## 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

**WARNERS CHAPEL CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
**8999 LASATER ROAD**  
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### ELDERS

### DEACONS

David Moore  
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