

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

Warners Chapel Church of Christ

8999 Lasater Road Clemmons, North Carolina 27012 Telephone 336-766-6078

www.warnerschapelchurchofChrist.org

Preacher: Kevin V. Rutherford

A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

MARCH 18, 2018

GOD'S WAY

God is the Creator (Genesis 1:1). We are a part of His creation (John 1:1-4). It is inherently right for the creation to worship and serve the Creator (Romans 1:18-23). There are many who call themselves Christians who would agree with the facts just stated above, and yet who live, and worship in such a way that would indicate they are not truly convicted of these important facts. There are many self-professed Christians who believe and teach what they want to regarding their faith, despite the fact that so much of what they identify as Christian practice and doctrine contradicts plain teaching in the Scriptures. It's as though they choose what they want to believe and practice, then expect God to accept their preferences. When this happens, the creation is not properly serving and worshipping the Creator. Rather, the creation is expecting the Creator to bow to their own desires and preferences.

The Creator has revealed his existence to us in the natural creation that is all around us (Psalm 19:1-6). The Creator has revealed His will for mankind through the Bible (Psalm 19:7-14). The Bible is from God (2 Timothy 3:16-17). The Bible is the standard of authority from the Creator to the creation. The only way for us to absolutely know what God wants from us as we serve and worship Him is for us to go to the Scriptures. When people rely on what feels good to them, what they like, what the culture wants, or what the majority says is right they are making a terrible mistake. It is a terrible mistake that destroys cultures, and it is a terrible mistake that causes people to be lost eternally. Those who call themselves Christians, but who define and embody Christianity the way they feel is right, rather than the way God says is right, are in sin. The created have no right to oppose what the Creator commands, and then demand the Creator accept what they want. The arrogance of this approach is extreme. The consequences are disastrous.

Every man did that which was right in his own eyes before the days of the Jewish kings (Judges 17:6; 21:25). The consequences were grotesque and perverted fornication, extreme

(Continued on Page 2)

violence, and deadly chaos (Judges 19:21). People refused to obey God's word in the days of Jeremiah, but instead chose to follow the dictates, or imaginations of their own evil hearts (Jeremiah 7:23-28). God rejected them and punished them because of this. When people live by what feels good in their hearts, rather than what God has told them to do, they are rejected by God. They may claim to be followers of God all they like, but unless they humbly submit themselves in obedience to the will of God they are actually the enemies of God (James 4:1-10).

When it comes to worship, we must worship God as God demands, and not as we feel (John 4:23-24). When it comes to Christian doctrine, we must teach as God has instructed, and not as we feel (1 Corinthians 14:37; Colossians 3:17). When it comes to practical, every day Christian living, we must live as God's Word instructs us to live and not the way we feel we should live (Matthew 7:21-27).

In His inspired Scriptures, God tells us over and over again that we must obey Him. Peter said, "we ought to obey God rather than men" (Acts 5:29). Paul told us those who do not obey God will receive indignation and wrath (Romans 2:8). Those who do not obey God will experience the fiery vengeance of God on the last day (2 Thessalonians 1:8). Jesus Christ will save those who obey Him (Hebrews 5:9). We are told that we must live as "obedient children" (1 Peter 1:14).

We have no right to establish our own religion and call it "Christianity" or anything else. We have no right to establish our own church and expect God to be happy. We have no right to teach that which conflicts with God's Word. We have ho right to create God, Christ, the Holy Spirit, or Christianity in accordance with our latest, subjective, fleeting, feelings. We are the Creator's creation. We must do everything God's way!

~Kevin V. Rutherford



READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2018

March 19 - Mark 15:26-47

March 20 - Mark 16:

March 21 - Luke 1:1-20

March 22 - Luke 1:21-38



March 23 - Luke 1:39-56 March 24 - Luke 1:57-80

March 25 - Luke 2:1-24



OUR SICK **Please Remember in Your Prayers**

D. C. Mock underwent a biopsy this past Thursday at the Forsyth Hospital. He received a good report from his biopsy and is at home doing well.

Sherrill Stewart has been ill for several weeks and believes he is recovering from his sinus infection, walking pneumonia, and possibly the flu. Please keep him in your prayers.

Mildred Barker (shut-in) was reported her health is in decline.

Don Jackson has been unable to attend services because of a knee problem.

Vicky's mother would like to thank everyone for the cards and prayers for her. She has done well with her treatments so far. Please continue to keep her in your prayers.

Please pray for Sherrill's niece and Mark Minor's cousin, **Debbie Cranfill** who is in the hospital with low blood platelet count and doctors cannot find the cause at this time.

Claude Pharr (preacher at the N. Main church of Christ in Mocksville.) has been diagnosed with Leukemia and is presently in the Baptist Hospital undergoing chemotherapy. He is doing well at this time but is expected to have some difficulties further into the treatment. Please keep him in your prayers.

Stan Ferguson, (a friend of Emily Workman) received great news this past week from his oncologist. The prior scans that appeared to show additional cancer DO NOT now appear to be cancer at all. He will continue with his current treatment and scans but it is believed he's currently cancer free. Please thank God on his behalf and continue to pray for good results.

SHUT-INS

Mildred Barker Ernestine Martin Kim Matthews Di-Ann Moser

Please keep the shut-ins in your prayers.

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.

SOUTHWEST FOOD PANTRY

The suggested item for the month of March is: Pasta/pasta sauce—No glass please



WE ARE HAPPY TO HAVE YOU VISITING WITH US THIS MORNING. WE INVITE YOU TO **RETURN THIS EVENING AT 6:00** 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 **ANNEX** TODAY IN THE **NEXT** DOOR **FOLLOWING** THE **MORNING** WORSHIP SERVICE. YOU WILL BE OUR HONORED **GUEST!**

WARNERS CHAPEL EVENTS:

Mar. 18 - Fellowship Meal in Annex following this morning's worship service. Everyone is invited.

<u>Mar. 20</u> - Sewing for Nicaragua at 9 a.m. in Annex. <u>Mar. 22</u> - **The 50 and Over Class** will meet at 11 a.m. in the Annex.

Mar. 24 - Ladies Day at Warners Chapel. Sign-up sheets on bulletin board. The speaker will be Brenda Rutherford. The topic: "How do I Worship An Omniscient, Omnipresent, Omnipotent God?"

<u>AREA EVENTS:</u>

Mar. 23 - Area Singing Fellowship at the Northwest church of Christ in Greensboro at 7 p.m.

Mar. 24 - Men's Retreat at the Northwest church of Christ. 8:30 to 12 noon.

Mar. 25 - Fellowship Meeting @ the Redland church of Christ at 3 p.m. Speaker: Nelson Brockenborough. 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

Please Note:

The latest edition of House to House is available on the credenza in the fover. The information about the Ladies Day is on the back cover of the issue. It may be used to invite friends & neighbors to attend.

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday Bible Study - March 11, 2018	112
Sunday Worship Service	153
Contribution for March 11, 2018	\$8,017
Daily Adult Bible Readers:	32
Chapters Read:	597
Sunday Evening Worship Service	108
Wed. Evening Bible Study - Mar. 14, 2018	100

Lord's Day Appointments For March, 2018

Serving the Lord's Table For March:

Andy Santiago

Richard Hamann Keith Warner

> Jody Everett Rebecca Allen Tim Allen Mark Minor

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

Lord's Day Appointments - March 25, 2018

OPENING PRAYER: SONG LEADER **DEVOTIONS: SCRIPTURE READERS**

Scripture Walter Cruz Morning - D.C. Mock A.M. - Roger Allen A.M. - Bill Carothers **Evening** - Don Minor Wayne Allen P.M. - Shawn Thomason Song Leader-Jason Allen **P.M**.

Song Req. Service Prayer Shawn Thomason Wed. Gene and Wayne

Greeters for March:

Elwood & Linda Flinchum

Opening and Closing Building

Sunday: March 25 Mark Minor Wednesday: -March 28 Mark Minor

Lord's Day Appointments - March 18, 2018

DEVOTIONS: OPENING PRAYER: SONG LEADER SCRIPTURE READERS

Morning - David Moore A.M. - Bill Carothers Scripture John Allen A.M. - Nathan Roy **Evening** - Rodney Brown P.M. - Clayton Workman Wed. - Nathan Roy Gene Southern P.M. - Shawn Thomason Song Leader

Prayer Neal Harper

Opening and Closing Building

Sunday: - March 18 David Moore **Greeters for March:** Wednesday: - March 21 David Moore Elwood & Linda Flinchum

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 **CLEMMONS, NC 27012**

ELDERS DEACONS

David Moore Randy Warner **Jody Everett** Keith Warner Tim Allen Gene Southern Andy Santiago Mark Minor **Shawn Thomason** Joe Everett Mark Roy **Todd Hinson** Steve Tesh Jason Allen Adam Warner Mike Cooper Jacob Woodbury