

# Warners Chapel Church of Christ

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

#### A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

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### **GOOD THINGS**

#### By Kevin Rutherford

Some people love bad news. They like to hear about terrible things that have happened to other people, or they enjoy hearing of other people's sins. If this were not true then there would be no rack at the grocery store for the tabloids. If you like to hear about bad things, then you won't like this article. This article deals with those good things that were said about churches in the first century.

#### Good things about the church at Rome:

- 1. They were beloved of God (Romans 1:7).
- 2. Their faith was spoken of throughout the whole world (Romans 1:8).
- 3. The church at Rome had many hard workers (Romans 16:1-16).
- 4. Some in the church there had even risked their lives for Paul (Romans 16:3, 4).

#### Good things about the church at Ephesus:

- 1. They trusted in the Lord (Ephesians 1:13).
- 2. They had a strong faith (Ephesians 1:15).
- 3. They loved the saints (Ephesians 1:15).

#### Good things about the church at Philippi:

- 1. They fellowshipped Paul in an encouraging way (Philippians 1:3-7).
- 2. God had begun a good work in them (Philippians 1:6).
- 3. One of their members had worked so hard for the cause of Christ he had nearly died (Philippians 2:25-30).
- 4. They supported Paul in his preaching (Philippians 4:10-20).

#### Good things about the church at Colossae:

- 1. They had great faith (Colossians 1:3).
- 2. They had great love for the brethren (Colossians 1:3).
- 3. The gospel was bearing fruit among them (Colossians 1:5, 6).

#### Good things about the church at Thessalonica:

- 1. They were commended for their work of faith, labor of love, and patience of hope (1 Thessalonians 1:3).
- 2. They received the word with joy and were examples to others (1 Thessalonians 1:6, 7).
- 3. The word of the Lord went out from them into many places (1 Thessalonians 1:8).

Let us do everything we can to see that these good things that were said of first century churches could also be said of the church today.

## Go Ahead and Say It

One day a teacher asked her students to list on two sheets of paper the names of the other students in the room, leaving a space between each name. Then she told them to think of the nicest thing they could say about each classmate and write it down. It took the remainder of the class to finish, and as the students left the room, each handed in the paper. That Saturday, the teacher wrote down on a separate sheet of paper the name of each student, and listed what everyone else had said about that individual.

On Monday she gave each student his or her list. Before long, the entire class was smiling. "Really," she heard whispered. "I never knew that I meant anything to anyone!" and, "I didn't know others liked me so much," were some of the comments.

No one ever mentioned those papers in class again. She never knew if they discussed them after class or with their parents, but it didn't matter. The exercise had accomplished its purpose. The students were happy with themselves and one another. That group of students moved on.

Several years later, one of the students was killed in Afghanistan, and his teacher attended the funeral. She had never seen a serviceman in a military coffin before. He looked so handsome, so mature. The church was packed with his friends. One by one those who loved him took a last walk by the coffin. The teacher was last in the line.

As she stood there, a soldier who was serving as pallbearer came up to her. "Were you Mark's math teacher?" he asked. She nodded. Then he said "Mark talked about you a lot.

After the funeral, most of Mark's former classmates went together to a luncheon. Mark's mother and father were there, and waited to speak with his teacher. "We want to show you something," his father said, taking a wallet out of his pocket. "They found this on Mark when he was killed. We thought you might recognize it." Opening the billfold, he carefully removed two worn pieces of notebook paper that had obviously been taped, folded, and refolded many times. The teacher knew without looking that the papers were the ones on which she had listed all the good things each of Mark's classmates had said about him. "Thank you so much for doing that," Mark's mother said. "As you can see, Mark treasured it."

Mark's former classmates started to gather around. Charlie smiled rather sheepishly and said, "I still have my list. It's in the top drawer of my desk at home." Chuck's wife, said, "Chuck asked me to put his in our wedding album." "I have mine too," Marilyn said. "It's in my diary."

Vicki reached into her pocketbook, took out her wallet and showed her worn and frazzled list to the group. "I carry this with me at all times," she said, and without batting an eyelash, continued, "I think we all saved our lists."

That's when the teacher sat down and cried. She cried for Mark and for all his friends who would never see him again. We all forget that life will end one day, and we don't know when that one day will be.

Tell the people you love and care for that they are special and important. Tell them before it is too late.

"Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love." Romans 12:10

~From housetohouse.com



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

November 13 - Heb. 10:1-18 November 14 - Heb. 10:19-39

November 15 - Heb. 11:1-19

November 16 - Heb. 11:20-40



November 17 - Heb. 12 November 18 - Heb. 13 November 19 - James 1



# OUR SICK Please Remember in Your Prayers

Please continue to remember **Bob and Carolyn Plunk** in your prayers, along with **Jody Everett, Richard Clemmons and Debbie Southern** who have been experiencing health issues recently.

Wayne Hutchins will undergo radiofrequency ablation on November 20th and request prayers that this will help him. He has been unable to stand or walk any distance. The pain has caused his already low breathing capacity (37%) to be even lower. We miss everyone. We are so thankful for computer streaming the sermons and Bible Study on Wednesday evenings.

Gina Harper has been ill this past week with bronchitis and a sinus infection.

**Alyssa Southern** will undergo foot surgery on November 17th and her other foot will be operated on in December.

Logan Allen was reported to have strep throat this past week.

Gaye Ruark underwent cataract surgery this past Monday and will undergo surgery on her other eye on December 9th. Please keep her in your prayers.

Please pray for Lydia Wright's brother, **Tom Binkley** and his wife **Linda**, in Williamsport, PA. Due to the progression of Alzheimer's and its complications, Linda is not expected to live much longer.

A thirty-five year old friend of Jennifer Cruise has been diagnosed with a mass on her brain. Please keep her in your prayers.

A seventeen year old student of Emily Workman is facing cancer surgery. Please keep the student in your prayers.

A forty-seven year old co-worker of Todd Hinson died unexpectedly this past Wednesday morning. Please pray for the family.

A friend of Lorie Rose, **Sharon Burchette**, underwent a bilateral mastectomy & removal of lymph nodes on Nov. 3rd. Her husband is recovering well from a stint replacement but dealing with fatigue. If you would like to send them a card (I know they would love to receive them), please send them to my address. Thank you — Lorie

#### **SHUT-INS**

Mildred Barker	Di-Ann Moser
Lutrelle Chipman	Dot Pegram
Ernestine Martin	Bob Plunk
Kim Matthews	Eva Nelle Sidden

Please keep the shut-ins in your prayers and check the sign-up sheet to take communion to Dot Pegram if you are able to help. (sign-up sheet is located 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:**

#### **SHOWER**

Caleb-Jun Hee-Chul Rutherford and Kaylon Davis will wed on December 1, 2017, in Marion, Arkansas. A gift bag has been placed on the credenza in the foyer for a shower of gift cards or cash for the couple.

They are registered at Target, Bed, Bath and Beyond, Amazon, Pottery Barn and Home Depot. The gift bag will be there for the next four Sundays.



# PLEASE SEE WEDDING INVITATION POSTED ON BULLETIN BOARD IN FOYER

#### **Doing the Impossible**

Over the desk of a successful business man is this motto, "The difficult we do immediately - the impossible takes a little longer.

Many years ago, the great apostle Paul said it a little differently and much more effectively, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

There are no words in the Bible more full of inspiration to a child of God. Anything that is RIGHT for us to do can be done! God has never given an impossible command.

#### FOR THE RECORD

Sunday Bible Study - Nov. 5, 2017 (Gospel Meeting)	152
Sunday Worship Service	175
Contribution for November 5, 2017	\$7,947
Daily Adult Bible Readers:	43
Chapters Read:	636
Sunday Evening Worship Service	133
Monday Evening - Nov. 6	98
Tuesday Evening - Nov. 7	92
Wednesday Evening - Nov. 8	102

# Lord's Day Appointments For November, 2017

Serving the Lord's Table For November:

Carl Cooper

Harry Picciuto Mike Cooper

Jim Harrison Betty Hoots Todd Hinson Andy Santiago

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

# Lord's Day Appointments - November 19, 2017

DEVOTIONS: OPENING PRAYER: SONG LEADER SCRIPTURE READERS

Scripture - Jason Allen Morning - Mark Roy A.M. - Steve Tesh A.M. - Mark Clemmons
Song Leader- Wayne Allen Evening - Jacob Woodbury P.M. - Wayne Allen P.M. - Tommy Rose

Prayer - Carl Cooper Wed. - Don Minor

**Greeters for November:** 

Shawn & Terri Thomason

Opening and Closing Building

Sunday: - Nov. 19 ~ John Allen Wednesday: - Nov. 22 ~ John Allen

# Lord's Day Appointments - November 12, 2017

DEVOTIONS: OPENING PRAYER: SONG LEADER SCRIPTURE READERS

Scripture - John Allen Morning - Tim Harper A.M. - Clayton Workman A.M. - Clayton Workman Song Leader - Clayton Workman Evening - David Elam P.M. - Gene Southern P.M. - Dwight Barringer

Prayer - Tommy Ridings Wed. - Nathan Roy

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

Sunday: - Nov. 12 ~ Justin Minor Shawn & Terri Thomason

Wednesday: - Nov. 15 Justin Minor

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