

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

# Warners Chapel Church of Christ

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A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

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#### HAS YOUR LICENSE EXPIRED?

Those words we hear when we stop at a "license check-point"; "I need to see your license please." You may have some cards in your wallet or purse which have an expiration date on them. Each card is a symbol of some privilege that comes to an end on that particular date. The good thing about most of them is that the privilege can be renewed if the holder still meets the qualifications.

What if some of our spiritual privileges were done that way? What if your marriage license was to expire each year? If to keep you had to give evidence of genuine love, courtesy, fidelity, and dedication expressed to your mate, would there be enough evidence to keep your marriage?

What if parenthood required a license? To keep it there had to be enough evidence of: 1) setting a Christian example for them; 2) raising them in the fear and admonition of the Lord; 3) spending enough time with them to find out what their needs, likes and dislikes and abilities really are?

Would some of us need to have our licenses suspended and no longer enjoy the joys of home and family? Would we have to give up the smiles and laughter that comes with those things? We need to use wisely the blessings and gifts God has given us some blessings carry responsibilities. Don't let your license expire.

Frank

## **ELDER'S CORNER:**

# CHOOSING A CHURCH (The Question From An Authority Perspective)

When it comes to choosing a church, many people base a decision on:

- Church building proximity/nice facilities,
- Tradition/parental influence,
- Friends/social aspects,
- Personality fit (intellectual, emotional, entertaining),
- Programs (Bible school, day care, youth groups, singles),
- Prestige (influential membership, well-known minister),
- Easy doctrine (little demand for change of lifestyle).

They do not consider the possibility that a church with a sign out front and a preacher up front could be operating without a license. It could be a rogue church that God does not even consider His at all. As Samuel told Jesse about his older sons, "The Lord hath not chosen these" (cf. I Samuel 16:10).

God approves his Son's church—and only that one. It is the only one He ever authorized for construction. If Christ's church does not exist today, then no church has divine approval. If it does, then no other has divine approval.

Jesus is the only one who had a right to build a church for two reasons:

- All authority belongs to Christ (Matthew 28:18; cf. 7:21-23, Mark 9:7). The Bible authorizes man to do many things, but it never commands any person to establish a new kind of church. Since we are forbidden to act without authority in religious matters (Colossians 3:17), any man-made church violates God's will and can never gain His acceptance—no matter how many centuries pass, how much money is collected, or how many members sign up.
- Christ is the only one who can afford a church. Jesus had the church's purchase price in hand, and He was willing to spend it (Ephesians 5:23, 25). The purchase price was the blood of an innocent human (Romans 3:23-26), and He spent it on the cross (Acts 20:28). Even if a man were willing to die for a church he started, his blood would not be a sinless offering, as Christ's was (I Peter 1:18-19).

Human churches can have no salvation in them, since men who cannot save themselves surely cannot save others. God's weeping prophet wrote, "O Lord, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps" (Jeremiah 10:23; cf. Psalm 127-1). Jesus said "Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up" (Matthew 15:13).

Allen Webster "Does the Church One Attends Make Any Difference"

#### **READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2014**

February 10 - Matt. 25:31-46 February 11 - Matt. 26:1-25 February 12 - Matt. 26:26-50 February 13 - Matt. 26:51-75

February 14 - Matt. 27:1-26 February 15 - Matt. 27:27-50 February 16 - Matt. 27:51-66

#### **OUR SICK**

Please Remember in your prayers

**JAMES ALLEN**, Roger Allen's Father.

"D.J." HARRISON - Prayers are requested.

**WAYNE HUTCHINS** has pneumonia.

**RICHARD CLEMMONS** - is scheduled for outpatient surgery on February 13th.

**VIRGINIA ELAM** is having back problems.

**EMILY HINSON & DEBBIE SOUTHERN** were reported to be sick Wednesday evening.

**SIMMIE SELL** is recovering from a stroke. She is in Rm. 703 at the Forsyth Hospital.

**BOB HOOTS** is in serious condition.

Pray for Max Gano as he has cancer. He is a friend of the Workman family.

WILL WINCHESTER, preacher in Marion, NC has cancer.

Mary Anne Allen's mother, **ROWENA HAYES**, is scheduled to undergo heart surgery on Feb. 18th. Please pray for her.

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR ALL OF THE ABOVE.



The **Prayer List** is available on the credenza in the foyer.

#### BEST SERMON I EVER HEARD

As a mother was completing the purchase of two new suits for sons Charles and Arthur, Charles proudly said to his brother, "Won't I look nice in Bible school Sunday?" A friendly lady standing near overheard him and asked, "Do you go to Bible School?" And the smaller brother, Arthur, only five, giving her a withering glance, inquired "Where else would I go on Sunday morning?" Blushing the lady remarked, "That's the best sermon I ever heard."

The most precious gift we can give our children is not a trip to the beach, a shiny new toy, or a new suit of clothes, but the opportunity to study the God in whose image they are created. Plan to be present with your children for all Bible classes; in this you can give them a gift that will neither grow old nor wear out.

# Welcome

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 MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO A "COVERED DISH" FELLOWSHIP MEAL IN THE ANNEX FOLLOWING THE MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE PROVIDED BY ZONE 2.

#### **WARNERS CHAPEL EVENTS:**

Feb. 9 - Pew Packers at 5:30

<u>Feb. 9</u> - Congregational Meeting following evening services. There will be a Fellowship in the Annex with snacks provided after the congregational meeting. Everyone is invited.

<u>Feb. 11</u> - Sewing for Nicaragua in the Annex at 9:30 a.m.

<u>Feb. 13</u> - 50 and Older Class will meet at 10:30 in the Annex.

#### **AREA EVENTS:**

March 8 - Carolina Men's Fellowship at Gold Hill Road. Sign-up sheet for van on bulletin board in fover.

**March 15** - Ladies Day at South Stokes

<u>April 6-10</u> - 70th Carolina Lectures - Kannapolis church of Christ

<u>June 14-15</u> - **Abilene church of Christ 100th Homecoming** - They are requesting help from anyone who may have information on the church, pictures or memorabilia that you can share. For further information see bulletin board for further details.

#### See bulletin board for further information.

#### FOR THE RECORD

Sunday Bible Study - Feb. 2, 2014	139
<b>Sunday Morning Worship Service:</b>	176
Contribution for February 2, 2014	\$6,035
Daily Adult Bible Readers:	41
Chapters Read:	808

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Chapters Read:

**Sunday Evening:** 

Wednesday Evening:

110

## Lord's Day Appointments - February 16, 2014

DEVOTIONS: OPENING PRAYER: SONG LEADER SCRIPTURE READERS

Scripture - Homer Holland Morning - David Moore A.M. - Clayton Workman A.M. - Jack Piper

Song Leader - Joe Everett Evening - Don Minor P.M. - Tim Allen P.M. - Don Minor

Prayer - Tommy Ridings Wed. - Tim Allen

NURSERY (0-2 1/2): NURSERY (2 1/2-4): Greeters: February FELLOWSHIP MEAL:

Morning - Robin Hauser Morning - Gina Harper Randy & Linda Warner Zone 3

**Evening** - Betty Hoots **Evening** - Marie Harper

Opening and Closing Building

Sunday: - February 16 Justin Minor
Wednesday: - February 19 Justin Minor

## Lord's Day Appointments - February 9, 2014

Devotions: Opening Prayer a.m. - Joe Everett Scripture Reader a.m. - Mark Minor

Scripture: Michael Cooper p.m. - John Allen p.m. - Allen Cooper

Song: Roger Allen Song Leaders: a.m. - Steve Tesh Nursery #1: a.m. - Rhonda Hardister

Prayer: Frank Shepard p.m. - Wayne Allen p.m. - Linda Flinchum

Wed. - Clayton Workman Nursery #2: a.m. - Meredith Southern

**p.m.** - Nancy 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<br/>Tim AllenRandy Warner<br/>Keith Warner<br/>Andy SantiagoMike Cooper<br/>Jody Everett<br/>Gene Southern<br/>Shawn ThomasonTodd HinsonMark MinorShawn Thomason

Steve Tesh Jason Allen