



Warners Chapel Church of Christ

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“The churches of Christ salute you” Rom. 16:16

A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

March 30, 2014

Do We Have The Authority?

Many times we see biblical standards and principles misapplied. This, of course, contributes to the confusion in the religious world and countless debates among our brethren. I commend those brethren for their courage to stand in the face of adversity and proclaim that we must have authority for all that we do, but there is God-given authority that is not specified in Holy Scripture.

“Is there New Testament authority?” If the only authority for the church is found expressly in Scripture then Holy Spirit-created Elders (Acts 20:28) have no authority whatsoever! In doctrinal matters Elders have no authority, but in matters of indifference, they have absolute authority in the congregation wherein they have been appointed to lead.

Non-institutional brethren [sometimes referred to as “anti”] have often made the point that churches have no authority for building a fellowship hall or planning and paying for “social” activities” from the church treasury. They assert that since there is no command, example or necessary inference concerning church-funded social activities [or buildings] that a congregation is in error and has therefore sinned.

Galatians 6:10 says “*As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.*” This passage also teaches that we should do good to all men. What is the doing of good and does this passage teach that our “doing good,” is not restricted to saints!? Who decides what the doing of good is if there is no New Testament authority for the methodology and implementation of doing good, if not the Elders. Do we give people food? Do we pay their medical expenses? Do we buy them a house to live in? Scripture instructs us, i.e., New Testament authority compels us, to follow this command! The authority for implementation must remain with God’s Holy Spirit-created Elders, but there is not a specific way to implement the “doing of good” mentioned in Scripture.

Though our non-institutional brethren contend that there is no example of social activities planned and paid for by the local church, they “observe the Passover” on passages that teach the existence of that very thing. Acts 20 also testifies to this. The breaking of bread at the beginning of the text in Acts 20 was without doubt the Lord’s Supper. But what was the breaking of bread after Eutychus was restored to consciousness?

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In Acts 2:42, the practice of breaking of bread here is most certainly the partaking of the Lord's Supper. But what is the breaking of bread from house to house and eating meat? ***And all that believed were together, and had all things common; And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need. And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, Acts 2:44-46*** This is the definition of fellowship. The world "common" here is koinos! This shows the early church coming together in the temple and in each other's houses for **FELLOWSHIP**.

That Paul rebuked the brethren in 1 Corinthians 11 for abusing their shared meal was not an isolated rebuke in the letter. Paul had rebuked them for having divisions among them (chapter 1). If the abuse of something is grounds for condemnation of a practice, then would not Paul have stopped them from meeting all together? In Chapter 6, Paul rebuked them for going to the law to settle disputes concerning business deals. Does that mean that brethren could no longer have business deals among themselves? Many depended on business deals with brethren because they could trust them. Corinth was a tough city.

In 1 Corinthians 8, Paul mentioned that those who eat meat offered to idols do so because they know that an idol is nothing but a piece of wood. However the weak brother does not understand this and we who are the stronger brothers should not place a stumbling block before him. Consequently I do one go to a non-institutional church building and ask to have a fellowship meal.

Paul

Sharing the Gospel of Christ!

The elders are very excited to support a brand new work for us in Cusco, Peru. The city of Cusco is nestled high in the Andes Mountains of southeastern Peru. Home to approximately 500,000 people, Cusco is rich in history, culture, and geographic beauty, but lacking in the presence of the church. Very few New Testament Christians live Cusco today. As the historic capital of the Inca Empire, Cusco is now a gateway city.

This Peru work will be the first time that "one of our own" is an active, daily part of the mission. After 3 months of summer training in Dallas, TX, Ryan and Sarah Tesh Davis will be moving to Peru in the fall of 2014 for a 5-year commitment. The work in Peru began in 2010 through an effort of Freed-Hardeman alumni. Ryan and Sarah will be working with several other couples in Cusco. Since the original team arrived, there have been 60 baptisms and the establishment of the Ayllu church of Christ. The vision of the Cusco mission culminates in a specific exit strategy so that well-equipped Peruvian Christians may eventually assume the oversight of the congregation. Several Cusqueno men are already being trained in evangelism, worship, preaching and sound doctrine. Evangelizing this influential city could mean reaching countless numbers of people in the surrounding area. Cusco, Peru may provide future evangelism opportunities for the members of Warner's Chapel.

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them. Ephesians 2:10

This Sunday, March 30, the Warner's Chapel contribution will go toward this good work.

**Ryan and Sarah appreciate your prayers and financial support for the Peru Mission.
You may contact them at:**

**daviscuscomission@gmail.com
daviscuscomission.wordpress.com**

READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2014

**March 31 - Luke 6:1-26
April 1 - Luke 6:27-49
April 2 - Luke 7:1-30**



**April 3 - Luke 7:31-50
April 4 - Luke 8:1-25
April 5 - Luke 8:26-56
April 6 - Luke 9:1-17**



OUR SICK

Please Remember in your
prayers

Tib Hoots has been experiencing some health problems lately. She underwent some further testing this past week and is expecting to learn of the results shortly. Please continue to keep her in your prayers.

Di-Ann Moser fell recently and since has developed cellulitis (a type of infection) in her leg, and as a result is having difficulty in moving about at this time.

Lindsay Riddle, Ann Riddle's daughter and Di-Ann Moser's granddaughter, underwent heart ablation surgery this past week. She was experiencing heart rhythm problems which the surgery has repaired. She is at home and doing well.

Virginia Elam has also fallen recently and has been having some difficulty dealing with pain as a result.

Lutrelle Chipman has developed bronchitis and is on oxygen at this time.

Ellen Wingo's father, **Ernest Kirkland**, has decided to stop receiving his chemo treatments. Please keep him in your prayers.

Please remember **Lori Simons** in your prayers. She was unable to speak at the Ladies Day here because of back problems.

Please pray for **Kevin Trotter**, a friend of the Workman family. He has been diagnosed with a rare form of bone cancer and given a very limited time to live. His father was a longtime elder in the congregation Clayton grew up in, in Arkansas and where Emily's father now preaches.

Please continue to pray for **Craig and Kim Ring**. Craig had surgery this past Thursday and is scheduled for surgery on Tuesday to remove cancerous tumors. They are friends of Lisa Nail.

Please pray for **Aleta Schroeder** (Bridget Hill's boss's wife). The doctors found a mass that could be a problem and are running tests.

Please continue to keep **Will Winchester** in your prayers. He is the preacher at the Marion church of Christ.

Also, the Eboli Virus has spread in Guinea, Africa, which borders Liberia. Paul Sinnatuah's family lives in Monrovia, Liberia. The government does not have medicine to fight the virus. We need to keep Paul's family in our prayers.

NEW ADDRESS

Jake and Kari Woodbury (past members of Warners Chapel) have a new address:

2371 Bluewater Drive
Wauconda, IL 60084

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 MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY.

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

WARNERS CHAPEL EVENTS:

Mar. 30 - Pew Packers this evening at 5:30 p.m.

Mar. 30 - 5th Sunday Contribution will go to the work in Peru for Ryan and Sarah Davis. (See page 2)

Apr. 1 - Sewing for Nicaragua in the Annex at 9:30 a.m.

Apr. 3 - 50 and Older Class will meet at 10:30 in the Annex.

April 10 - Door knocking in Kinston. A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board. Please sign up as soon as possible so that hotel reservations may be made.

May 17 - Senior Rally

June 7 - NCSBS Lectures. Theme: Marriage - "Defiled or Undeiled"

June 13-21 - Nicaragua Campaign

June 22-26 - VBS

AREA EVENTS:

April 6 - Fellowship Meeting at the Redland church of Christ. Speaker: Duke Clark of the Highland Acres church

April 6-10 - 70th Carolina Lectures - sign up sheet.

April 11-12 - Gospel Meeting at the Meadowbrook Rd. church of Christ in Asheboro. David Pharr will be the speaker.

April 12 - Ladies' Day at Meadowbrook Rd. church of Christ.

April 11-13 - Seminar on Evolution is Unscientific sponsored by N. Main St. church of Christ in Mt. Airy.

April 13-16 Gospel Meeting at Kinston. Paul Kirkpatrick will be the speaker.

April 26 - Charlotte Avenue Youth Rally

* See Bulletin Board for Details.

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday Bible Study - Mar. 23 2014	153
Sunday Morning Worship Service:	178
Contribution for March 23, 2014	\$6,499
Daily Adult Bible Readers:	32
Chapters Read:	621
Daily Children Bible Readers:	
Chapters Read:	
Sunday Evening:	115
Wednesday Evening: March 26, 2014	116

Lord's Day Appointments - April 6, 2014

DEVOTIONS:		OPENING PRAYER:	SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READERS
Scripture	- Rodney Brown	Morning - Tim Allen	A.M. - Jason Allen	A.M. - Derek Elam
Song Leader	- Wayne Allen	Evening - Jody Everett	P.M. - Steve Tesh	P.M. - Jake Thomason
Prayer	- Steve Martin		Wed. - Jason Allen	

NURSERY (0-2 1/2):		NURSERY (2 1/2-4):	Greeters: April	FELLOWSHIP MEAL:
Morning - Jessica Lay		Morning - Abby Little	Gene and Gaye Ruark	<i>Zone 1</i>
Evening - Rhonda Hardister		Evening - Nancy Minor		

Opening and Closing Building

Sunday: - April 6

Wednesday: - April 9

Lord's Day Appointments - March 30, 2014

Devotions:		Opening Prayer a.m. - Al Lawson	Scripture Reader a.m. - Andrew Hinson
Scripture: Jake Thomason		p.m. - Bill Carothers	p.m. - Gene Ruark
Song: Jason Allen	Song Leaders:	a.m. - Steve Tesh	Nursery #1: a.m. - Robin Hauser
Prayer: Shawn Thomason		p.m. - Youth Lead Service	p.m. - Betty Hoots
		Wed. - Jason Allen	Nursery #2: a.m. - Abby Little
			p.m. - Jeannie Moore

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	Mike Cooper
Tim Allen	Keith Warner	Jody Everett
Joe Everett	Andy Santiago	Gene Southern
Todd Hinson	Mark Minor	Shawn Thomason
Steve Tesh	Jason Allen	