

WARNERS CHAPEL

MESSENGER



"This then is the message which we have heard of Him,
and declare unto you" 1 John 1:5

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IF SOME WERE AS INTERESTED IN THE
CHURCH AS THEY ARE IN THE RADIO
AND TELEVISION, OUR ATTENDANCE
WOULD BE **LARGER**

(ESPECIALLY ON SUNDAY EVENING)



IS THIS YOU?

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"WARNERS CHAPEL MESSENGER"

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The following were unable to attend services last Lord's Day: Sis. Paul Transou, Sis. Charles Holder, Bro. Herman Landreth, who is still confined to his home, Sis. Mollie Warner, who is now at the home of her daughter, Sis. H.F. Kimel, and Bro. Glenn Elam, who has returned home from the hospital and is improving slowly. Sis. Nora Holder underwent an operation Wednesday at City Hospital. Sis. Nell Harper was not able to attend services Wednesday night. Sister Juanita Carter has measles.

Bros. Frank and Fred Holder visited the H. G. Caldwell's in Savannah, Georgia last week.

A good time was had by all last Friday night when Bro. Jim Harper entertained his Wed. night and Sun. morning Bible Classes at a weiner roast at his home.

If anyone has flowers that could be used in fixing the baskets to be used in the church building on Sunday, please call Sis. Mary Harper. She will appreciate your cooperation in this. Her phone No. 4-4821.

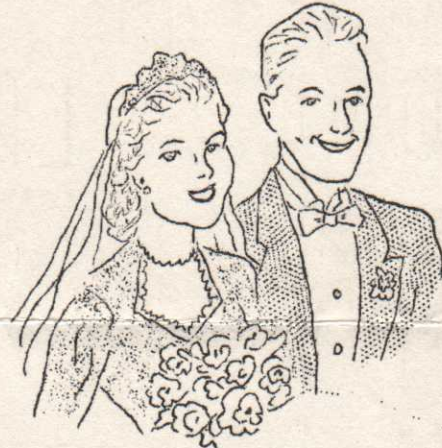
RADIO PROGRAMS

Hear these programs every Sunday. Invite your friends to listen. Your comments will be appreciated. The speakers on these programs will be happy to answer your Bible questions.

EVERY SUNDAY

WAIR.....9:00 A. M.
WTOB.....9:15 A. M.
WAIR-ABC.....1:00 P. M.
WAAA.....1:45 P. M.

WEDDING BELLS



Last Saturday afternoon June 7, at four oclock, Mr. Clyde Connor, and Miss Dora Harper, were united in marriage. Your editor read the marriage vows in the presence of members of both families. Following the ceremony the newly married couple left on their honeymoon. They plan to live in Winston-Salem for the time being. We wish for them a long and happy life together.

A recipe for happiness:
Give and forgive.

OUR BIBLE SCHOOL RECORD

Attendance last Sunday.....135
Attendance a week ago.....140
Attendance a year ago.....106
Average attendance for 1951.....105
Average attendance thus far 1952.....120

WE ARE STILL WORKING FOR OUR GOAL OF 150 HELP US REACH IT!

HOW DO YOU KNOW YOU ARE A CHRISTIAN?

Ask a person if he is a Jew. Right back you get your answer, yes or no. There is no doubt in his mind about that. Ask him if he is a Mason. There you are again. A positive answer. He knows beyond a doubt whether he is a Mason.

But ask him if he is a Christian! "Well, I hope so," he may reply.

Others may answer: "Yes, sir!" And then if you ask, "How do you know you are a Christian?" You will likely hear: "Well, I just know that I am."

Paul tells us plainly how you can know whether you are a Christian, a child of God. "The Spirit himself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are children of God." Rom.8:16.

You will notice that there are TWO witnesses, not one, as many suppose. God's Spirit does not testify to your spirit, but the two testify jointly. If one testifies to another, there is one witness. If they testify with each other, there are two witnesses. So two witnesses must join in making testimony that we are children of God.

But how does the Spirit testify? He testifies by words: "Which things we also speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Spirit teacheth combining spiritual things with spiritual words." 1 Cor.2:13 (R.V)

But we ask the question: What is this testimony that the Spirit bears with reference to one's being a child of God? Is it a new revelation, borne directly to us by the Holy Spirit? It is not! God has already given men all the tes-

timony by the Spirit they will ever get. Look at this passage: "According as His divine power hath given unto us ALL THINGS that pertain to life and godliness" 2 Pet.1:3. Notice "hath given." Two thousand years ago all things pertaining to life and godliness, had been given. The Spirit has already borne his testimony. Why expect anything further?

Is the Spirit's testimony not a matter of our feelings? It is not! Many people talk about how they feel in religion. They think if they feel good, they are saved. If they don't feel something strange, and if they feel bad, they think they are unforgiven and lost.

Feelings are deceitful. Jacob listened to the false reports of his sinful boys about Joseph, and looked upon Joseph's coat that was bloody and felt that his boy was dead. But his feelings deceived him. A person can be happy and content in a false religion, if he believes the false doctrine to be right. True religion will make a person joyful and happy, but joy and happiness is no sign that one is saved. It is a sign that he thinks he is saved.

Sincerity is no evidence of one's being a Christian. True Christians are sincere, all right but others are sincere, too. Jacob was sincerely mistaken when he said he would see his son Joseph no more this side of the grave. Paul was sincerely mistaken while he persecuted the church.

The testimony of God's Spirit and man's spirit combined offer us knowledge as to whether we are Christians. The Spirit testifies

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(HOW DO YOU KNOW YOU ARE A
CHRISTIAN cont.)

as to the way to pardon, and man's spirit testifies as to whether he has obeyed that way. Here is the way it is done:

The Spirit says: "Whosoever believeth on Him shall not perish, but have everlasting life" Jno. 3:16.

Man's spirit; or heart, says: I have done this, or, I have not done this.

The Spirit says: "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." Luke 13:3.

Man's spirit says: I have repented, or, I have not repented.

God's Spirit says: "Except a man be born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God." John 3:5. "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" Acts 2:38.

Man's spirit says: I have been baptized in Jesus name for the remission of my sins, or, I have not been so baptized.

Any honest, intelligent person can take the Spirit's testimony as to how to obtain pardon, compare the plan with what he has or has not done, and know beyond a doubt whether he is a Christian. You know whether you are a believer, don't you? Do you know whether you have turned your heart to God? Do you know whether you have been baptized in Jesus' name for the remission of your sins? Then in

the light of the full testimony of the Holy Spirit, and in the light of honest conviction about your own actions, you can know whether you are a Christian.

Regardless of how much you may feel you are saved, of how your own spirit testifies to that effect, the Holy Spirit must corroborate that testimony by his, which is the word of God. A man is never saved before the Spirit says he is.

----Just A Moment.

HAVE A SMILE

A mother went to the back door and called her children, "I want you children to stop that quarreling and continual scrapping."

Little Marie turned to her mother and said: "We are not quarreling, we're just playing pop and mom."

Preacher: "Was your husband ill, that he went out in the middle of my sermon?"

Mrs. Smith: "No, it's just his terrible habit of walking in his sleep."

DROPPED IN A CENT

"Old Deacon Horner, he sat in a corner, As the contribution plate passed by; Sweetly content, he dropped in a cent, and said, "What a good Churchman am I."

---Selected.