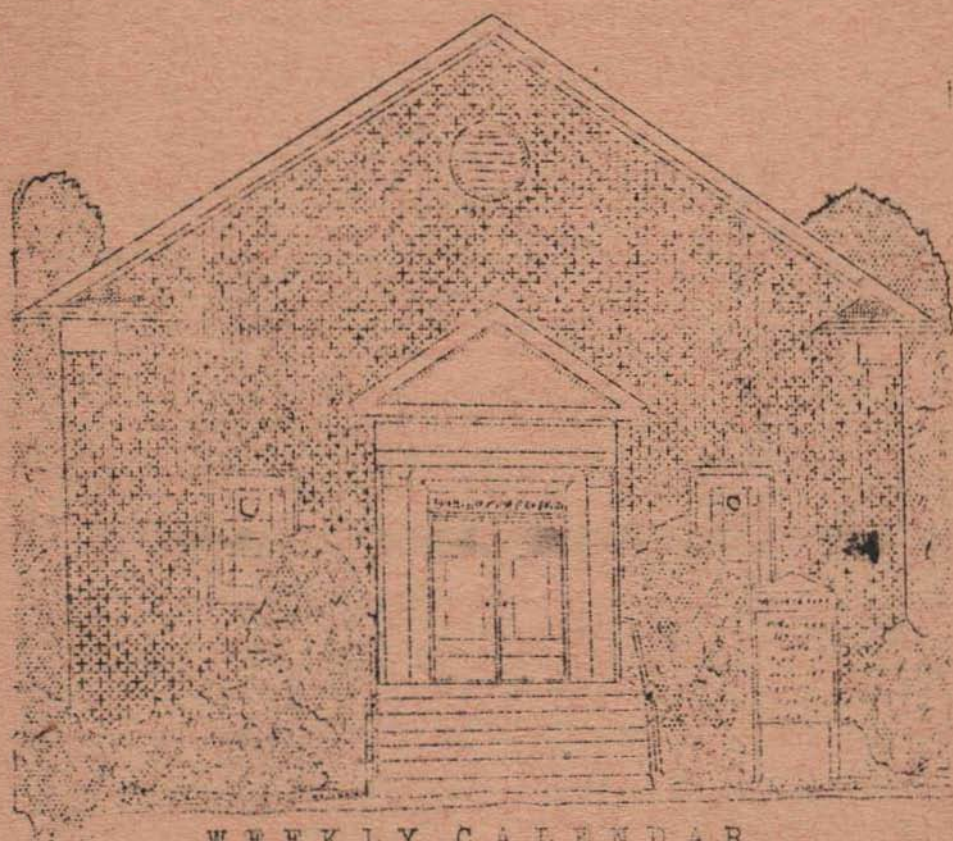


# WARNERS CHAPEL CHURCH OF CHRIST



## W E E K L Y   C A L E N D A R

Bible Study.....10:15 A. M.  
Morning Worship(Begins)....,11:00 A. M.

### P R E A C H I N G

First and Third Sundays....11:00 A. M.  
Second and Fourth Sundays.. 7:30 P. M.

### B I B L E   C L A S S E S

Monday Evening..... 8:00 P. M.  
Friday Evening..... 8:00 P. M.

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# TRUE WORSHIP

## AUTHORITY FOR SINGING

It is an accepted fact with "True Worshipers" that whatsoever we do as worship to God, we must have authority from the New Testament for it. This is as it should be. To please God we must obey the command, "And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him." (Col. 3:17).

In the New Testament we are taught God's will by three methods: (1) Direct Command. (2) Necessary Inference, (3) An Approved Example. Unless we have a direct command, a necessary inference or approved example for what we do, we cannot please God by doing it.

Do we have the authority by direct command, necessary inference or approved example for worshipping God by singing? If so we can safely worship God by singing.

When Jesus kept the passover supper with His disciples and instituted the Lord's supper it is said, "And when they had sung an hymn, they went out into the mount of Olives." (Matth. 26:30) Here by example Jesus connected singing with the Lord's Supper.

After the church was established and Paul was on his second missionary journey, he and Silas were put in prison at Philippi. "And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them. (Acts 16:25). Here we have an example of an inspired apostle and another Christian praising God by singing.



Paul in writing " Unto the Church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both their's and our's. " (I Cor. 1:2) Paul said in the fourteenth chapter and verse fifteen, "I will sing with the spirit and I will sing with the understanding also." He spoke this concerning the Church when it assembled together for worship.

"And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your hearts to the Lord;" Ephesians 5:18, 19.

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord," Colossians 3:16.

"Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be like minded one toward another according to Christ Jesus: That ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Wherefore receive ye one another; as Christ also received us to the glory of God. Now I say that Jesus Christ was a minister of the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made unto the fathers: and that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy; as it is written, For this cause I will confess to thee among the Gentiles and sing unto thy name. And again he saith, Rejoice, ye Gentiles, with his people. And again, Praise the Lord, all ye Gentiles; and laud him, all ye people." Romans 15:5-11.



"For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren. Saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee." Hebrews 2:10,11.

From these quotations we have the authority for singing as worship to God both by command and approved example. This should be sufficient to convince an honest seeker for truth of the authority for singing in the worship.

Next week's article will deal with the PURPOSE OF SINGING.

C.L.D.

## DEVOTIONAL

RAY MOSER will read the devotional reading Sunday morning, October 14.

## MIDWEEK MEETING

It was decided in the regular business meeting last Sunday to consolidate the Monday night and Friday night Bible classes into a mid-week service, effective Wednesday night, November 7, at 7:30 p.m. In this service the first half hour will be used as a devotional period. The last half hour will be used for Bible classes.

To make this a success we will need the cooperation of the entire congregation. Programs for these services will be made out for one month at a time. All of the young men in the congregation will be expected to take part in the devotional services.