


WARNER'S CHAPEL

M E S S E N G E R



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

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TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR A LIVELY CHURCH

1. Thou shalt have no selfish pleasure before thy duty to the Lord.
2. Thou shalt not make unto thee any personal engagements nor any trifling excuses for being away from the services. Thou shalt not bow thyself down to questionable amusements nor to any conduct unworthy of a good example before those on whom you have an influence.
3. Thou shalt not take the responsibility of the Christian life in vain, for the Lord will not hold him or her guiltless who taketh lightly this God given task.
4. Remember the Church services to keep them alive and growing.
5. Honor thyself and God's word that thy days may be long in the success which the Lord thy God hath given thee in His word.
6. Thou shalt not kill or hinder the services by irregular attendance.
7. Thou shalt be pure in thy faith in the word of God, and in thy life.
8. Thou shalt not steal the time of the services by being late.
9. Thou shalt not bear false witness by failing to practice what the Bible teaches.
10. Thou shalt not covet superficial success, but only that which results from careful and prayerful preparation combined with earnest effort.

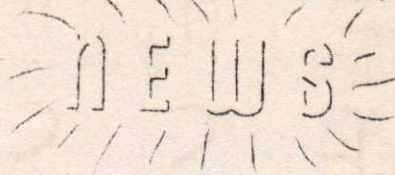
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LET US MAKE WARNERS CHAPEL A LIVE CHURCH: BY TRULY LIVING THE CHRISTIAN LIFE, AND BEING FILLED WITH ZEAL FOR THE SOULS OF OTHERS. COME TO BIBLE STUDY SUNDAY MORNING 10 O'CLOCK.

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Mr. & Mrs. Wade Beauchamp are the proud parents of a baby boy, Wade Edward. CONGRATLATIONS!

We are sorry to learn that Sis. Irene and Eva Nelle Harper are on the sick list today. We hope they will soon be feeling much better.

Below is Bobby Messick's correct address:

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OUR SERVICES

SUNDAY

Bible Study.....10:00 A. M.
Worship.....11:00 A. M.
Worship..... 7:30 P. M.

WEDNESDAY

Ladies Bible Class.....2:00 P. M.
Prayer Meeting.....7:30 P. M.

THURSDAY

Men's Training Class...7:30 P. M.

A WELCOME AWAITS YOU IN ALL OUR SERVICES

NEW MEMBERS

Our hearts were made to rejoice last Lord's Day when Mr. & Mrs. Paul Barber came forward to obey the Gospel. We congratulate them on their obedience to the Gospel and pray that they may remain faithful.

VISITORS

Sunday, February 17, 1952:

Mrs. F. C. Brooks
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SEE YOU IN BIBLE CLASS SUNDAY

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OUR BIBLE SCHOOL RECORD

Attendance last Sunday.....113
Attendance a week ago.....115
Attendance a year ago..... 92
Average attendance for 1951.....105
Average attendance thus far 1952.....114

LET'S MAKE OUR AVERAGE THIS YEAR 125. WILL YOU HELP? ? ?

QUESTION — BIBLE ANSWERS

MISCELLANEOUS QUESTIONS

Last week we mentioned that we had received a letter with five questions, requesting an answer in these columns. We answered three of them last week, and we now turn our attention to the other two:

Question No. 4:

"What kind of a Bible do you use for reference? I have noticed your scriptures doesn't always compare with my Bible. You said, the Bible teaches that one cannot be saved without being a member of Church of Christ (Acts 2:47). My Bible says, (Praising God, and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the Church daily such as should be saved.) Acts 2:47. My Bible is Holy Bible (Authorized or King James version) Is yours different or are you revising one for your own intolerant use?"

ANS. I use the same version as our querist, King James Version most of the time. I am sure that I have used that version in every quotation that I have made in the Messenger. If I have misquoted it, it certainly was unintentional. And I challenge my respondent to cite one passage that I have misquoted.

But my respondent seems to think that Acts 2:47 does not teach that one cannot be saved without being a member of the Church of Christ. The trouble with the querist is, she doesn't want to accept what the Bible says. Maybe she is trying to make the Bible agree with her man-made creed.

Let us see just what the verse does say. "Praising God, and having favor with all the people. And the Lord **ADDED TO THE CHURCH** daily such as should be saved." This is from the King James Version. The American revised version says, "those that were saved." And of course everybody knows that is

exactly what the Authorized version means. The point is this, that one cannot be saved without becoming a member of the church. The very moment that one is saved, the Lord adds him to the church. No, the members of the church have nothing to say about him becoming a member of the Church. There is no voting, or anything like that. Such is not taught in God's word. Voting people into the church is a man-made doctrine, and is contrary to the teaching of the Bible.

Which church does the Lord add the saved to? Why, everybody knows that the Lord adds the saved to Christ's Church. That was the only one that existed in New Testament times. The Catholic Church did not have its beginning until about 606 A.D. The Moravian church had its beginning some time in the fifteenth century, but did not attain a legal status until 1609. The Lutheran church had its beginning about 1530 A.D. The Presbyterian church began 1535 A.D. The Baptist church began in 1607 A.D. The Methodist church began in the year 1729 A.D. These churches are entirely too late to be the New Testament Church. The Lord did not nor does not add the saved to them. They were not in existence during the days of the apostles, therefore, the Lord could not have added people to them. And all other denominational churches have had their beginning since these that I have mentioned. The Church of Christ was established on Pentecost following the resurrection of our Lord. This is the church that I am a member of, and you can read about it in the New Testament. The Lord added the saved to it. (Acts 2:47).

Question No. 5:

"What is in a name? I consid-

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(BIBLE QUESTIONS continued)

er the Church I attend or any other Church I would choose to attend just as much a Church of Christ as Warners Chapel."

ANS. Let us consider the last part of this quotation before we answer the question, "What is in a name." According to the reasoning of our querist, it makes no difference what church you go to, or belong to. I wonder why she is a member of the one she goes to? And if she considers one as good as another, why doesn't she come down and attend some of our services? She might like some other church better than she does the one that she belongs to. According to this kind of reasoning, all churches are teaching the truth and the way of salvation. Yet, every one of them teach a different way to be saved, they have different creeds, wear different names. Now friends, can they all be right? According to our respondent they can. But according to the teaching of the Word of God they cannot be. Which will you take? I will take the word of God and say that man is wrong.

Let us notice that our respondent says, "I consider the church I attend or any other church I would choose to attend just as much a Church of Christ as Warners Chapel." You will notice the use of the pronoun "I" in her writing. You know friends, God has not left it for me to consider which church I will choose. I have no choice in the matter, if I want to please God, and neither does any other man. God gave man the Bible to guide him in the way to Heaven, and the Bible does not teach that man

can choose his own church. In fact friends the Bible teaches that there is only one church, and that Christ is the savior of that one Church. The Bible says "There is one body." Eph. 4:4. What is this one body? "And he is the head of the body, the church." Col. 1: 18. Again, ".....Christ is the head of the church: and he is the SAVIOUR of the body." Eph. 5:23. Does that sound like man has any choice in selecting the church that he will belong to?

Let us try again. Is a church that disregards what the Bible teaches as much a church of Christ as one that follows the Bible as it is written? What about the church that has mechanical music, when the Bible says sing. Eph. 5:19 Col. 3:16.

What about the church that does not have the Lord's Supper every Lord's Day? The Bible teaches us to do that. Acts 20: 7. Are these churches as much a Church of Christ as the one that does what the Bible says in regard to these and many other things? The answer is very obviously, NO! For a church to be the Church of Christ, it must be so in practice, as well as in name.

Next week we will answer the question: What is in a name?
----Vestal Chaffin

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