

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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## PREACH A SERMON PREACHER

Preach a sermon, preacher, but don't preach very long;  
Just tell the love of Jesus Christ, and condemn the wrong.  
Say not a thing of doctrines false, lest others be offended;  
Then turn away from us today, and call us narrow-minded.

Preach a sermon, preacher, but don't preach very plain;  
Let others guess at what is meant, don't ever call a name.  
We'll sing your praises long and loud, we'll keep you many a day  
But make it clear, and you'll hear, "Brother be on your way."

Preach a sermon, preacher, but say nothing of our sins;  
Let us keep on as we have done, perhaps we'll make amends.  
Please let us dance, and gamble, too, and go to every show;  
Make us secure, and very pure, we're humans don't you know.

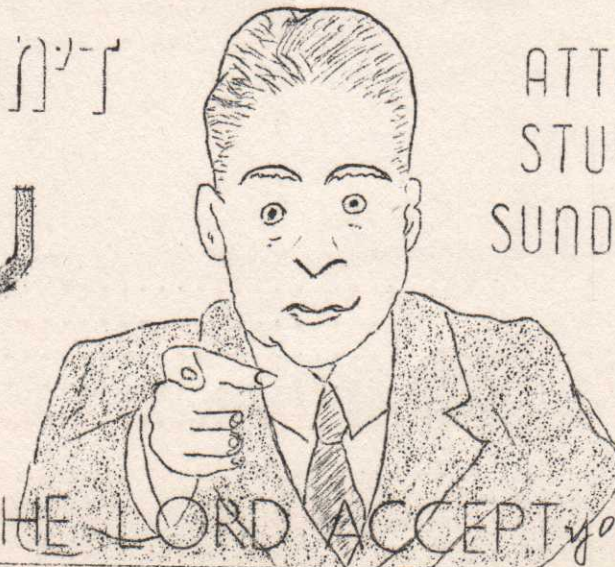
Preach a sermon, preacher, but say nothing of our duty,  
Tell all about the grace of God, and picture heaven's beauty.  
Leave out the things that we must do, we're busy making money;  
We haven't time, can't spare a dime, won't even be there Sunday.

Preach a sermon, preacher, when I have to die,  
Tell all my kith and kin about my home beyond the sky.  
Preach the sermon, make it strong, preach me straight to heaven;  
That's my only way to get to stay, where Christ's reward is  
given!

----By a Preacher.

WHY DON'T  
YOU

ATTEND BIBLE  
STUDY ON  
SUNDAY MORNING?



WOULD THE LORD ACCEPT *your* EXCUSE?



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Brother George Harper is sick with flu.

Sis. Ida Pegram is having more trouble with her foot and has not been able to attend services.

Little Edwin Chaffin is sick with a cold.

Sister Francis Kimel is improving after having a severe case of flu.

Several others may be sick that we do not know about at this time.

The meeting at Kannapolis is in progress and will continue until next Thursday night. Let's all support this meeting as much as we possibly can. Brother Wilson Wallace is doing the preaching.

COME TO BIBLE STUDY SUNDAY!

OUR SERVICES

SUNDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

- Ladies Bible Class.....2:00 P. M.
- Mid-week Service.....7:30 P. M.

THURSDAY

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

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A WELCOME AWAITS YOU IN ALL OUR SERVICES

SERMON SUBJECTS

Chaffin's Subjects for Next Lord's Day March 16th, is: 11 A. M. "Speak Smooth Things." Text Isaiah 30:8-11.

Smooth things are not always what the people need to hear. Hear this important lesson Sunday!

7 P. M. "SO NEAR, BUT YET SO FAR" Text Mark 12:28-34.

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OUR BIBLE SCHOOL RECORD

Attendance last Sunday.....	110
Attendance a week ago.....	110
Attendance a year ago.....	117
Average attendance for 1951.....	105
Average attendance thus far 1952.....	112

ASK YOUR SELF THIS QUESTION: If every member of the Church was just like me, what kind of a Church would Warners Chapel be? ? ? If all the members were like you, would there be any Bible Study?



# "SOME THINGS I FAIL TO FIND IN MY NEW TESTAMENT"

We are in receipt of a copy of "Treasures Of Grace And Glory," a monthly paper published and edited by Mr. T. G. New Jr., "Pastor" for, "New Bethel Baptist Church," near King, North Carolina. He refers to himself as, "Your Country Preacher."

The man and his wife that handed me this little paper pointed out an article in it and asked me to read it and make some comment on it in our little paper. The article is entitled, "Some Things I Fail To Find In My New Testament." Much in this article is good and timely. However, there are a few things that needs to be corrected, and enlarged upon. Let us notice how he starts his article.

"Searching the word of God day in and day out, there are many things that are going on that I want to know about. Yet when I turn to the word of God I have a very hard time finding the scriptural basis for these things." This "country preacher" seems to be doing some thinking for himself but not going quite far enough.

In this article he asks a number of questions, here are some of them with our comments. "Here are a few of the things I am looking for: First, Where in the New Testament do we find the authority of any individual, convention, association or whatnot, over the local congregation?" Comment: No one individual has a right to rule over the local congregation. Neither does a "Convention" or "Association" have the right to rule over a local congregation of the Lord's Church. The New Testament teaches that the local congregation should be governed by "Elders." Acts 14:25; Titus 1:5. Elders are some times called Bishops, and Pastor, referring to the same office and

work. Eph. 4:11. The elders are to rule over, or oversee the local congregation. Heb. 13:17; Acts 20:7 1 Pet. 5:2. Preachers are never in the New Testament referred to as pastors. Therefore, preachers are not to rule over the local congregation. Elders are always spoken of in the New Testament in the plural. There must be a plurality of elders in every congregation.

"Second: Where in the New Testament do we find the first Woman's Missionary Society that had the orders for the running of the church, the power to dictate to the church?" The "Country Preacher" didn't think quite deep enough on this one. Why not ask, where in the New Testament do we find the Missionary Society? Period. The organization itself is unscriptural. It has no authority. We do not need any organization to help the church do its work. To have such is sinful and wrong in God's sight.

"Third: Where do you find in the New Testament the first BOARD of deacons?" Mr. New is on the right track, for there is no such expression as "Board of Deacons" in the New Testament.

"Next I would like to ask where in the New Testament do we find that a Board of Deacons has authority over the local pastor?" Now we have already seen there is no such thing in the New Testament as a "board of deacons." And we have also seen that the word "Pastor" in the New Testament refers to elders and the elders have the rule or oversight over the local congregation. Deacons are servants or helpers, and therefore would be also under the elders, and would not have the power to rule over them.

"Where in the New Testament

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(MY NEW TESTAMENT continued)

do we find the scriptural basis for a Wednesday night church supper in order to entice the ungodly member to come to God's house to feed his stomach, when he would not come to feed his soul with the simple message from God's Holy Word? We would like for Mr. New to tell us where you get authority for "church supper" to raise money or anything else. We have failed to find authority for such.

Now there are other questions in his article similar to those we have mentioned. And I think that Mr. New knows the answer to them.

While we are thinking about things scriptural and unscriptural let us ask Mr. New a few questions pertaining to some of the things the Baptist Church teaches and practices.

1. Where do you find in the New Testament the followers of our Lord called Baptist? I can read where they were called "believers" 1 Tim. 4:12. "Saints" Phil. 1:1, and "Disciples" Acts 16:1; 20:7. "Brethren" Col. 1:2. And "Christians" Acts 11:26; 1 Pet. 4:16. But I have failed to find the passage that says they were called "Baptist."

2. Where in the New Testament do you find the church called the "Baptist Church?" I can find in New Testament where the church is called: "The Church of God." 1 Cor 1:2; Acts 20:28. "The Churches of Christ." Rom. 16:16. In its different phases it is called: "Kingdom of God." Matt. 6:33; Acts 1:3. And "Body of Christ." Eph. 1:22-23. But I have never read in the New Test-

ament where the word "baptist" is in any way connected with the word church.

3. Where do you find in the New Testament that it says, "baptism is not essential to salvation? I find that Jesus said, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." Mark 16:16. And that baptism is "for the remission of sins" Acts 2:38; and that "baptism doth also now SAVE us" 1 Pet. 3:21. But I happened to know that Baptists teach that baptism does not have anything to do with our salvation. Where do you find that in the New Testament?

4. Where in the New Testament do we find that "once you are saved you are always saved," or "once in grace always in grace." Now it is generally known that Baptists do teach these things. But I would like to have the book, chapter and verse that says these things.

5. Where in the New Testament do we find authority for observing the Lenten season, "Good Friday" and "Easter?" Many of the denominational churches are observing these things; yet I have been unable to find any authority for such. I know in the King James version of Bible that "Easter" is mentioned in Acts 12:4. But in every other place the word "Pascha" is translated "Passover." It should have been so translated in Acts 12:4, for it has reference to the passover feast that was approaching. I know that many do observe "Easter" including some Baptists. Where is their authority?

Now I hope that Mr. New will be kind enough to give us an answer to these questions.--V. Chaffin.