

WARNER'S 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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CONGRATULATIONS



We are glad to give front page space this week to congratulate our girls and boys who are graduating from High School this year. We have three girls and three boys who will receive their diplomas next week. Those in the Lewisville School are as follows:

Mr. Carl Harper; Miss Dora Harper; Mr. Fred Holder; Miss Leota Harper; Miss Dorothy Moser. And from South Fork School, Mr. Harold Messick.

We extend to each of you our sincere congratulations. We want you to know that we are proud of you and your accomplishments. We hope you will use your talents and knowledge to the glory of God and the good of man.

We understand that Carl Harper is planning to go to David Lipscomb College this fall. We are glad to know that he is; We believe that Carl has the ability to make a fine Gospel Preacher. We hope he will work to that end.

Should any of the rest of you desire to further your education I hope you will choose to go to one of our Christian Schools. If I can be of assistance to you please let me know.

---Ed.

AN INFIDEL'S CHALLENGE

"If I firmly believed, as millions say they do, that the knowledge and practice of Christianity in this life influences destiny in another world, Christianity would be to me, everything. I would cast aside all earthly cares as follies and earthly thoughts and feelings as vanity. Christianity would be my first waking thought, and my last image before sleep sank me into unconsciousness. I would labor in its cause alone.

"I would take thought for the morrow and eternity alone. Earthly consequences would never stay my hands or seal my lips. I would esteem my soul gained for Heaven worth a lifetime of effort. I would go forth to the world and preach Christ in season and out of season and my text would be: "What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?"

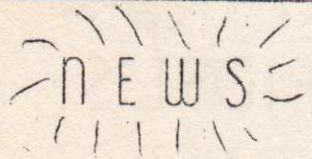
----Author Unknown.

Editors NOTE: This should stir the soul of every faithful Child of God to determine to do more for the cause of Christ in the future than we have in the past. What difference does it make what we have in this world; what kind of a house we live in, what kind of an automobile we drive? If we loose our souls to have these things, all will be lost. Let us obey Matt.6:33.

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---Vestal Chaffin,
Editor.



Bro. & Sis. W. W. Tynes and children from Tulsa, Oklahoma are visiting with Sis. Tynes' family, Bro. and Sis. J. W. Warner.

Our hearts were made to rejoice Sunday morning when Mrs. Henry Transou obeyed the Gospel. We wish for her a long and faithful Christian life.

The meeting at Abilene Church of Christ will continue through this Sunday night.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR APRIL 1952

J. W. Warner, Treasurer

Balance on hand April 1, 1952..... \$503.78

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR APRIL:

April 6,.....	\$179.30
April 13,.....	156.67
April 20,.....	183.49
April 27,.....	162.57
Refund on Insurance premium.....	15.00
Refund.....	5.00
Total.....	<u>\$1205.81</u>

EXPENDITURES FOR APRIL:

Piedmont Sheet Metal Co.....	3.00
Vestal Chaffin, Preaching.....	320.00
WTOB Radio Station.....	57.60
Gospel Advocate Co.....	9.60
Duke Power Co.....	6.40
Church at Tamarack, N. C.....	50.00
Herald of Truth program.....	25.00
Cleaning house.....	10.00
Bell Telephone Co.....	4.20
Hutchinson-Allgood, (printing).....	19.00
A. P. Warner, Material for repairing baptistry & Grass seed..	74.63
Work on yard.....	5.25
Postage for Bulletin.....	13.70
Gospel Advocate Co. (cards & seals)	1.17
Rest room supplies.....	2.20
Walker Florist.....	4.50
Sand screenings & Lesson books etc.	14.45
Total Expenditures.....	<u>\$620.70</u>
Balance on hand May 1st.....	<u>\$585.11</u>

SERMON SUBJECTS

Bro. Chaffin's sermon subjects for Sunday, June 1 are as follows:
11:00 A.M. "Be Not Conformed to This World"
7:30 P.M. "The Boy That Stayed at Home"

Be sure and hear both these lessons. Bring your friend with you.

COME TO BIBLE STUDY SUNDAY!

OUR BIBLE SCHOOL RECORD

Attendance last Sunday.....	130
Attendance a week ago.....	133
Attendance a year ago.....	107
Average attendance for 1951.....	105
Average attendance thus far 1952.....	118

HELP US BRING OUR AVERAGE UP TO 120

QUESTIONS—BIBLE ANSWERS

WHY HAVE THE LORD'S SUPPER WEEKLY?

We have received the following question with the request that we give our attention to it. We are always glad to help people with any Bible question if we can. The question is:

"Why does the church of Christ have the Lord's supper every Sunday? Why isn't it alright to just have it once a month, or quarterly or once a year?"

As all of our readers know, it is an accepted practice of the denominational churches (or at least most of them) to observe the Lord's supper once a month, some quarterly, some every six months, and still others once each year. Members of these churches think it strange that the church of Christ partakes of the Lord's supper each first day of the week. Why do they think it strange? Could it be that it is because the Bible is a stranger to them? I am sure that the average member of the denominational churches have heard but very little teaching concerning the Lord's supper. And what they have heard, probably has been given the denominational twist. For they teach that it is not necessary to have the Lord's supper every first day of the week. Is this according to the teaching of the New Testament? I think not. Let us see what the New Testament says on this subject.

INSTITUTED BY CHRIST

The Lord's supper is a divine ordinance ordained by Jesus Christ on the same night he was betrayed. "And he took bread, and gave thanks and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me. Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup

is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you." Lk.22:19-20. (See also Matt.26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24) In this passage we will notice four things: (1) This supper was instituted by Christ. (2) He gave it to his disciples. (3) He told them to partake of it. "This do." (4) They were to do this in remembrance of Christ. Thus Christ gave the Lord's supper to his disciples as a memorial of himself. They were to commemorate the death, burial and resurrection of Christ by partaking of the Lord's supper on the first day of every week.

WHY OBSERVE IT EVERY WEEK?

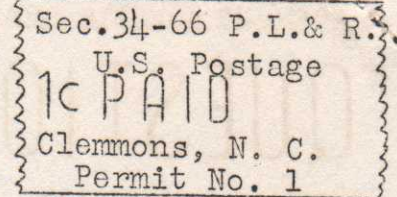
There is nothing taught in the New Testament more plainly, than that the members of the church met on every Lord's Day to worship. In Acts 2:42, we find, "And they continued steadfastly in the apostles doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers" This verse suggest a regularity and frequency of their worship and service, rather than an occasional custom. Again in Acts 20:7, "And upon the first day of the week when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them....." Acts 20:7. You will notice that they came together on the first Day of the week "to break bread." Which first day of the week? There is but one first day of the week! There has never been a week without a first day or with more than one first day. Hence the first day of every week is the day on which Christians meet and eat the Lord's supper in worship unto God.

The Corinthians met on the first day of the week to partake

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of the Lord's supper. "When ye come together therefore into one place, this is not to eat the Lord's supper." 1 Cor. 11:20. The revised version says, "it is not possible to eat the Lord's supper" Why did Paul make such a statement? Because they had so desecrated this part of the worship that it was impossible to worship in spirit and in Truth. They were making a feast out of the Lord's supper. 1 Cor. 11:21-22. But it is evident from this that they did come together to partake of the Lord's supper. ~~BUT WHEN?~~ On the first day of the week. 1 Cor. 16:2. It is agreed that this means every first day of the week. Now let us see what we have: (1) They ate the Lord's supper when they came together. 1 Cor. 11:20. (2) They came together on the first day of every week. 1 Cor. 16:2. (3) Therefore, they ate the Lord's supper every first day of the week.

Let us hear again the warning of Paul. "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." Heb. 10:25. Paul probably had in mind some day other than the Lord's Day, but since the first day of the week was the day on which they assembled, it is included. Therefore we must not forsake this assembly, to partake of the Lord's supper and otherwise worship God.

But someone may object by saying, it does not say every first

day of the week. And that is true. But let us go back to the Old Testament for just a little while. I find in Exodus 20:8, God said, "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy." Now friends, you may search your Bible from Genesis to Revelation and you will not find where God said, "Remember every sabbath day to keep it holy." It is just not there to be found. But did the Jews keep every sabbath day holy? Yes! They were intelligent enough to know that when God said, "Remember the sabbath day" He meant every sabbath day. Are we today less intelligent than were the Jews? I think not. The trouble today is, the religious people are creed bound, and are willing to be guided by a man made creed, rather than take the Bible the word of God as their guide.

It was a death penalty for the Jews to refuse to keep the sabbath day holy. (See Numbers 15:32-36... If ^{thou}trample under foot the "Son of God and count the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing," we shall suffer even a more severe punishment. (See Heb. 10:25-29) Those who willfully refuse to partake of the Lord's supper every first day of the week are guilty of this very thing.

We partake of the Lord's Supper every first day of the week because of apostolic example, and because the New Testament teaches not to forsake it. Following the way of the early Christians, is a way that is right and cannot be wrong. Let's go back to the Bible.
----Vestal Chaffin.