



TIDINGS

Warners Chapel Church of Christ

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A Cordial Welcome Awaits You At All Times.

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WITH THIS ISSUE OF TIDINGS...

Yes, with this issue of Tidings we conclude its publication. On November 1, 1964 we began it, and with this one, on January 25, 1976, the five hundred thirty-fourth issue, we bring it to an end.

It has been indeed among the most enjoyable experiences of my work with you as your minister. Each week we have tried to have a little paper for you, to be handed to you on Lord's day mornings as you leave.

Hopefully it has been of some advantage in the over all work of the Lord here at Warners Chapel. We have included thoughts of exhortation, comfort, instruction, and edification, together with some news of our activities here, such as that of our sick, various activities of our congregation, announcements as to meetings, etc. of churches of the surrounding area, with the view that you perhaps could profit by its general contents from week to week.

No little effort, as you would well understand, has gone into compiling it, writing it, and publishing it. But as I mentioned, it has truly been an enjoyable responsibility and experience to have one for you just about every week. We do appreciate your frequent commendations of Tidings and your having faithfully read it through the years.

(HC)

BRINGING IT TO A CLOSE...

My work with you as evangelist here comes to a close today, after almost twelve years. It goes without saying that such produces in my heart considerable sadness, in a way, but on the other hand, there is joy with regard to the good things of the past that have been accomplished by us all here as we have labored together in the Lord's service, and there is much anticipation regarding the future of Warners Chapel, for there is unlimited potential and abundant possibilities for development, growth, and edification of the church in this very fine community.

You Christians of Warners Chapel have been, for almost thirty years, extremely close to my heart. This is home to me. I recall back in 1948, when I was but a stripling of a young preacher, when I would visit with you when Dot and I were going together, attending your meetings, enjoying your hospitality in the homes of many of you, how deeply I was impressed with your kindness and generosity and friendship.

And when you invited me to return here in 1964 to be your preacher, I was grateful for the opportunity to live and work among you.

As I sit here this afternoon typing this last of well over 500 weekly bulletins I have tried to give you each week the past eleven and a half years, I am literally flooded with memories. Twelve years is a long time for a preacher to stay in one place - rare to say the least. It has been a period in my life that has been indeed the most happy in countless aspects, and, in some instances, personally, the most sad, as you could well understand.

Space and time preclude my reviewing details. That would take volumes. So I won't. But there are some things that are extremely vivid in my reflections, such as the expansion program of our building and the development of our property, and the great lectureship of 1970. I remember so well the enthusiasm you evidenced as we planned together and underwent sacrifices to produce the lovely facilities we now have. But there are more significantly spiritual matters that are called to mind - such as the great meeting in the fall of '66 with Brother Woods, the first in our enlarged auditorium, the other meetings he and others have held from year to year, the great series of Vacation Bible Schools during the summers, the Restoration lectures last spring, the training classes for the men and for teachers, the many teachers meetings, the program in personal worker development conducted last winter...and on and on I could go in recalling these things that hopefully have strengthened our faith together and produced for us opportunity for greater service.

With tenderness I recall the some twenty-five couples among you whom

I have married; the more than forty persons who have passed away, funeral services for whom I have conducted or had a part in. I recall with joy the great personal happiness experienced in baptizing some 135 persons during these past years. I have been in your homes in times of sadness, grief, troubles; I have been with you in moments of joy and fellowship and association. You have been extremely kind to me in many ways, and among you are the dearest friends to my heart that I have ever had. This cannot but reflect on my feelings toward you here, and if God lets me live, in the years to come there will be many happy memories of our sojourn in your midst.

As I look back over these years past, certainly there are heartaches and problems to be recalled. There have been mistakes. But where can we go and what can we do in this life where there are no heartaches and no problems and no mistakes? In it all I think of my own personal loss in the tragic illness and death of Dot last year - and the kindness and understanding you have given.

Thus your friendship will never be forgotten - indeed it will continue in my heart. I also appreciate and will always be mindful of the relationship the elders and myself have sustained in the years past, and the good work we together have striven to accomplish here.

Now the potential for Warners Chapel is, as I said earlier, limitless. It could well be destined to become among the most influential with respect to the fundamental gospel of Christ in this section of the country. It can prove of inestimable value to the cause of Christ in this community.

With enthusiasm, diligence, and cooperation, and above all, godliness and spirituality, and with determination, planning, and resolve to be now and to continue to be in the future a true New Testament church, working and worshipping after the New Testament order of things, maintaining the position of truth on all issues, and with every effort being expended to teach the Bible and convert those yet out of Christ, and to strengthen the saved through God's word and growth thereby, the church can and will go forward! Always remember that you are brethren and sisters in Christ - indeed the family of God. Love one another - for such is requisite to true discipleship.

As you perhaps are aware, I am leaving the full time ministry, at least for a while, and will continue to make this my home and to worship here and be a part of you as a member of the body of Christ.

In closing, in the words of the apostle Paul, I pray: "...that Christ

may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye being rooted and grounded in love may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passeth all knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God." (Eph. 3:17-19)

(HC)

FEBRUARY BIRTHDATES...Happy birthday to the following of our number:

Barry Sheets	-	Feb. 1	Elwood Flinchum	-	Feb. 23
Bonnie Landreth	-	Feb. 4	Frank Holder	-	Feb. 23
Jack Piper	-	Feb. 6	Tony Minor	-	Feb. 23
J.W. Pegram	-	Feb. 7	Lonnie Moser	-	Feb. 26
Marie Harper	-	Feb. 10	Linda Flinchum	-	Feb. 26
Clyde Conner	-	Feb. 19	Alta Warner	-	Feb. 28
Nelle Harper	-	Feb. 20			

LORD'S TABLE - February...Gary Harper, presiding; E.A. Smith, Don Minor, Mahlon Barringer, Ted Stewart, assisting.

PREPARE COMMUNION - February...Gladys Harper

REMEMBER SERVICES THIS EVENING - 6:30.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

Bible Classes 10:00 A.M.
Morning Worship 10:50 A.M.
Evening Worship
November through April 6:30 P.M.
May through October 7:30 P.M.

WEDNESDAY

Mid-week Service 7:30 P.M.

Other classes and services as announced.

Nursery open for small children during all services.

Radio Program - each Sunday at 8:45 A.M. on WTOB, Winston-Salem.

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