


# 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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## HAVE YOU LOOKED AT IT LIKE THIS?

This article in the main, is in the February issue of Gospel Digest. However, I have supplied the figures, and much of the article is of my own wording. ---Ed.

We have approximately, 150 members. (I am sure this is a safe figure). This of course includes only those who are active in the work. And some of these are not as active as they should be. But they do attend at least one service on the Lord's Day.

Certainly every member of the Church here should want to bear their individual responsibility in every phase of the Lord's work. In this way, and only in this way can we do all the Lord requires of us. Let each of us ask ourselves, am I doing what the Lord requires of me in the matter of giving to Him as I have been prospered? If we will look at it in the way suggested in this article, I believe you will agree that we could and should be giving more than we are now.

Now suppose 40 Of our 150 members smoke one pack of cigarettes each day. Each pack cost about 20¢ retail. Now multiply 20 times 40 equals \$8.00 per day; or a weekly total of \$56.00.

Suppose 50 members average 50¢ per week on movies. (This may be too high for this; I certainly hope it is! But probably some one of the other things are too low.) That would be a total of \$25.00

per week.

It certainly is reasonable to suppose that 75 of these members average 10¢ a day for candy, cold drinks, chewing gum, etc. This would be \$7.50 per day; a total of \$52.50 per week.

Now let's add. For cigarettes --\$56.00; for movies---\$25.00; for candy, cold drinks, etc. \$52.50; A grand weekly total of \$133.50. Multiply that by 52 and you will get (hold tight now) \$6,942.00.

Now suppose each time you spent some money for the above items you put aside an equal amount for the Lord's work. Do you know what we could do? We could support two more full time evangelist in this needy field of the state of North Carolina.

Surely brethern, this proves beyond a shadow of a doubt that we are financially able to give more than we now give. None of the above mentioned things are essential. The work of the Lord certainly should have precedence over all these things.

Have you looked at it like this? If not, please DO NOW!!!

### S M I L E

Cook: "Did you hear them say anything about the cooking?"

New Maid: "No, but I noticed them praying before they eat it."

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The following have had to miss services on account of flu and other sickness:

Sister George Harper  
Marie Harper  
Bonnie Warner

Several attended the services at Wilkesboro last Sunday night. Brother Wilson Wallace is holding a meeting there. It closes next Sunday Night. He is to start another meeting on Monday night, March 10, at Kannapolis.

The members of the congregation and friends will be interested to know that the following announcement has been received:

A daughter, Sherrylee, born to Mr. & Mrs. Max L. Johnson, Feb. 21, 8:05 A. M., Weight 5 lbs. and 8 oz.

CONGRATULATIONS, JOHNSONS!

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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SAD BUT TRUE

The man who brags, "I run things in our house," usually refers to the lawn mower, vacuum cleaner, baby carriage, and errands.

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Remember the banana-every time it leaves the bunch it gets skinned.

OUR BIBLE SCHOOL RECORD

Attendance last Sunday.....110  
Attendance a week ago.....104  
Attendance a year ago..... 91  
Average attendance for 1951.....105  
Average attendance thus far 1952.....112

OUR AVERAGE ATTENDANCE IS FALLING OFF, HELP US KEEP IT UP! COME SUN.



# THE FARMER AND THE PREACHER



One day a preacher visited a farmer friend. The farmer was out in his field sowing seed, so the preacher joined him there.

"What are you doing?" asked the preacher.

"I am sowing several crops," answered the farmer. "I expect a good harvest of watermelons, tomatoes, onions, potatoes, corn and okra from this seed."

"What!" cried the preacher. "Do you mean you expect to have all those different kind of vegetables from just that one sowing? Do you have all those kind of seed mixed together in that one sack?"

"No," replied the farmer, "I have only turnip seed in the sack----but all these different things will grow from this turnip seed if I am truly sincere in believing that they will, and will work hard to make them grow."

"But surely," said the preacher, you know better than that! Don't you know that according to Genesis 1:11-12 one of God's laws is that every seed shall bring forth after its own kind? If you plant turnip seed you can't harvest anything but turnips. If you want watermelons, you must plant watermelon seed. You are the first man I ever saw who believed that watermelons would come from turnip seeds! Why, all the sincerity and hard work in the whole world can't cause even one tiny watermelon to come from this turnip seed!"

The next Sunday morning the farmer went to hear his friend preach at the local church. The

sermon was about what the preacher termed, "The Great Invisible Church." According to the preacher, this "invisible church" was made up of all the visible churches---- Episcopal, Methodist, Presbyterian Baptist, Pentecostal, etc.

"Any church," declared the preacher, "is just as good as any other, since all of them have come about as a result of the sowing of the seed of the gospel in the soil of the human heart."

As the farmer left the building, he said to the preacher, "Yesterday in my field you showed me my error in believing that watermelons could grow from turnip seed but here today you declare that many different fruits do come from the same seed, the word of God. Now, if it is impossible for watermelons and turnips to come from the same seed, how does it happen that Methodists and Baptists can come from the same seed? If only turnips can come from turnip seed, why cannot only Christians come from the seed of God's word? And if one has to plant something other than turnip seed to get watermelons, why do you not have to plant something other than God's seed to get Methodists, Baptists and Catholics? Wouldn't you have to plant Baptist seed to get a Baptist? And Lutheran seed to get a Lutheran? It seems to me a mistake to say that all these churches sprang from the sowing of the same seed----the word of God. They must surely have come from the seeds and creeds of these various groups." (Continued Page 4)

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(FARMER AND PREACHER continued)

"Well, now, perhaps you are right," said the preacher, "but after all, we can't see alike, and the sincere heart will bring forth the proper fruit from any of these churches, no matter what their belief or teaching may be."

"But yesterday," remonstrated the farmer, "you showed me that sincerity can NOT make a watermelon from a turnip seed. Neither then can a Lutheran come from the seed of God's word, nor a Christian grow from the seed of Episcopal teaching. The Gospel seed will bring forth a Christian, and a Christian only; not some particular "kind" of a Christian."

"We-l-l," said the preacher, "maybe you'd just better forget all such talk as that. You cause folks to become dissatisfied with the religion which their mothers and fathers handed down to them."

"If my mother and father had told me that watermelons would come from turnip seed, that would not have made it a fact," said the farmer, "Neither will it help them for me to continue to believe a false idea. Falsehood---including false religion, should be abandoned, no matter how many generations it has been believed. And such an idea as you have is false, and can not be found in the word of God."

And the conversation ended.

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## WANTED

I would like to buy some sectional book cases. (Office book cases), with glass doors. If you live in this vicinity or the vicinity of Winston-Salem, and have a book case of this kind and would like to sell it, please call me at 5-2414. Or write me at once.  
---Vestal Chaffin

## SERMON SUBJECTS

Brother Chaffin's Sermon subjects for the next four Lord's Days at the 11 O'clock service will be as follows:

March 9th, "LOOKING UNTO JESUS"  
March 16th, "SPEAK SMOOTH THINGS"  
March 23rd, "A MIRROR FOR THE SOUL"  
March 30th, "FREEDOM BY THE TRUTH"

Be sure and hear every one of these important subjects discussed. Invite your friends and neighbors to hear them. Remember the time Sunday mornings at 11 o'clock.

### BIBLE STUDY SUNDAY

Since all the children under 16 years are quarantined due to the flu epidemic, they will not be able to attend their Bible Classes Sunday, Unless this ban is lifted.

ALL ADULTS ARE URGED TO COME TO BIBLE CLASSES SUNDAY AND HELP US KEEP OUR ATTENDANCE UP.

COME! COME! COME! 10 O'CLOCK.