

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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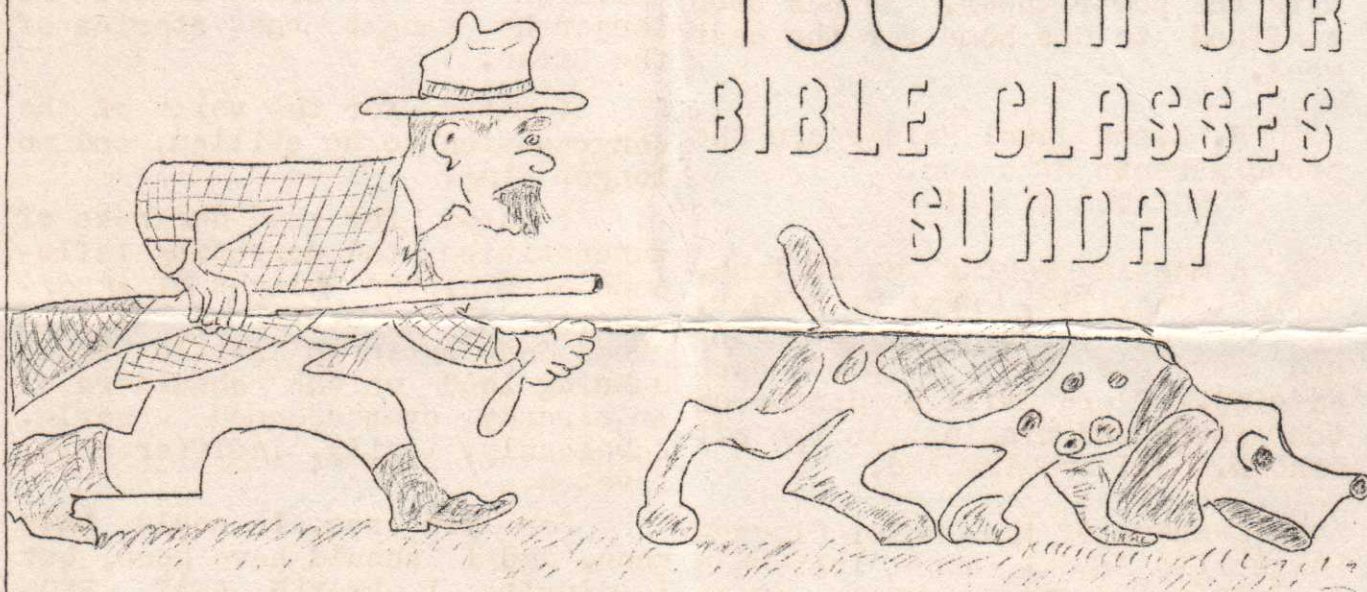
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WE ARE LOOKING FOR

150 IN OUR
BIBLE CLASSES
SUNDAY



WILL WE FIND YOU THERE??

TAKE A LOOK AT THE ATTENDANCE THUS FAR THIS MONTH!!!

May 4, --142; May 11, --144; May 18, --133. For several months we have been trying to reach our goal of 150. We almost made it two weeks ago. We only liked six. Were you and YOU among that SIX that kept us from reaching our goal???

Shall we reach our goal next Sunday???. You have the answer. We will if you and YOU and YOU, and all of us will come! It take cooperation to accomplish anything, won't you help us?

WE ARE LOOKING FOR YOU!!!

"WARNERS CHAPEL MESSENGER"

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I VOTED TO CLOSE THE CHURCH

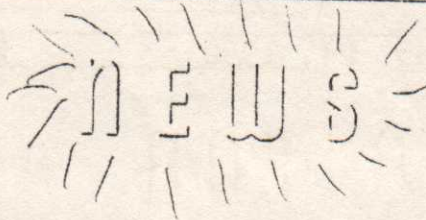
Last Sunday I voted to close the Church; Not intentionally, nor maliciously, but carelessly, thoughtlessly, lazily, indifferently, I voted. I voted to close the open Bible that had been given us by years of struggle and by blood of martyrs who had died that we might have it to read. I voted for our minister to stop preaching the glorious truths of the gospel of Jesus Christ. I voted that the children of the Bible school no longer be taught the stories of the Bible.

I voted for the voice of the congregation to be stilled, and no longer sing.

I voted for the darkness of superstition, the degrading influence of sin, the blight of ignorance, and the curse of selfish greed once again to settle their damning load on the shoulders of an already overburdened world. Carelessly, lazily, indifferently, I voted.

For you see, I could have gone, and I should have gone, but I didn't. I STAYED AWAY FROM CHURCH LAST SUNDAY!

-----Selected.



Brother Glenn Elam is improving after his accident last week with the power mower. He has been confined to his home for the past week.

R. J. and Jewel Holder are the proud parents of a son. CONGRATULATIONS!

A meeting begins at Abilene, near Statesville, next Sunday. Brother Hunt is doing the preaching and services are at 8:00 each evening. There will be dinner on the ground and singing in the afternoon. All are invited.

Members of the Senior Class of Lewisville School spent last week in Washington, D. C. While there Carl Harper, Fred Holder, Leota Harper and Dot Moser attended services at the Church of Christ. Harold Messick of South Fork School also attended services.

The following is an excerpt from a letter received by Brother Chaffin concerning "The Messenger": "We wanted you to know we appreciate and look forward to its coming. We read every word and it is a help to us. Thanks again." Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Winfrey, Route 5, Mount Airy, N. C.

OUR BIBLE SCHOOL RECORD

Table with attendance statistics: Attendance last Sunday (133), Attendance a week ago (144), Attendance a year ago (103), Average attendance for 1951 (105), Average attendance thus far 1952 (118).

LET'S KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK; BE AT BIBLE STUDY SUNDAY!

OUR MEETING

Last week the Church here at Warners Chapel closed one of the best meetings in it's entire history. (So the brethern say.) Certainly no one could say that it was not a fine Gospel meeting. The attendance was good all the way through the meeting. The preaching was second to none. Brother Woods is a fearless and forceful gospel preacher. His lessons were plain and scriptural, and I am sure they were appreciated by all of us. I consider the church here very fortunate in having brother Woods to come our way. We are looking forward to having him again in 1954.

There were many visitors in our services throughout the meeting. Visiting brethern came from the following places in North Carolina: Greensboro; Salisbury; Winston-Salem; Statesville; Highpoint; Hickory; and Charlotte. For their cooperation and assistance we are thankful.

We also had many visitors that are not members of the Church of Christ, from this and adjoining communities. We want them to know that we deeply appreciate them coming, and we invite them to come to our regular scheduled services any time. If you know some who visited our meeting that are not members, be sure and tell them how much we appreciated them coming, and invite them back.

Six were baptized during the meeting, and one was restored. They are:

Baptized:

Miss Lillian Ridings.
Miss Barbara Stewart.
Miss Gail Moser.
Miss Nancy Messick.
Mr. Ronald Chaffin.
Mrs. Paul Transou.

Restored:

Mr. Paul Transou.

We were happy to see these obey their Lord, and we pray that they may have a long and useful life in His service. Let us all do what we can to encourage them to be faithful.

HOSPITALITY

Brother Woods and brother Chaffin enjoyed visiting in several of the homes of the community, during the meeting. The meals that were prepared were delicious. We express our appreciation for the fine Christian hospitality. The following families had the preachers in their homes for a meal.

Mrs. Mary Harper; Mr. John Warner; Mr. A. P. Warner; Mr. Paul Transou; Mr. Jim Harper; Mr. Jack Bailey; The Warner and Elam families. Mr. Harvey Holder; Mr. Firch Messick; Mr. T. W. Pegrum; Mr. Lonnie Moser; The Henry Griffith and Andrew Harper families; The Reeves and Bost families; Mr. John Harper; Mr. Herman Landreth; Mr. George Harper.

Thanks to all of you for your hospitality and every kind consideration.

"PRACTICING"

A young girl was asked, "Whose preaching brought you to Christ?" She replied, "It wasn't anybody's preaching; it was Aunt Mary's Practicing."

How many souls have you won to Christ by your "practicing?"

----Andrew Ave. Church of Christ
Bulletin. Fort Lauderdale,
Florida.

"The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise." Prov. 11:30.

"Open rebuke is better than secret love." Prov. 27:5

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JUST A MINUTE CHRISTIAN

In many ways Christians are not like the world. One of these ways is in dress. To be a Christian one does not have to wear a long flowing robe. To be an obedient, chaste servant of Christ one DOES have to dress modestly. The word specifically directed to women is, "Women for their part are to dress modestly and sensibly in proper clothes." (1 Tim. 2:9 Goodspeed) The modesty that applies to women in this case would certainly equally apply to men, but in these days, when warm weather comes, there seems to be a tendency on the part of women especially to begin stripping off their clothes to the point of both indecency and repulsiveness. If they realized how ridiculous they looked in such abbreviated garb, they would be somewhat less eager to display the "body beautiful(?)"

Maybe they argue that shorts and halters are cooler and more comfortable. The argument carries no force, for there are too many people respectably clothed who are more comfortable than these unfeathered jaybirds, whose skin is directly exposed to the hot sun, and who in hot, humid weather stick to whatever they touch.

Parents, if you think it cute and comfortable to clothe (unclothe) your little girls in prac-

tically nothing now, you will be making it almost impossible for them to know the difference between modest and immodest clothing when they grow up.

God himself made clothing for the first man and woman. Therefore God intends for people to cover their bodies with modest, sensible and proper clothes. Members of the Church who run off after the world in this respect are violating the word of God.

----Taken from the Monthly Bulletin--Church of Christ, Sparta Tennessee. Billy Norris, Evangel.

To this article we say a hearty----AMEN. (Ed.)

JUST A LITTLE

The members sleep a LITTLE late. They go straggling into the assembly a LITTLE tardy. Some of the members chew gum a LITTLE, joke a LITTLE, and fuddle the babies a LITTLE. Brethern in class argue a LITTLE, laugh a LITTLE, figure a LITTLE, mark in the books a LITTLE listen to the sermon and prayers a LITTLE.

Then talk a LITTLE while before going home to forget what LITTLE they heard, and act a LITTLE like they cared but LITTLE for the greatest, grandest, holiest, and most precious institution on the earth--THE CHURCH OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST.

----Akron Messenger.
COULD THIS APPLY TO US BREthern???
Ed.