

SERVING ...	TODAY ...	NEXT WEEK
Welcome	----- Elder of the Month -----	
Song	Wade Key	Mike Simons
Prayer	Mike Simons	Roland Andrews
Song		
Scripture	Tom O'Brien	Dug Phillips
Sermon	Andrew Beasley	Andrew Beasley
Song		
Communion	Jules Guilbeau	Wayne Skipworth
Song		
Closing Prayer	Levi Simons	David Bragg
Announcements	Shane Taylor	Shane Taylor
Facebook Live	Jacques Pettit	Arnold Family

### Sunday Evening @ 6

No evening services.

### Wednesday Evening Bible Study @ 7

Evangelism class

ELDERS	DEACONS	MINISTER
Rob Albright	Technology	Nathan Arnold
704-315-7068	Education	Jules Guilbeau
Roland Andrews	Finances	Rick Keen
336.674.3426	Growth	
Ken Mantle	Fellowship	Keith Nance
336-643-3740	Youth	
Wayne Skipworth	Facilities &	Sonny Moats
336.362-2693	Grounds	

### MISSION WORKS

Hospitality Ministry	Blessing Bags	Sunshine Baskets
Senior Bible Study	Heart Sisters	Parents Night Out

## Northwest CHURCH OF CHRIST



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April 16, 2023

In the first verse of Romans chapter 12 Paul pleads with his audience that they present themselves as living sacrifices, holy and acceptable to God. The overarching call of the Christian life is for us to be different than we were before, and different from the world around us. To do so, the Gospel should transform us and turn us into selfless, sacrificial creatures. It means that rather than putting ourselves and our own desires first, we put Christ and what He desires from us in the position of prominence and priority in our lives.

How might this manifest itself practically? If we are to be living sacrifices, meaning those who continue to live and yet sacrifice of ourselves, then that must mean we neglect that which is important to us and instead do that which is important to Christ. It means that if there is a choice between worship and anything else, we choose worship. It means if there is a choice between fellowshiping with our church family and anything else, we choose our church family. In all things, and in all aspects of our life, Christ must come first. It is for this reason that Jesus explains our affection and love for our own flesh and blood must seem like hatred in comparison to what we feel for Him, then we cannot be His disciple (Luke 14:26).

Perhaps it seems like a lot, when we consider that in all things Christ must come first. Perhaps it may seem like God is asking too much of us. But the apostle Paul argues otherwise at the conclusion of Romans 12:1. He said present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God... which is your REASONABLE service.

It is reasonable for Christ to expect this of us because of what He has given for us. He paid the price, ransomed us, and set us free from sin. It is reasonable to expect we would sacrifice all for Him, just as He has done for us. – Andrew

6510 Old Oak Ridge Rd	Sunday Bible Study	9:30 am
Greensboro, NC 27410	Sunday Worship	10:30 am
336-605-0810	Sunday Evening Study	6:00 pm
nwchurchofchrist.com@gmail.com	(No evening service 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday each month)	
	Wednesday Bible Study	7:00 pm

### WHAT'S HAPPENING:

\* Potluck – Today - April 16 (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday due to Easter) No evening service.

\* Senior Bible Study: Tues 4/18/23 @ 11am

\* Blessing Bags: See Kim or Jacques for Donations.

Updated list of items needed:

*Toothbrushes, socks, snacks, toothpaste, summer hats/caps.*

Warner's Chapel Senior Rally with Billy Smith – May 6 – Register online. Flyer on bulletin board in lobby.

Bloom Ladies Retreat at CBC May 5-6. See Kim for info.

### Birthdays

16 – Carmen Gonzalez

18 – Merline Davis

19 – Lori Howell

19 – Quaressa Thornton

### Anniversaries

### Last Week's Attendance

Building 77 FB 5

Contribution: \$1603

**Please remember** to put your contribution in the plate when you arrive so it will be counted in the current week.

### REQUESTS FOR PRAYER:

• Our sympathy is extended to the Albright family in the recent passing of Rob's mother. Funeral services were held this past Friday. Please continue to keep the family in your prayers.

• Cook family – friends of Jacques, recent death in family.

• Chris Hale – vision problems.

• Dug Philips

• Jeremiah Stanford

• John Ransom – continuing issues with pancreatitis

*All other prayer requests are on the extended prayer list.*

### Youth Events

Lake Norman Youth Rally – Apr 22

CBC – June 11-17 and July 23-29

See Kim Guilbeau for details.

We welcome and encourage children of all ages to worship with us, however if you are more comfortable, there is a nursery at the end of the hall on the left that is equipped with speakers. There is also a changing station at the end of the hall on the left as well as in the restrooms.

### SERMON NOTES:

Title: The Unsown Seed

Reading: Matthew 25:14-18

## SOWING & GROWING

*a 2023 Sermon Series*



### GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION



To place ourselves in a right relationship with God, we must:

<b>Hear</b>	Romans 10:17
<b>Believe</b>	Hebrews 11:6
<b>Repent</b>	Acts 17:30
<b>Confess</b>	Romans 10:10
<b>Be Baptized</b>	Mark 16:16, Acts 2:38
<b>Remain Faithful</b>	Hebrews 10:23-25 Revelation 2:10

**Member of the Month:** David Bragg

**Elder of the Month:** Ken Mantle

Let's keep up with what is happening to each other. If you notice someone missing, please check on them.