# WELCOME TO WARM SPRINGS RD.

FIRST TIME VISITING?

WE WANT YOU TO FEEL COMFORTABLE AND WELCOME WITH US! IF THERE IS ANYTHING THAT WE CAN DO FOR YOU, PLEASE LET ONE OF OUR MEMBERS KNOW OUR RACK IN THE FOYER WHILE YOU ARE HERE!

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**WORSHIP** OUR LORD IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH. **LOVE** EACH OTHER AND OUR NEIGHBORS. **TEACH** THE GOSPEL WITH LOVE.

# STAY CONNECTED WITH US DURING THE WEEK!

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# **MORSHIP TIMES:**

WEDNESDAYS - 7PM
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# LOCATION:

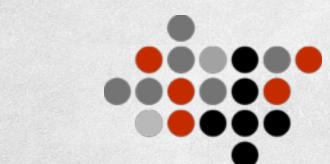
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ALWAYS IN LOVE

# 3 WAYS TO UNDERMINE THE AUTHORITY OF ELDERS

Have you ever disagreed with a decision your elders made? I'm sure you have at some point. If you have been in the church for any amount of time then you have disagreed with a decision made by some eldership somewhere. It's not because there is deficiency in the elders or in you, there are simply moments where disagreements occur. The question is how do we handle those disagreements? When the leaders of the flock make a decision you don't like, how do you handle it? Scripturally speaking, it is the job of the elders to lead and the job of the members to submit (Heb. 13:17). Even when there is a decision that we disagree with (I am speaking in matters of preference, not in matters of doctrine) we are called to submit. Yet, while there might not be an outright rebellion within the church after a decision is given, there are still certain ways in which we can undermine the authority of the elders (and ultimately the authority of God). How does this happen?

# By Complaining.

I recently took my daughter to a local park near my parent's house. As we walked we passed near a budding pear tree. Suddenly I stopped as I head the low hum of honey bees in the branches. I could barely see them but I knew they were there. A church can be very similar to this when the elders make a decision they disagree with: you can barely see them, but you hear the low mumbling of the grumblers.

God's leaders have always dealt with people who complain. Moses and Samuel both dealt with it (Ex. 15:24; 1 Kngs. 8:5-6). The multitude believes there is power in mumbling—and many times they are correct. Within the church we are called to do all things without complaining (Phil. 2:14). Whenever our leaders make a decision it isn't the time to mumble and complain; it's time for the sheep to submit to the shepherds and get to work. We would do well to remember that mumbling against God's leaders never ended well for the

# NEWS & NOTES PRAYER REQUESTS

- CASTRO FAMILY DEATH OF WILMA
- CAROLYN TUCKER HEART ATTACK
- GARRY BENNETT'S FATHER
- FAYF WALLER
- ISABELL FAMILY DEATH OF HOBART
- LONG TERM PRAYER LIST:
  - PAT CAMPBELL, MABLE PERRY, GERALDINE WILKINS, THE POYNER'S, OP BOLING, ANNIE SNOW, EVELYN MAXWELL

### **AREA EVENTS**

- **GUEST PREACHER** GARRY BENNETT WILL BE PREACHING NEXT SUNDAY FOR THE 10:30AM WORSHIP.
- MARKET DAYS OUR NEXT DAY AT THE MARKET DAYS WILL BE JUNE 4.
- **BABY SHOWER** REBEKA SNOW'S BABY SHOWER WILL BE JUNE 4 (10:30AM) AT THE MCMURRAYS'
- LADIES BIBLE STUDY JUNE 6 (6:30PM) AT THE MCMURRAYS'
- JUNE BUG @ BACKWOODS (K4-4TH GRADES) JUNE 17-18
- **CAMP @ BACKWOODS (AGES 13-22)** JULY 17-22

# THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

### SUNDAY

ANNOUNCEMENTS ARNOLD WALKER

SINGING

LORD'S SUPPER & GIVING WILLIAM PHILLIPS

ASSISTING MIKE FOLEY

DARIUS JOHNSON JIM RAINS

ALEX GRAVES

SERMON (AM) LEE SNOW SERMON (PM) JIM RAINS

CLOSING PRAYER GUS MCMURRAY

### WEDNESDAY

INVITATION RICHARD HOLDRIDGE SINGING LEE SNOW PRAYER MICHAEL SIZEMORE

# LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

SUNDAY (AM) 61 SUNDAY (PM) 47 WEDNESDAY 52

for the Israelites (Num. 11:1).

## By Confusing.

It's really easy to act as if you support the elders when you see them at worship, but privately undermine their authority. It's simple hypocrisy to praise and adore our elders in public, but speak against them in private. Don't add to the confusion by saying things like "Well I don't agree with it, but they are the elders so we have to listen to them." How would you feel if, after disciplining your child, they went to complain to your spouse and they responded, "Well, I don't agree with it, but they are a parent so you have to listen to them"? That only creates confusion. It implies that the elder's made the wrong decision but they are free to make it because they are the leaders. I've used the phrase in the past and I hope to stop saying it in the future. That doesn't mean we can't disagree with the elders decision, it simply means that we need to be mindful of how we engage others in discussing those decisions. Don't undermine the authority of our leaders by confusing people.

# WARM SPRINGS RD. KID'S CORNER

SONGS WE SANG	S ARE THESE W	HOW MANY TIMES ARE THESE WORDS SAID TODAY?	
BIBLE	GOD	JESUS/CHRIST	LOVE
CHRISTIAN	VERSE	PRAY	BELIEVE
		WRITE THE BIBLE TODAY'S LESSON	WRITE THE BIBLE VERSES FROM TODAY'S LESSON
77.00			

# By Cutting Ourselves Off.

What do we call it when children go in the corner and stick their lip out after a toy has been taken away? Pouting. They isolate themselves from the group because things aren't going their way. They cut themselves off.

While that type of behavior seems childish there are people in the church who act in similar fashion. If things don't go their way they are going to cut themselves off from the group and pout in the corner. If the elders make a decision they disagree with, they won't say a word but you know. Suddenly that member isn't as active as they once were. They aren't participating or being involved. We've got a pouter. Such a mentality fails to recognize that the church isn't about us. The church is about Jesus and our continual efforts to glorify Him no matter what the situation.

Let's not complain, confuse, or cut ourselves off when we disagree with a decision the elder's make. Rather, let us serve them and the Lord with great joy as we all look toward Jesus!

- Jacob Rutledge (start2finish.org)

# PERSONAL NOTES
