CHURCH NEWS & NOTES

- Mable Perry
- · Stephanie Osborn Diagnosed with Crohn's Disease
- Jennifer Oliver
- Julia Raines
- Glenda Youngblood
- · Scott Sykes Doing much better
- Macon Family
- Wiggins Family
- · Grieving:
- · Boling, Hawthorne, Sanders families
- · Area Events:
- Bartley Rd. Singing 9/25
- Cusseta Rd. Ladies' Day 9/26
- Thomaston Rd. Ladies' Day 9/26
- Northside Singing 10/4 (2:30PM)
- · South Girard Meeting 10/4-10/9
- Manchester Meeting 10/14-10/19
- · Continue to remember Pat Campbell, Margaret Hines, Geraldine Wilkins, June Poyner, Dot Debice, OP Boling and the sick and shut-ins in prayer.

SERVICE ROSTER

Week of September 20, 2015

Sunday

Announcements	J. Rains
Singing	G. Kendrick
Table & Giving	F. Youngblood
Assisting	D. Johnson
	M. Foley
	M. Sizemore
	R. Wilson
Sermon AM	L. Snow
Sermon PM	Singing
Closing Prayer	C. Jennings
Counting	W. Phillips

Wednesday

Invitation	G. Wiggins	
Invitation Song	J. Macon	
Prayer	R. Nealy	

RECORDS - September 13, 2015

Sunday AM	66
Sunday PM	36
Wednesday	36

WARM SPRINGS ROAD CHURCH OF CHRIST

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WEBSITE: www.wsrcoc.com	SCHEDULE:	
TWITTER: @wsrcoc	Sun.	9:30AM - Bible Class
EMAIL: wsrcoc@gmail.com		10:30AM - Worship
CHURCH OFFICE: 706-563-3060		1:00PM - Worship
LEE SNOW (MINISTER): 478-733-8414	Wed.	7:00PM - Bible Class
AL CONTACT: Mike Foley - 706-289-7653	MonThu.	9:AM-2PM - Office Hours
GA CONTACT: Greg Wiggins - 706-464-3830	Mon. Thu.	3.Alvi-21 IVI - Office Hours



THE HEART OF THE CHURCH OF CHRIST

This is the heart of the church, and what we as the church are imperfectly (but perfecting each day) trying to demonstrate to the world. I know must of you see us as hypocrites, rigid rule followers, moral police, and delusional activists. But I want you to know this about the heart of the church of Christ.

We are all broken. We are all in need of healing, yet have been washed of the iniquities that nailed our Savior to the cross. Because of this commitment, we have found a family unlike any we will ever know. We all have a part to play in this family and desire to do so in honor of the one who gave his life so we can thrive in his grace. Our desperate, ugly, and hopeless souls have been saved. Because of this, our hearts are in an imperfect process of transformation because Christ, the perfect, dwells in our core. Without Christ, the world was chaotic and shook us with fear, resentment, and anger. Now, we are basking in peace that defies time, reason, and understanding. This world cannot hurt us, it cannot.

We understand the Word is not a historical document, rule book. guidelines, or something to manipulate. It is alive, active, and breathed from the very mouth of the great I AM. We cling to its truths. It defies the greatest of earthly wisdom. It leads our hearts to the cross of Christ over and over again and envelopes us in a love that exceeds time. We feast on its riches.

We have countless in our midst right now who are in the middle of the hardest fights of their lives. In the world's eyes, these people should have nothing to be thankful for, or to live for. In this, we know life in Christ isn't easy, but we don't want easy, we want eternity. We are fighting for their lives, health, spouses, children, parents, jobs, dignity, marriages, and battling crippling heart wounds. These are the ones whose joys scream the loudest in their words, and in actions. They inspire, encourage, and ignite the rest of us to a higher dependency on God. He provides in ways we cannot even fathom. We see the Spirit of God so clearly in those others write off as helpless, because, in their weakness, His power blinds us with His glory. Amen!

When our souls are weary, and we cannot go another step, we cling harder to our Father because His strength guides us on. We pray in confidence without ceasing. He hears us. When we sin and fall short, we press on covered in Christ's grace. We do not let sin keep us from entering the doors to the place we gather to worship because we understand there is nowhere else to go for refuge. Nowhere else to go to make things right. There is no other name in heaven to call on to save us from the wretches we are.

As the bride of Christ, we continue to give ourselves up to sin daily, but our groom has done the unfathomable. With his blood, he promised always to redeem our adulterous hearts. We are messy, we are sinful, but we refuse to stay this way. Christ's example of sacrifice keeps us striving to do the same. We will overcome because he did.

We get on each other's nerves. We fight over stupid stuff. We hurt each other in word and actions. In the messes we create, we don't give up on each other because Christ did not give up on us. We strive to love radically like Jesus. We forgive; we love, we heal together because we fight for each other's souls.

The empty feeling buried deep inside your soul is waiting to be filled, it was designed to be filled with Christ. This church, this family, knows because we too have all suffered the pain of an empty life with no purpose. It's crippling, but we now walk. We found our purpose and our identity. You may not understand why we "go to church" so much, but in time, when Christ's love overwhelms you, you will understand why we must worship, and you will see that church is not an event or a duty. It is a

people, a movement, and an identity. We are the church of Christ.

The church of Christ is forged in pain, joy, trials, sicknesses, mistakes, victories, hope and sacrifice. This friends, this is why I, and so many others, surrender it all to Him. How can we not? The love poured out by Christ is infectious. I crave to feel it and crave to share it.

I want you to feel this too.

- Ashley Hudson (start2finish.org)

PERSONAL NOTES

SERMON PREVIEW
10:30 AM - BE FRUITFUL AND MULTIPLY: NOW WHAT?
1:00 PM - SINGING