

“Warren is a community of believers surrendered to the authority of Jesus Christ and dedicated to advancing the gospel together in our neighborhoods and around the world as we make disciples and multiply disciple-makers.”

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Jesus Christ is Lord!

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¹Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, ²which He promised beforehand through His prophets in the Holy Scriptures, ³concerning His Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh

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⁴and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by His resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, ⁵through whom we have received grace and apostleship

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to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of His name among all the nations, ⁶including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ.

—Romans 1:1-6 ESV

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²⁵Now to Him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages ²⁶but has now been disclosed and through the prophetic writings has been made known to all nations,

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according to the command
of the eternal God,

to bring about the obedience of faith—

²⁷to the only wise God be glory
forevermore through Jesus Christ!
Amen. —Romans 16:25-27 ESV

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WE GROW... Grace
Renewal
Obedience

“A growing Christian is an obedient Christian. More than a person who has enhanced religious thoughts and opinions, authentic growth results in active obedience.”

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The book of Romans is written to define and clarify two polarizing realities:

1. A “guilt condemnation” on us all because of our sin. (Romans 3:23)
2. A “gift righteousness” because of Christ and Christ alone. (Romans 3:21-22)

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¹What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? ²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³For what does the Scripture say?

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“Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness”... ²³But the words “it was counted to him” were not written for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in Him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord.

—Romans 4:1-3, 23-24 ESV

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The Obedience of Faith Means...
Confession of Jesus Christ as Lord

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Jesus in My Place

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly...
⁸but God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹Since, therefore, we have now been justified by His blood, much more shall we be saved by Him from the wrath of God. —Romans 5:6, 8-9 ESV

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³For, being ignorant of the righteousness of God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness... ⁹because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

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¹⁰For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

—Romans 10:3, 9-10 ESV

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“... a notable heresy has come into being throughout evangelical Christian circles—the widely accepted concept that we humans can choose to accept Christ only because we need Him as Savior and that we have the right to postpone our obedience to Him as Lord... Salvation apart from obedience is unknown in sacred Scripture.” —A.W. Tozer

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“If Jesus is not Lord of all, He is not Lord at all.” —C.T. Studd

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“Obedience is the grand object of the work of grace in the hearts of those who are chosen and called: they are to become obedient children.”

—C.H. Spurgeon

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The Obedience of Faith Means...
Confidence in God's Authority
Over Our Lives

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Hebrews 11:8-10

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¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen... ⁶And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who seek Him.

—Hebrews 11:1, 6 ESV

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“For faith is only real when there is obedience, never without it, and faith only becomes faith in the act of obedience.”

—Dietrich Bonhoeffer

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69 testimonies through baptism	60% of those on
187 new members added to church	campus are
16 Life Groups	children
11 Discipleship Groups	577 2016 VBS
1,100 kids/volunteers, Fall Fest 2016	(preschool - Grade 5)

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2 Ft. Gordon service trainings for personnel	• location for Columbia County
1 Ft. Gordon Military Appreciation Breakfast hosted by Jeff Strueker (Blackhawk Down)	Charter School, SAIL, public forums
1 Ft. Gordon Military Date Night	• location for Columbia County voting facility

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2 families commissioned and sent to serve as full-time missionaries

Spraggs = Swaziland (spaggsmission.com)

Wilkins = Knysna, South Africa

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