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SERMONS THIS SUNDAY:

AM: Harvey Allen

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A Warm Welcome awaits you at all our services. Come see!

The only way of Salvation had been delivered, period.

“Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.” - Jude 1:3

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**JOIN US IN
PRACTICING
NEW TESTAMENT
CHRISTIANITY
TODAY,
COME SEE!**

SERVICES

Sunday 10 AM Bible Study
Sunday 11 AM, 6 PM Assembly
Wednesday 7 PM Bible Study
Office Phone (803) 794-5320
Nursery provided

INFORMAL BIBLE STUDY

Saturdays 3 pm
Everyone Welcome!
Bring your friends & Bible questions

EVANGELIST

Other than the members
none at present time
Full time position open

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WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST

“every disciple that is perfect shall be as his master.” Luke 6:40b

ARE YOU REALLY LIVING LIKE CHRIST?

Some would be shocked and indignant if it were suggested that they were not living like Christ! Yet, their lives do not seem to include His principles. The term Christian means to be Christ-like. His teaching is our rule of conduct. Check the following to see some areas in which we may need to improve.

1. Do we do unto others as we would have them to do unto us? (Mat. 7:12). Is this our constant practice?
2. Do we rebuke our brother who has sinned against us with the hope that he will repent, or tell everybody but him? (Luke 17:3).
3. Are we busy-bodies in other men's affairs? (1 Pet. 4:15).
4. Lately, have we been praying for those who revile us, persecute and say all manner of evil against us falsely? (Mat. 5:11-12).
5. Do we do good unto all men, and especially those of the household of faith? (Gal. 6:10).
6. Have we forgotten to pray without ceasing? (1 The. 5:17).
7. Do we obey them that have the rule over us? (Heb. 13:7,17).
8. Do we serve the Lord heartily with all our might? (Col. 3:23-25).
9. Do we love the Lord our God with all our soul, heart, and mind? (Luke 10:27).
10. Do we visit the sick and help the needy? (Mat. 25:31-46).
11. Do we keep our appointments with the Lord for worship over our appointments with men? (Mat. 6:33; Heb. 10:25).
12. Are we willing to suffer with Christ in His cause? Are we ashamed when we do? (Rom. 8:17; 1 Pet. 4:16).

The question, “*Are you a Christian?*” does not always direct itself to those outside the church. Let us adorn the Gospel by lives that are truly faithful to the Lord.

- Gary Colley, Gospel preacher and teacher, Tennessee

“It is enough for the disciple that he be as his master ...” - Matthew 10:25

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“PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER” - James 5:16

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: *Merrie Christmus, Dorothy Gray & family, Margaret Herring, Pat Joyner, Jan Kelleher, Gwen Pittman, Stephanie Rigney.*

- Remember **Dawn Gamble, Amy Strickland** and family who have suffering ills the last few weeks.
- **Margaret Herring** requests prayers for her grandson's wife **Angela**, who has been diagnosed with leukemia and has slipped into a coma. Also, for her oldest daughter, **Anne** who has a spinal injury and having an MRI.
- **Pat Joyner** requests prayer for her grand daughter **Michelle** an severely injured her mouth, requiring surgery.
- **Judy Cornelius** requests prayers for her health. Ryan Sheppard was at Drill and Jamie and Kaitlin have been traveling.
- **Pray for all these**, and our search for an **evangelist** to help us with the work of the Lord here at West Columbia. Give **thanks** to God for his goodness and love for us.

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth." - Psalms 121:1,2
(also in our song book, *Unto the Hills*)

“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:42

- **Next Sunday** is first Sunday! All are invited to stay and share a meal, men's meeting afterwards.
- **MEN!** Sunday AM and PM please find **Jason, Jones** or whoever is putting together the assembly duty roster and volunteer to help with prayer, Lord's table, singing, etc.
- **Contact** those on the Directory list that you've not seen recently (like last Sunday).
- **Save the Date! Carolina Men's Fellowship**, Saturday 3/10/18 at church of Christ at Gold Hill Rd, Fort Mill, SC. Lord willing, **Ed** will be driving a van full of men to it.
- **INVITE SOMEONE TO VISIT US!** Give them one of the **church cards** that are on the table in the foyer. If you take some, please use them.

“Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.” - Titus 2:14

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DON'T BE DISCOURAGED BY OTHERS

Don't be discouraged by what others do or don't do. Our prime responsibility is our **own** heart and what **we** do. We can pray for our brothers and sisters to be more faithful. And we certainly should be encouraged by the faith of others, as Paul was:

“And from thence, when the brethren heard of us, they came to meet us as far as Appii forum, and The three taverns: whom when Paul saw, he thanked God, and took courage”
Acts 28:15, This encouragement is **God's** work—so strive to encourage others also.

But to be **discouraged** or **lose heart** because of others is **Satan's** doing, don't give in to it! Guard your heart against this discouragement.— **Ed Kelleher**

TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR PARENTS

“A little child shall lead thee.” said the great prophet of old. And sometimes today it is best for us to let our children be our guide - especially when they are sincerely trying to help us see what even they see is best for them.

The following “commandments” were the things most of a large group of children wanted of their parents:

1. **KEEP YOUR COOL.** Kids need the confidence that only a steady hand and settled soul can offer.
2. **DON'T GET HUNG UP ON ACTIVITIES** that keep you too busy to establish good communications with your child.
3. **DON'T GET STRUNG OUT.** Stay away from liquor and pills.
4. **BUG US A LITTLE.** Use strict but loving discipline. Show us you are wise and strong enough to boss.
5. **DON'T BLOW YOUR CLASS.** Keep the dignity of parenthood. Don't try to dress and act like teenagers. Kids need to know their parents are adults.
6. **LIGHT US A CANDLE.** Show us the way to faith.
7. **TAKE THE WORLD OFF OUR SHOULDERS.** Talk to us about morals, love, life, eternity, peace of mind and values. Let us know we can count on you when things get us up tight.
8. **SCARE THE DAYLIGHTS OUT OF US.** When you catch us in our first encounter with wrong, punish us! Be sure we understand what we have done wrong, and why it is wrong.
9. **CALL OUR BLUFF.** Stand firm and don't let us con you.
10. **BE HONEST WITH US.** Tell us the truth. Be generous in praise. When it comes time to criticize us, we will then believe you and respect your judgment.

- From West Columbia Bulletin, Dec. 14, 1978

God's Command

“Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.” - Matt. 5:48

God's Plan

“And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:”

- Ephesians 4:11-13