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SERMONS THIS SUNDAY:

AM: Wallace Beasley

PM: Harvey Allen

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

**"The wicked borroweth and payeth not again:
but the righteous showeth mercy, and giveth." - Psalm 37:21**

Give to others what the Lord has given you.

Examine yourself! Are you in the faith, or not? (2 Cor 13:5)

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CHRISTIANITY
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WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

Churches of Christ

The church of Christ is a non-denominational body of Christians. We have no earthly headquarters. Our leader is in Heaven at the right hand of God. We are not affiliated with any organization such as the National Council of Churches. Rather, each local congregation of the churches of Christ looks to God and His word for guidance. We believe the Bible to be the inspired word of God and that it furnishes us completely for every spiritual need. We stand for a return to New Testament faith and practice. And we are confident that by believing and doing what New Testament Christians did, we can be the same kind of Christians they were. We know this is right before God. We see no need, therefore, for denominational names, creeds and organizations.

Jesus said that worship must be in spirit and in truth (Jn. 4:24). Worship among churches of Christ follows the Scriptural pattern.

When the Lord established the church, He organized it into local autonomous congregations, with each taking care of its own affairs. He made no provisions for a national or international headquarters. In matters of faith all are to be guided by the New Testament. In other decisions, each congregation was to govern itself.

The work of the church Jesus built was to preach the gospel, as well as edify its members and care for the needy. Churches of Christ do not exist as political tools, nor do they exist as recreation clubs. Their work is spiritual, doing what God intended the church to do.

Remember, Jesus built His church. It is found in the New Testament. We can be a part of it by letting the Bible be our only guide.

– David Pharr, minister, Rock Hill church of Christ, South Carolina

"Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment." - 1 Corinthians 1:10

"Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith;" - 2 Cor. 13:5

“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.*

- **Stephanie** and **Steve** were traveling last week, though they were delayed a day.
- **Paula Kennedy** continues to have great difficulty with shingles and much pain. **Pat** continues to have spells of great dizziness and pain also.
- Also remember in prayer: **Connie, Amy Strickland; Lauren's** niece, 3, with a brittle teeth condition, and **Lauren** also.
- **Robert, Judy's** son, had some good test results.
- Pray also that we all grow in **faith, hope, love, humility, zeal, mercy, knowledge.**
- Remember 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.

"My flesh and my heart faileth:

but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever." - Psalm 73:26

“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:42

- **First Sunday next week. Our thanks to Marshall for replacing all the blinking bulbs in the auditorium.**
- **ALL! INVITE SOMEONE TO VISIT US!** Give them one of the **church cards** that are on the table in the foyer. If you take some, **be faithful** to use them.

"This is my commandment, that ye love one another, as I have loved you." - John 15:12

“Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith;” - 2 Corinthians 13:5

“... choose you this day whom ye will serve; ... but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD” - Joshua 24:15

“Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.” - Philippians 4:8,9

Note that the apostle says **“DO”**. We all must be **doing** the things told us by the apostles in the Bible. Read your Bibles, learn what God wants of us and then **do it!**

Look around you and see what needs doing, then do it. Ask someone to help you. Take the lead and set a good example.

If you can't, that's fine, see the scripture below. If you can, but you don't ...?

“For if there be first a willing mind, *it is* accepted according to that a man hath, *and* not according to that he hath not. “ - 2 Corinthians 8:12

I LOVE BURNT BISCUITS

Mom liked to make breakfast food for dinner every now and then, and one night she had made breakfast after a long, hard day at work.

Mom placed a plate of eggs, sausage and extremely burned biscuits in front of my dad. I remember waiting to see if anyone noticed! Yet all my dad did was reach for his biscuit, smile at my Mom and ask me how my day was at school. I don't remember what I told him that night, but I do remember watching him smear butter and jelly on that biscuit and eat every bite!

When I got up from the table that evening, I remember hearing my Mom apologize to my dad for burning the biscuits. And I'll never forget what he said: "Honey, I love burned biscuits."

Later that night, I went to kiss Daddy good night and I asked him if he really liked his biscuits burned. He wrapped me in his arms and said, "Your Momma put in a hard day at work today and she's real tired. And besides, a little burned biscuit never hurt anyone!"

Life is full of imperfect things and imperfect people. I'm the best at hardly anything, and I forget birthdays and anniversaries just like everyone else. But what I've learned over the years is that learning to accept each others faults - and choosing to celebrate each others differences - is one of the most important keys to creating a healthy, growing, and lasting relationship.

"Don't put the key to your happiness in another person's pocket - keep it in your own." So please pass me a biscuit, and, yes, the burned one will do just fine.

—Author unknown

[Editor] I rarely publish articles whose author is unknown. But this one struck a chord in me. My wife doesn't burn the biscuits, but she does snore, a little. Being an 18 year metastatic breast cancer, severe chemo and radiation survivor, and caring very much for others, sleep often doesn't come easy to her. I always think, and often tell her, "I love to hear you snore ... because then I know you are sleeping well, it's comforting to me and never keeps me up."

Burnt Biscuits illustrates agape—a self sacrificing love. A love that we give to others; that we **must** give to others, else we're just tinkling cymbals (**1 Cor 13:1**).

Read the following passages to build this thought, from the best writer of all—God.

“If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies, Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, *being* of one accord, of one mind. Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:” - Philippians 2:1-5

“Let no man seek his own, but every man another's *wealth*.” - 1 Corinthians 10:24