

WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

The church of Christ

Lots of things look different on Easter. However, the church of Christ remains the same. We do today what Jesus and his apostles established in the first century for His church to do.

Yes, the Lord died for our sins and was raised from the dead to give us an unshakeable faith in God and hope of heaven. Remembering this should be a part of our worship every week in taking the Lord’s Supper, a communion with our Lord. This is what the Apostles taught and showed us in the book of Acts. It is Jesus’ will that we do so. He’s not changed.

God wants obedience over sacrifice - or show, like special, once a year Easter celebrations. Remember what Jesus said:

“Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven” – Matthew 7:21

Are you doing God’s will ... or what men have said let’s do? Come learn what God’s will is from the only authorized source – the Holy Bible – His Word. Join us for worship, as God has said it should be, in the Bible, every Sunday, at the

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**Obeying God’s commands is one way to ...
KEEP YOUR EYES ON HEAVEN IN 2011**

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SERMONS THIS SUNDAY:

AM: Ed Kelleher

UNWORTHY VS UNWORTHILY

PM: Daryl Macon

(to be announced)

**COME JOIN US THIS
NEW YEAR!**

“For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labor of love, which ye have showed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister.” - Hebrews 6:10

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

To be announced

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“PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER” - James 5:16

- **REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** Margaret Herring, Amy Wintermute, Lamar Reeves, Elma Berrier and Phyllis Johnson.
- **Harvey Allen** is recovering after a severe heart attack early Monday AM. He is in Greenville Memorial Hospital and once he leaves, is expected to be in rehabilitation for up to 4 weeks. Remember Harvey, Gail and the family in your prayers.
- **Marshall Mancuso** requests prayers for a **soldier** at Fort Jackson whose wife and mother were killed in a car accident as they were traveling to his graduation.
- **Lorraine Porter** is ill with a kidney infection.
- **Gwen Pittman** is doing better, as is **Tommy White's** sister-in-law, for which we are thankful, however **Deborah Stoyk** is back in LMC room 887.

"Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer;" - Romans 12:12

“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:42

- The **Youth Group** had a lock-in Friday at the building.
- **Bible Study** at **Church Building, Saturdays 10 am**, all are invited. An informal session around a table with everyone using their bibles and Strong's Concordances.
- Our thanks to **Caleb Colley** who taught and preached for us last Sunday.
- **Daryl Macon** will be preaching this Sunday PM.

"Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you." - 1 Peter 5:6,7

BE CHRISTIANS

“And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch.”—Acts 11:26

The disciples were called **Christians** by God. It was a divine proclamation, a name given by God, not by man. Read Acts 11 and you'll see **why** God called them Christians—they were **acting** like it.

If we claim to be Christians, then we also need to **act** like it. We need to act like those good disciples described in the Acts of the Apostles and other books of the New Testament, because our hearts should be the same. The Lord told us as much:

“If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above” - Colossians 3:1

This is really part and parcel of our repentance—changing our minds. Not minding the earthly, physical things, but instead setting our desires, our fulfillment on the heavenly, spiritual, eternal things God has called us to:

“Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin; That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God. ... Wherein they think it strange that ye run not with them to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of you: ” - 1 Peter 4:1-4

They might think us strange and speak ill of us, but God will call us **Christians**.

BE CONTENT - MOVE ON

A poor man was out looking for food for himself and his family. It was cold, and he wore an old, cast off, badly torn and stained overcoat. It looked bad, but kept him fairly warm. A passer by asked him if he wouldn't like a better coat? He replied, "No, it's ok" and moved on. There were a lot of things he'd **like** to have, but he was looking for those things he **needed**. His coat was sufficient and he knew it. What he needed was to find food for himself and his family, not to stop and worry about a coat. If he hadn't been satisfied with the coat and instead gone looking for something better, he would have been distracted from looking for the more important things. He and his family would then likely go hungry. No, he had his goal and priorities right.

What's your goal? This world, or the next? Are cares for things of **this** world distracting you from what you need to be doing in the church—preparing for the **next** world? That's not what God wants:

"Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." - Hebrews 13:5

God wants us to be content with the physical things we have so we'll devote ourselves instead to the spiritual things and grow in Godliness.

“But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and raiment let us be therewith content.” - 1 Timothy 6:6-8

The Lord hasn't given us "Hand-me-downs". What could we want that would be better than what he's given us — His **Son**, a hope of **resurrection** to eternal life with Him, and **three promises** to get us there, if we'll have faith and **act** on them:

"ASK, and it shall be given you; SEEK, and ye shall find; KNOCK, and it shall be opened unto you:" - Matthew 7:7

Let us be content with what we have, and look forward to what we need!

“but *this one thing I do*, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.” - Philippians 3:13

If we're tempted or want to look back to the things of the world ...

“Remember Lot's wife.” - Luke 17:32

- Ed Kelleher, West Columbia church of Christ, South Carolina

“And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.” - Luke 9:62

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