

SERMONS THIS SUNDAY:

AM: Harvey Allen

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

**"For as the body without the spirit is dead,
so faith without works is dead also." - James 2:26**

How's your faith?

Wake up! Strengthen the things that remain!

West Columbia Church of Christ
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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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"every disciple that is perfect shall be as his master." Luke 6:40b

The New Testament — Our Guide

When the church was established and began to work, Paul wrote 14 letters to churches and preachers telling them how to live. James wrote one letter, Peter two, John three, and Jude one. These are all letters of church discipline and government, telling church members how to live.

The last book in the New Testament was written by John. The Revelation not only tells of the past and the present in the first century, but crosses the river of death and tells us of the future home God has prepared for those who love Him and do His commandments. He tells us that on the other side of the river of death there is no night, but one eternal day; no sickness, sorrow, pain, or death. The river of life and the tree of life are found there. So the New Testament — properly divided, read, understood, and obeyed — is a safe guide to lead us into the city whose Builder and Maker is God.

In summary, there are 27 books in the New Testament. The first four, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John tell me what I must believe in order to be saved. Acts of Apostles tells me what I must do to be saved. The 21 letters of Christian instruction that follow tell me how I must live and work after I am saved in order to finally reach the heavenly home we read about in the last book of the Bible.

My brethren are often condemned for preaching so much in Acts of Apostles, but this will be our leading book as long as we teach salvation to a dying world, for this is where we find the plan of salvation first taught by the apostles after they had Holy Ghost baptism which qualified them to preach the gospel to all the world. As long as we teach the same things the apostles taught them to do, we are sure we are teaching the word of God, and we are also sure we will be rewarded at the last day for so doing. So, let all be satisfied with the simple word of God, to teach and fight it out along that line, knowing that if we do this, heaven will be our home.

- J. D. (Jefferson Davis) Tant, 1861-1941, Gospel Preacher

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." - 2 Timothy 3:16,17

“PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER” - James 5:16

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Merrie Christmus, Dorothy Gray & family, Margaret Herring, Richard Ramkinson, Jan Kelleher, Gwen Pittman, Anna Porter, Stephanie Rigney.

- **Connie** and **Floyd Richbourg** were both down with some bug. **Pat Joyner** is taking antibiotics for a respiratory problem. All were out last week.
- **Janet Boyd, Laura Nichols and Samantha Mancuso** are doing better. **Lauren Simons** and **Jordan Beard** got through their exams ok also!
- It was good to have **Judy Cornelius** back with us again. She reports wonderful news: her niece **Karen Harding** is greatly improved and out of hospice care!
- Remember also: **Mike Kennedy**; **Jan Kelleher** continuing treatment for metastatic disease; **Laura Nichols** with trials at her work and those close to her; **Dorothy Gray** and family,
- **Pray for all these** and the work of the Lord here at West Columbia. Give **thanks** to God for his goodness and love for us.

"Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory: Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls." - 1 Peter 1:8,9

“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:42

- **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.
- See the **thank you and visitor cards on bulletin board in foyer.**
- Invite people to come to the informal Q&A **Bible study**, Saturdays 3pm.

"Humble yourselves therefore in the sight of God, and he shall lift you up." - James 4:10

Wake up! Strengthen the things that remain!

“WEEP WITH THEM THAT WEEP” - Romans 12:15

- We are deeply saddened by the sudden passing of **Stewart Schnur's** wife Linda Sunday November 27. **Stewart** preaches for the Plaza church of Christ in Sumter. In the past, he preached for the Twin City and St. Andrews Road churches. Please keep him in your prayers. Plaza Church of Christ, 1402 Camden Rd/Hwy 521, Sumter, SC 29153

“REJOICE WITH THEM THAT DO REJOICE!” - Romans 12:15

- **Rick Billick** who has been visiting with us has found good employment and a good place to stay near the church. He is very happy. Thank God for his goodness.

ARE YOU READY?

**“But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts:
and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you
a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:” - 1 Peter 3:15**

Saturday 3pm Bible studies will help you get ready!

The Indestructible Bible

The Bible is the oldest book the world has. It antedates the Chinese bible. It has come down to us through the ages. Its enemies have sought to destroy it. Its pages are stained with the blood of martyrs. Empires, kingdoms and states have crumbled around it. How do you account for the Bible surviving the wreck of time? The answer is that God is with it and in it.

It was Mears who said, *"The lyric poetry of the Hebrews was in its golden age nearly a thousand years before the birth of Horace. Deborah sang a model of a triumphant song full five hundred years before Sappho was born. The book of Esther was a venerable fragment of biography, more strange than fiction, at least twelve hundred years old at the dawn of the romantic literature of Europe. The proverbs of Solomon are by eight hundred years more ancient than the writings of Seneca."*

Though it has been exploded, demolished, and made ready for the grave countless times, it goes on its triumphant way, giving light, hope, and salvation to unnumbered millions in many lands and many tongues.

The Bible lives in spite of men. False theories of religion profess to be built upon it. A relentless war is waged upon it by those who hate it, and friends to it have become lukewarm. Yet the Bible is here. It is the deathless book. It is as eternal as God.

- A. G. (Arvy Glenn) Freed, 1863-1931, Gospel preacher and teacher

“For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away:

But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.”

- 1 Peter 1:25,26

The Little Chap Who Follows Me

A careful man I ought to be,
A little fellow follows me,
I do not dare to go astray
For fear he'll go the selfsame way.

I cannot once escape his eyes,
Whate'er he sees me do, he tries;
Like me, he says, he's going to be,
The little chap who follows me.

He thinks that I am good and fine,
Believes in every word of mine
The base in me he must not see,
The little chap who follows me.

I must remember as I go,
Through summer's fun
and winter's snow,
I'm building for the years to be
The little chap who follows me!

- Author unknown

“... be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.” - 1 Timothy 4:12