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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!*

**ARE YOU LISTENING?**

**"The ear that heareth the reproof of life  
abideth among the wise." - Proverbs 15:31**

**Examine yourself! Are you really in the faith? (2 Cor 13:5)**

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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**

## WHY PAUL?

The apostle Paul wrote much of the New Testament. Have you ever wondered **why** God chose **Paul** to record so much of **His** word? There were other apostles, and for some we don't even have words recorded. The Lord could have used them. Why did God choose Paul so often?

One reason may have been because Paul **knew**, more than the others whose words they were, where the **power** was; they weren't **his** words—they were **God's**:

**"And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: that your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God." - 1 Corinthians 2:4,5**

Paul also was **concerned** about God's people. He was zealous for them. He **wanted** them to be saved—just as God and Jesus did. Not for Paul's sake but for **their** sakes and also that **God** might be glorified for his grace and mercy. Read the first chapter of any of Paul's letters and you'll see this. For example:

**"without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers;" Romans 1:9**

But you know, above all, Paul **acknowledged God**, that it was God who was **first, last and always**. Paul craved God's blessing, not man's (read **2 Tim 4:8**). David did, Jesus did, so did Abraham, Sara, Job, Moses etc.—all those mentioned in **Hebrews 11**. Paul didn't think anything of himself and was thankful **to God** for everything he had, even the comfort of his brethren in a time of need:

**"And from thence, when the brethren heard of us, they came to meet us as far as Appiiforum, and the three taverns: whom when Paul saw, he thanked God and took courage." - Acts 28:15**

Do we want to **accomplish** good things for the Lord? Would we like God to **choose** us? Let's follow Paul's example then. Let us believe and demonstrate **by our actions**—our faith: That God's word is the power to salvation (**Romans 1:16**), not ours; That we are concerned for men's souls (**Philippians 2:4,5**), not ourselves; and That it is God that gives the increase (**1 Corinthians 3:6**) and thus give God the glory, honor, praise and thanks. **Do** these things and we'll be faithful **servants**, ones God will be pleased to use: **"Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord." - Matthew 25:21**

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

**Examine yourself, whether you are in the faith ... or not! (2 Cor 13:5)**

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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.*

- **Judy** is still trying to get her blood pressure under control
- **Laura** asks for prayers for business decision that will be made on Monday
- **Connie and Floyd, Pat Joyner and Margaret Herring** still not feeling well
- Prayers for the high school shooting that was in Florida
- **Amy** has laryngitis
- **Charlie Locky** (Paula's cousin Jeannette's husband) has stage 2 non aggressive multiple myeloma. Treatments to begin on the 26th
- **Ed Kelleher** arrived safely in Washington state for work.
- Please continue to pray for **Sarah Stepling** (nee Kelleher) and her newborn son, **Michael**. Prayers are being answered! **Michael's** system is starting to cope with bilirubin and hemoglobin problems and might not require a transfusion after all.
- **Jan Kelleher** continues to be in pain from bone cancer and the chemotherapy she is taking. All thanks and glory to **God** that the cancer is still not spreading,
- Also remember **Margaret Herring** and family with many ills. **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.

"Our soul waiteth for the Lord; he is our help and our shield." - Psalm 33:20

## **“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:42**

- **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.
- **ALL! Contact** those on the Directory list you've not seen recently (like last Sunday).
- **MEN! Save the Date! Carolina Men's Fellowship**, Saturday 3/10/18 at church of Christ at Gold Hill Rd, Fort Mill, SC. **Ed** may still be out of town then and not able to drive up as he has before. Hopefully someone else can give **Tommy** a ride.
- **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, please use them.

“Every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labor” - 1 Corinthians 2:8

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## **HOW DO WE LOVE?**

"My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue;  
but in deed and in truth." - 1 John 3:18

Let's not **say** it, let's **do** it! You know: "I'd rather **see** a sermon than **hear** one!"

**"If you love me, keep my commandments."** - John 14:15

Do you *really* love Him?

## **IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!**

It is important for **ALL** to attend **Sunday Morning bible study!** If you feel you're missing something, Bible class is a good place to go and find it.

**“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.” - 2 Timothy 2:15**

The example we set others, in everything we **do**, or **don't do**, is important. The Lord was able to use Paul to encourage other brethren, even when he was in prison:

**"And many of the brethren in the Lord, waxing confident by my bonds, are much more bold to speak the word without fear." - Philippians 1:14**

The Lord wasn't just talking of the "Worship Service" here:

**“Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another:” - Hebrews 10:25**

No, God wants you in ALL assemblies of the saints. He set it up that way! He paid particular attention to this—for our good, we need it! If you don't make it to Bible class, you will not achieve what the Lord says here:

**“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: That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, *and* cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;” - Ephesians 4:11-14**

**We have great classes, studying the Old and New Testaments and their application to us today!**

**Be sure to attend Sunday 10am and Wed. 7pm each week!**

Think you'll make heaven without Bible class? Guess again! Remember ...

**"Every one of us shall give account of himself to God" - Romans 14:10**

**And ... Get there on time! Before class starts!!** What example are you showing others when you're late? (You're telling everyone it's not really that important and you don't care anyway)

What message are you sending the teachers when you get there late? (You don't respect them and the work they do. It's as plain as if you slapped them in the face.)

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