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SERMONS THIS SUNDAY:

AM: Wallace Beasley

PM: Harvey Allen

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

"Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier." - 2 Timothy 2:3,4

To tied up to work for God? Why?

Examine yourself! Whether you are in the faith. (2 Cor 13:5)

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

WHY STUDY THE WORD OF GOD

- 1) The Word of God will not pass away, it will last forever: **"Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away."** - Matthew 24:35 (also John 12:47,48)
- 2) The Word of God makes one wise to salvation: **"And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus."** - 2 Timothy 3:15 (also James 1:21, John 17:17)
- 3) The Word of God is necessary to prove or test all things: **"Prove all things; hold fast that which is good."** - 1 Thessalonians 5:21 (also Hebrews 4:12)
- 4) The Word of God makes one approved to God: **"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 (also John 12:42 and Hebrews 12:9)
- 5) The Word of God makes one grow spiritually: **"As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:"** - 1 Peter 2:2 (also 2 Peter 3:18)
- 6) The Word of God is what we need to teach others: **"And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also."** - 2 Timothy 2:2 (also Hebrews 5:12)
- 7) The Word of God lets us detect error: **"Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world."** - 1 John 4:1 (also Matthew 7:15,16, Hebrews 4:12)

- Mel Futrell, Gospel preacher, Shades Mountain church of Christ, Birmingham, Al.

"Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.: - 2 Timothy 1:13

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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.*

- **Gail Allen** had successful in-patient surgery November 15.
- **Lauren** ask for prayers for her friend **Ashten** (13 years old) as she is to have stomach surgery and then possibly another eye surgery. Also continued prayers for her Grandma who is better.
- Remember in prayer: **Connie**, in pain with no apparent relief at this point, **Pat** is waiting on the results of her MRI. **Spencer** and **Amy** ask for prayers for **D.J.**
- Remember **Janet** and her **mother** and **Linda Floyd** after a knee cap replacement.
- 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.

“Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.” - 1 Thessalonians 5:17,18

“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:42

- **No College meal next Wednesday.**
- **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.

“But, beloved, we are persuaded better things of you, and things that accompany salvation, though we thus speak. 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 6:9,10

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

THANKSGIVING

The traditional Thanksgiving time is almost upon us. Rather than put a picture of a turkey in the bulletin and some words reminding you to be thankful, I'd rather you took this with you:

“When thou makest a dinner or a supper, call not thy friends, nor thy brethren, neither thy kinsmen, nor *thy* rich neighbours; lest they also bid thee again, and a recompence be made thee. But when thou makest a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind: And thou shalt be blessed; for they cannot recompense thee: for thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just.” - Luke 14:12-14

Need more help?

“... that the abundant grace might through the thanksgiving of many redound to the glory of God.” - 2 Corinthians 4:15

FORSAKING THE ASSEMBLY

So many of today's citizens of the Lord's kingdom think nothing of missing Sunday evening worship and Wednesday evening Bible classes. They are apt to ask the following question to justify their absence from the assembly: "Do the scriptures explicitly say that we must attend Sunday evening and Wednesday evening services?" The answer is obviously "No". The inspired writer of Hebrews does, however, give other "reasons" for assembling at every designated service:

- 1) So we may **“Hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering”** - Hebrews 10:23. (i.e., not end up as apostates from God's truth - Hebrews 10:26-31).
- 2) **“To provoke one another to love and good works”** - Hebrews 10:24.
- 3) We are to **“love one another”** - 1 John 4:11, and we are encouraged to **“do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith”** - Gal. 6:10.
- 4) To **“exhort one another”** - Hebrews 10:25, to faithfulness (Rev. 2:10).
- 5) Our Lord is present at all "assemblies" (Matthew 18:20). The Lord says that we are to love Him with all of our heart, soul, strength, and mind (Luke 10:27). If we absent ourselves from the assembly where He is present, do we truly "love" the Lord? Are we putting His kingdom "first" in our lives (Matthew 6:33)? The Lord will not accept "second place" (Exodus 20:3; Jeremiah 35:15; Matthew 6:24; 1 John 2:15).
- 6) To set a good example before others (Ephesians 5:3; Philippians 3:17). Christ intends that every one of His disciples uphold the truth (Matthew 5:16; Romans 12:1-2; 1 Corinthians 4:15-16; 1 Corinthians 11:1; Ephesians 3:17; 1 Peter 2:12). As we faithfully assemble with the saints, God's truth is upheld and we provide an example before others.

In addition to the above scriptural reasons for attending every assembly, the elders of the church have designated "other times" (other than Sunday morning) for the saints to "assemble". Are we "obedient" and "submissive" to the elders (overseers) of the church (Acts 20:28; Hebrews 13:17) when we willfully absent ourselves from assemblies designated by them?

Brethren, let us prayerfully consider the above reasons for attending every designated service. The world has to see Christ living in us (Gal. 2:20; Romans 6:6) before it will be motivated to "change" their lifestyle and be obedient to Christ (Romans 1:5; Romans 16:26). - **Mike Riley**, Montana Street church of Christ, El Paso Texas

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

Are you? ...

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

“You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God.” - 2 Cor 9:11,12 ESV