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SERMONS THIS SUNDAY:

AM: Ethan Allen

PM: Harvey Allen

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

**“Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart,
and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.**

This is the first and great commandment.

And the second is like unto it,

Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.” - Matthew 22:36,37

"Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." -Galatians 6:2

"But it is good to be zealous always in a good thing" -Galatians 4:18

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CHRISTIANITY
TODAY,
COME SEE!**

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Sunday 10 AM Bible Study
Sunday 11 AM, 6 PM Assembly
Wednesday 7 PM Bible Study
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Nursery provided

INFORMAL BIBLE STUDY

Any Time On Request
Everyone Welcome!

Bring your friends & Bible questions

EVANGELIST

Other than the members
none at present time
Full time man wanted

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

Night Church

A Bible class teacher urged her young class to come back for the night-time service. One of the children replied, “My mommy and daddy just won’t go to *night* church.” Many times children “tell all,” and I’m sure this was one of those times. The child was probably expressing, word for word, what the parent had verbalized on various occasions. Unfortunately, this is a problem that is entirely too prevalent in the church today.

But...what about those who “won’t go” to the night services? Well, first of all, they ignore great Bible examples of night-time learning. Nicodemus went to Jesus at night for the great lesson on new birth (*John 3:3-5*). The Philippians jailor was converted at night (*Acts 16*). Peter was delivered from prison at night (*Acts 12:6-10*). The “day service only” brethren would have missed all these blessings!

Second, the “day only” brethren miss two thirds of all regular services of the church when they miss Sunday and Wednesday nights! Could a student pass in school by attending only one-third of the time? Is the success of the church less important than these?

Third, the “day only” brethren show that they do not believe such services are necessary, that they are not interested in the lost at those services, and that they will work harder for material things than for spiritual things.

Do you attend the night-time services? If not—why not?

- Kirk Talley, minister, Livingston church of Christ, Livingston, TN

“And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.” - Hebrews 10:24,25

"But it is good to be zealous always in a good thing" -Galatians 4:18

“PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER” - James 5:16

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: *Merrie Chrismus, Margaret Herring, Pat Joyner, Jan Kelleher, Gwen Pittman, Barbara and Melvin Reeder, Stephanie Rigney.*

- **Gail Allen**'s mother, Maude Linder, was in ICU several days last week, then moved to a regular room. She's not well, pray for her and the family.
- **Stephanie** is doing much better and is hopeful no more surgery will be needed. She was able to be with us Wed. PM. **Pat Joyner** was also with us Sunday PM.
- **Janet** is still suffering with shingles. We are glad she is with us regularly now.
- **Barbara Reeder** has her port in for dialysis but it needs to heal before she can start.
- **Donna**, who meets with regularly Wed evening, is concerned for where she lives and requests prayers.
- **Wayne Griffin**, a friend from Georgia of **Judy**, was in cardiac ICU but is doing better now.
- Give thanks to God for His mercy, and pray for all these, and the work of the Lord here at West Columbia that we will grow in love for Him and each other.

"And Jesus answering said: Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine? There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger."

- Luke 17:17,18

“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:42

- We had a good gathering last Sunday. **Joshua Parks (Trevia's grandson)** preached.
- **Suggestions** for content of the sign, especially for the New Year are sought.
“... and all the people rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by him.”

- Luke 13:17

"But it is good to be zealous always in a good thing" -Galatians 4:18

RULES

What would basketball or football games be with out rules? They'd be a mess. They might be fun to watch—if you didn't care who, if anybody, won.

Why then do people think religion and the church Jesus purchased with His blood is different, i.e., it doesn't need any rules—That anything is acceptable to God if we think it is “sincerely” good? Sure, it might be fun, but God has said what He thinks of it:

“Not every one 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. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.” Matt 7:21-23

How do we know the “*will of my Father*” in order to do it? How do we not “*work iniquity*”? How do we know what pleases Him? **USE HIS RULE BOOK**—the Bible. Accept no substitutes, He won't. —**Ed Kelleher**

SITTING ON TWO CHAIRS

Luciano Pavarotti, the famous tenor, once told this story:

“When I was a boy, my father (a baker) introduced me to the wonders of song. He urged me to work very hard to develop my voice. Arrigo Pola, a professional tenor in my hometown of Modena, Italy, took me as a pupil. I also enrolled in a teachers college.

“On graduating, I asked my father, ‘Shall I be a teacher or a singer?’
“‘Luciana,’ my father replied, ‘if you try to sit on two chairs, you will fall between them. For life, you must choose one chair.’”

“I chose one. It took seven years of study and frustration before I made my first professional appearance. It took another seven to reach the Metropolitan Opera. And now, I think whether it's laying bricks, writing a book—whatever we choose—we should give ourselves to it. Commitment—that's the key. Choose one chair.”

Pavarotti's words are not only good advice in choosing a career but also good spiritual advice. Too often, the mistake we make is that we are too divided. We want to focus on both the things of this world and the things of God—but it's not possible.

Pavarotti explained it this way: “If you try to sit on two chairs, you will fall between them.” Jesus explained it like this:

“No man can serve two masters.

**For either he will hate the one and love the other,
or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other.**

Ye cannot serve God and mammon” (Matt. 6:24).

- **Alan Smith**, minister, Helen Street church of Christ, Fayetteville, NC

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**

God has told us He wants us to **do**, not just **say**. Remember the parable of the 2 sons? (Matthew 21:28) One said he would—but didn't. The other son said he wouldn't—but he did. Which was better? The latter son who **did** his father's will. Let's be wise and not kid ourselves. Sitting in the chicken coop, calling yourself a chicken and going *cluck cluck* occasionally won't make you a chicken. And sitting in a church building, calling yourself a Christian and occasionally going through some acts of worship won't make you one either. Let's not **say**, let's **do!** It's the, "I'd rather **see** a sermon than **hear** one" idea. Study God's word diligently and **do** what He says out of love for Him. Tell others, invite them to visit, bring them to our Bible studies, bring yourself!

“If you love me, keep my commandments.” - John 14:15