

THE BULLETIN—VOL 46, NUMBER 20, May 17, 2020

SERMONS THIS SUNDAY:

AM: Ethan Allen/Daryl Macon/Harvey Allen

PM: cancelled

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

"NOT GETTING ANYWHERE?"

"Let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith" - Hebrews 12:1,2

**"It is good to be zealous always in a good thing" -Galatians 4:18
(but make sure it's the RIGHT thing!)**

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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

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

CAN I DO RIGHT WHEN I'VE BEEN DONE WRONG?

Text: **James 5:7-11** We've all experienced the hurt of mistreatment, misunderstanding, intolerable work situations, family conflicts, etc. Our natural tendency is often to retaliate, return evil for evil, to get back, or hold a grudge and become bitter in our soul. When we're hurt, taken advantage of, or used by others, our nature says, "strike back." But God's approach is patient endurance. Anyone can submit to one who is considerate, gracious and gentle. There is no virtue in such submission because there is no threat of mistreatment. But trials of the sort mentioned above, as trying as they are, must still be endured (James 1:12).

How should we react when we have been done wrong? James says first in verses 7 & 8 to be patient. Why? Because God is not going to right all wrongs until Jesus returns; so believers must be patient. Patience means to stay put and stand fast when you'd like to run away. How can we as Christians experience this kind of patience as we wait for Christ's return? Like the farmer who waits for the seed to grow and produce plants, Luke 8:11 says our hearts are the soil and the word of God is the seed. Time and work precede the harvest (1 Cor. 3:6). This is the secret to endurance (5:11). God is producing a harvest by allowing trials and troubles in our lives.

Second, when being patient and holding back a reaction for a long time, we become discouraged and filled with self-pity. James says, "strengthen (establish) your heart." You can't enjoy the harvest unless your hearts is established.

Third, we are not to complain (vs.11). We shouldn't complain because complaining conveys the idea of sighing or groaning, and suggests bearing a grudge. God has a way of balancing privileges with responsibilities, blessings with burdens. If it were not so, you and I would be spoiled, pampered children. In the story of Job we see distress, defense, and deliverance. Job did not realize what was going on behind the scenes with God and Satan. He lost his wealth, health, and children. His wife, and friends were against him, and it even seemed God was against him. *(continued on page 2)*

**"Grudge not one against another, brethren, lest ye be condemned:
behold, the judge standeth before the door." - James 5:9**

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“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.

Lord willing, the church doors will be open at 11 AM each Sunday for the worship assembly. This assembly is broadcast on Facebook and it is recorded for later viewing. Most members are participating remotely. All other meetings are canceled.

For help connecting through Facebook, please call **Connie Richbourg 413-8533**.

“And upon the first *day* of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them “ - Acts 20:7

The Bulletin is sent to an email list and posted each week on the church website. We're also **mailing** the bulletin each week to those without computer access. When you contact other members, see if they're getting the bulletin, and if not, let **Ed** know.

We want to share news on members in this bulletin — How they're doing and any needs they might need. Members are calling each other, which is a good thing we all should be doing! Some members don't have family they can count on for help.

Here are some who are **NOT** connected electronically and need to be checked on by phone regularly. Call them, see how they're doing and then let **Paula** know so it can get in this bulletin:

- Trevia Parks 673-8411, 129 Duchess Trail, Lexington 29073
- Judy Cornelius 606-6401, 2402 Breeze Rd, Cayce 29033
- Pat Joyner 807-9332, 5 Chicorana Rd, W Cola 29169
- Margaret Herring 926-1786, 1146 Pinecroft Dr, W Cola, 29169
- Barbara Reeder 834-4265, 216 Burlie Ct, Apt K, W Cola 29169

No news reported.

IMPORTANT! If you have news on members, even just to say you've contacted them and they're ok, please share it with **Paula Kennedy** by call or text to 260-2000 or by email to **KennedyPaulaM@Gmail.com**. She will summarize it on Thursdays to be included in the next bulletin.

This will greatly help maintain our fellowship during this troubled time!

"The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in him, and I am helped: therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth; and with my song will I praise him." - Psalm 27:1

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What did the story of Job mean to the believers James wrote to and to us today? It means that some trials of life are caused directly by Satan, and God will allow this but with limitations. Satan wants us to be impatient with God. The answer for us is found in 2 Cor. 12:7-9, God's grace is sufficient.

Last of all, James says in verse 12, do not swear. The Greek term translated "swear" means to, "grasp something firmly, or sacredly for the purpose of supporting what one is saying or doing." When we suffer we should not try to tie God into our explanations. It's easy to say things we don't mean or even bargain with God when difficulties come.

The application is simple:

1. Don't focus on the situation or we'll become angry.
2. Don't focus on ourselves or we'll become filled with self-pity.
3. Don't focus on someone to blame or we'll begin complaining.
4. Don't focus on the present, or we'll miss the point of what God is trying to achieve in our lives.

—**Bill Young**, St. Andrews Road Church of Christ, Columbia, SC

“... 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 3:13,14

TAKE IT SERIOUSLY

The story is told of a little boy who listened intently to a sermon on the death of Christ. As his scourging, humiliation and crucifixion were graphically described, the youngster began to cry and was soon sobbing. The mother, embarrassed by her son's behavior, whispered to him, "Don't take it so seriously." Could this be the principal problem in the church? Many do **not** take the Lord seriously and do not want others to, lest it make them look bad....Dub McClish

"And I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified." - 1 Corinthians 2:2

Are you doing all you can? If so, be happy for God knows!

**“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**

If not ... God knows!

“Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.” - Galatians 6:7