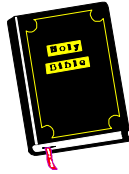


# WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

## ASCENDING TO HIM

**"Who may ascend into the hill of the LORD? Or who may stand in His holy place?  
He who has clean hands and a pure heart,  
who has not lifted up his soul to an idol, nor sworn deceitfully" Psalms 24: 3, 4.**

This is a question that many people have forgotten to ask themselves today. They believe everything is all right. Others do not believe that there is a God or an afterlife.

There is a God, though, and we need to find out what it takes to be able to approach Him. David doesn't leave us without the answer. He tells us what it takes to be acceptable to God. He uses some symbols which make it easy for us to remember and understand who may come into God's presence. The hands symbolize our actions, work, that which we do. The heart symbolizes our motives, intentions, attitudes and thoughts. Lifting up the soul symbolizes our worship and adoration of that which is greater. Swearing deceitfully reminds us of our speech.

Do you want to come into God's presence? Make sure then what you do is right and acceptable to God. Do you want to come into God's presence? Make sure your thoughts and intentions are proper and acceptable to God. Do you want to come into God's presence? Make sure your worship is pleasing and acceptable to God. Do you want to come into God's presence? Make sure the words of your mouth are true and acceptable to God.

- **Bryan Naugle**, Evangelist, Sebring Parkway church of Christ, Florida

**“Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly , nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper. The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away. Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous. For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.” - Psalm 1**

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### SERMONS THIS SUNDAY:

AM: Ed Kelleher

PM: Ed Kelleher

### THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

### GOOD WORKS

**“Blessed are those servants, whom the Lord when he cometh shall find watching: verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them.” - Luke 12:37**

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**CONGREGATIONAL  
PICTURE  
SUNDAY 4/3/2011**

### **SERVICES**

Sunday 10 AM Bible Study  
Sunday 11 AM, 6 PM Assembly  
Wednesday 7 PM Bible Study  
Office Phone (803) 794-5320  
*Nursery provided*

*Bible Classes for all ages*

### **LADIES CLASS**

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## **“PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER” - James 5:16**

- **REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** Margaret Herring, Amy Wintermute, Lamar Reeves, Elma Berrier and Phyllis Johnson.
- **Sharon Mancuso** was home sick with flu like symptoms.
- **Courtney Gamble** had surgery last Tuesday, and is recovering well.
- Remember **Ryan Sheppard** and the family in your prayers. Ryan finished Apache helicopter maintenance school and will soon be deploying overseas, likely to Iraq.

**"Now know I that the Lord saveth his annointed; he will hear from his holy heaven with the saving strength of his right hand." - Psalm 20:6**

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

- **Bible Study** at Trevia Parks home, Saturdays 10am, all are invited!
- **First Sunday! Congregational Meeting, Picture, Business meeting.**

**“But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him. He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.” - 1 John 2:5,6**

## **EYES ON HEAVEN IN 2011**

**“And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all *men*, apt to teach, patient, In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; And *that* they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.” - 2 Timothy 2:24-26**

## **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. Neither will sitting in a church building, calling yourself a Christian and occasionally going through some acts of worship 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, come yourself!

## **The Church's Mission Is Spiritual**

The church of Christ has never sought to be a political force such as Catholicism is, for the church is spiritual in its design and mission (**John 18:36**). The salvation of souls by the preaching of the gospel is the work of the church. God ordained civil government to direct and control matters political. Likewise, the home has been established through divine wisdom as the center and circumference of human society. It is not the business of the church to furnish entertainment for anybody.

It is the business of the church to work in the interest of the souls of men, and that alone through the teaching and preaching of the gospel of Christ. When the church begins to serve political and social purposes, it has been prostituted from its high and holy mission given by the will of the God of heaven.

**- Jerry C. Brewer**, Editor Gospel Preceptor

## **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. 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. Tant** 1861-1941, Gospel Preacher