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SERMONS THIS SUNDAY:

AM: T.J. Bolen— Build up the body

PM: T.J. Bolen— A view to an administration, Eph 1:10

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

The yardstick against which God intends we all be measured

**“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:”
- Ephesians 4:13**

Wake up! Strengthen the things that remain!

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NEW TESTAMENT
CHRISTIANITY
TODAY,
COME SEE!**

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

RESOLUTIONS

The day called “New Year’s Day” has no religious significance, being just another mark of time on the calendar. However, many in the world look at the day, and think of “beginnings,” and on that note plan some renewal, some change, some correction, which they hope they’ll be able to carry forth on throughout the new year and beyond.

Such is nothing new to the child of God, since he is constantly to obey:

“Examine yourselves whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves.” - 2 Cor 13:5

In that spirit of self-examination, ongoing and constant for all of God’s children, making of resolutions is a worthwhile activity. Surely the most urgent considerations for the Christian is that he/she will:

1. Participate even more fully in the congregation’s work,
2. Make time for frequent prayer,
3. Make time for frequent Bible study,
4. Be in each and every Bible class,
5. Be in each and every worship service,
6. Participate in the work of the visitation,
7. Be prompt at each and every meeting, and
8. Make and take the time to meet and welcome newcomers and visitors at our services.

All such activities as these should be the very minimum service the child of God should be rendering. Along with these, there is the need, always present, to examine our **giving**, and to make corrections needed so that we can truly be obedient to God’s command:

“Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come.” - 1 Corinthians 16:2

**“But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly;
and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.” - 2 Corinthians 9:6,7**

-Adapted – original author **Bill Jackson**, late preacher, church of Christ

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“PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER” - James 5:16

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Jan Kelleher, Margaret Herring, Stephanie Rigney, Dorothy Gray and family, Pat Joyner, Gwen Pittman, Anna Porter, also Richard Ramkinson.

- We're thankful that those traveling have returned safely and for the brethren who filled in while others were out, including **Jan Glott** and **Daryl Macon**.
- **Give thanks to God and pray for all these**, and the work of the Lord here at West Columbia.

"Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be made known unto God." - Philippians 4:6

“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:42

- **Sat Bible studies** resume at 3 PM Sat afternoons at the building, come see!
- **Men!** Check bulletin board for worship assignments—if you can't make it, find someone to fill in. We're counting on you. See box below.
- Please bring **Pantry items**, pop-top canned items are good.

“This is a desert place, and the time is now past; send the multitude away, that they may go into the villages, and buy themselves victuals. But Jesus said unto them, They need not depart; give ye them to eat.” - Matthew 14:15,16

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**"When thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it; for he hath no pleasure in fools: pay that which thou hast vowed.
Better it is not to vow, then to vow and not pay." - Ecclesiastes 5:4,5**

“... PEOPLE, ZEALOUS OF GOOD WORKS.” - Titus 2:14

“For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ. For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, ... For the body is not one member, but many. If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? And if the ear shall say, Because I am not the eye, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? If the whole body were an eye, where were the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where were the smelling? But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him. And if they were all one member, where were the body? But now are they many members, yet but one body. And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee: nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you. Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary:” - 1 Cor 12:12-22

This is how God knows His people, but make sure the good works are good in His sight, lest you get this response ...

“ ... 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.” Matthew 7:22,23

HOW TO HAVE A GOOD NEW YEAR

It's the time of year when we look at the old year; regret in some ways it's passing, and promise to do better in the next. One thing we all should resolve to do is grow closer to God, through prayer and study of His word. Here are a few reasons why:

"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." - Matthew 6:33

"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." - Philippians 4:13

"Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:" - Matthew 7:7

"Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life." - John 6:68

"Abraham believed God and it was counted unto him for righteousness" - Romans 4:3

"Without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." - Romans 11:6

"Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God." - Philippians 4:6

**"That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men but in the power of God." - 1 Cor
Corinthians 2:5**

“But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, ... For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.” - Matthew 6:19-21

Show God where your treasure really is by studying His word and going to him in prayer often, every day of the New Year. Take part and participate in the work of the church, and you will have a good year.

**“... whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap ...
he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.” - Galatians 6:7,8**

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

Psalm 1

**A Good One for You and your Family to Memorize
Which choices will YOU make this year?
Choose Wisely—and you will be blessed.**

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