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SERMONS THIS SUNDAY:

AM: **Spencer Strickland—A Place Called Hell (Luke 12:4-5)**

PM: **Spencer Strickland—A Place Called Heaven (1 Peter 1:3-4)**

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

WHAT and HOW

**“But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness;” -
Matthew 6:33**

**"With good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men."-
Ephesians 6:7**

Wake up! Strengthen the things that remain!

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**JOIN US IN
PRACTICING
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

Saturdays 3 pm
Everyone Welcome!
Bring your friends & Bible questions

EVANGELIST

none at present time
other than the members
Full time position open

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WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

Have You Ever?

Have you ever told someone about a radio station you like listening to, a good website, a restaurant that has good food, or a store that has good bargains?

Have you ever told someone which ball team you like, or about fishing at the Lake or a recipe that all your family enjoys?

Have you ever told someone about a painter that does good work, or a person who does yard work reliably?

Have you ever told someone to watch out for wet paint, or for slippery steps, or held a door open for someone?

You've likely done many of these things, on many occasions. Not to show off, but because you wanted to help someone; to give them the benefit of your experience; to let them do better; or to keep them from being hurt or making a mistake. That's good. We should care for our neighbor. But, do you really care?

Have you ever told someone about the church you're a part of? Have you ever told someone of the great hope you have for eternity? Have you ever told someone of the peace we can have with God through our Lord Jesus Christ? Have you ever told someone of the Bible that has the answers to what we're looking for; that has words of comfort, encouragement, strength and hope to get us through this world?

Which things do you think are most important? Which things will make a difference 100 years from now? Is any ball team more important than the church? Is any TV show or movie or book more important than the Bible? Does any restaurant have a meal better than the Lord's Supper? Remember, **“out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks” (Matt 12:34)**. What we tell others, is what we tell God is really important to us. Let's send Him the right message. Tell others of Jesus' church and to come see. Invite people to our Saturday afternoon Bible studies, come with them, then follow up with them, several times, to make sure they do come see ... before it's too late.

**“But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only,
deceiving your own selves.” - James 1:22**

**“And be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you
a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear.” - 1 Peter 3:15**

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

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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, Anna Porter, Stephanie Rigney.*

- **Gail Allen** was feeling poorly last week and not able to be here with **Harvey**.
- **Lee** the young man with bone cancer is to have spinal surgery this week.
- **Tommy White** requests prayers for a friend, **Ms. Mitchell** who fell and broke her hip in 3 places last week.
- Remember also: **Judy Cornelius’ niece Karen Harding** with metastatic breast cancer; **Margaret Herring** who has been able to make it to services the last few weeks; and **Anna Porter** in NHC on US 378.
- **Pray for all these;** those listed above and the work of the Lord here at West Columbia. Give **thanks** to God for his goodness and love for us.

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

“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:42

- The **church website** has been updated, please make **suggestions** to Ed.
- The **member photos** in the fellowship hall have been updated also.
- **Correction:** **Amy** and **Edward Carlton’s** new baby girl’s name is **Gretta**.
- We’re looking for a new evangelist, suggestions welcome!
- **Meals for College Students**—To be provided in conjunction with class taught by **Spencer Strickland**, every Wednesday. Sign up sheet in foyer.
- **Church Family Pictures**—**Marshall Mancuso** will have his camera with him every Sunday. Be prepared and please see him to get your picture made.
- **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. *Why are there cards left?*
- See the **thank you and visitor cards on bulletin board in foyer**.
- **Scrap Booking class**, at the building 4th Saturdays 12-3, see **Paula or Faye**.
- Invite people, come yourself to the informal Q&A **Bible study**, Saturdays 3pm.

“Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;” - Romans 12:10

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HEAR WHAT THE SPIRIT SAYETH

“Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy. He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.” - Revelation 3:4-6

THE ESSENTIALITY OF ASSEMBLING TOGETHER

An indispensable ingredient of the Christian life is to congregate with those of like precious faith for the purpose of worshiping God and to edify and exhort one another. God, in His infinite wisdom, created man to be a social being, that is, in need of fellowship with other men. It is a misunderstanding and a disregard of the intent of God when men abstain from the assemblies of the Lord’s people. The corporate worship of the body of believers is not the whole of Christianity; nevertheless, assembling together is necessary for the spiritual growth and welfare of the individual disciple. It has never been the design and purpose of God for His followers to isolate themselves from other children of God. One can readily read of the various assemblies under the Mosaic economy and to learn the necessity of such gatherings (Exodus 5:1, 3; 12:6; Deuteronomy 16:8).

A proper investigation of the disciples of Christ will determine that various assemblies were in evidence in the first century. At the beginning of the church in Jerusalem you can read in Acts 2:44: “All that believed were together...”. Following the first persecution, saints “gathered together” (Acts 4:31). It is recorded in Acts 11:26, that Barnabas and Saul assembled themselves with the church for a year in order to teach the brethren. After the first missionary journey, Paul and Barnabas returned to Antioch and “gathered the church together: to rehearse all that God had done by them (Acts 13:27). All Bible students are aware that the early Christians met upon “the first day of the week “to break bread, that is, to partake of the Lord’s Supper (Acts 20:7). In fact, when Paul wrote to the brethren in Corinth, he admonished them to give as God had prospered them “upon the first day of the week” (I Corinthians 16:1, 2). He knew that they were already meeting on the first day of the week to partake of the Lord’s Supper because he mentioned this fact earlier in chapter 11. Notice in 11:18: “For first of all, when ye come together in the church (meet as a congregation)...” Again in 11:20: “When therefore ye assemble yourselves together...” In chapter 14:23: “If therefore the whole church be assembled together...”

The fact was, one sure way to denote a Christian who was becoming unfaithful to Christ was in their habitual absence from the assemblies of the saints. Please study carefully the context in which you find Hebrews 10:24, 25. In our assemblies, we can exhort one another in the matter of love, good works, and, in short, faithful Christian living. Even in our songs we can teach and admonish one another (Colossians 3:16). Redeemed people find joy, strength and security in coming together to praise God the Father and the Lamb, Jesus Christ. Expressions of gratitude, honor, homage and devotion are natural for one whose heart is filled with love for God because of our salvation and the hope of eternal life. It is God’s desire that we worship Him “in spirit and in truth” (John 4:23, 24).

Raymond Elliott , minister, Prattville Church of Christ, Alabama

“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;” - Hebrews 10:24,25