

SERMONS THIS SUNDAY:

AM: Harvey Allen

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

**Don't trust yourself, trust the Word.**

"And if any man hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not:  
for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world.

He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him:  
the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day." - John 12:47,48

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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**

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

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

**WHY STUDY THE WORD OF GOD**

- 1) The Word of God will not pass away, it will last forever: "**Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.**" - Matthew 24:35 (also John 12:47,48)
- 2) The Word of God makes one wise to salvation: "**And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.**" - 2 Timothy 3:15 (also James 1:21, John 17:17)
- 3) The Word of God is necessary to prove or test all things: "**Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.**" - 1 Thessalonians 5:21 (also Hebrews 4:12)
- 4) The Word of God makes one approved to God: "**Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.**" - 2 Timothy 2:15 (also John 12:42 and Hebrews 12:9)
- 5) The Word of God makes one grow spiritually: "**As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:**" - 1 Peter 2:2 (also 2 Peter 3:18)
- 6) The Word of God is what we need to teach others: "**And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.**" - 2 Timothy 2:2 (also Hebrews 5:12)
- 7) The Word of God lets us detect error: "**Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.**" - 1 John 4:1 (also Matthew 7:15,16, Hebrews 4:12)

- **Mel Futrell**, Gospel preacher, Shades Mountain church of Christ, Birmingham, Al.

**"Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.: - 2 Timothy 1:13**

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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, Stephanie Rigney.*

- **Marshall Turbyfill** is recovered from a bronchial problem that kept him home recently. **Laura Nichols** requests prayers for a friend, **Grace**.
- **Margaret Herring** is recovering from a broken leg. **Pray for all these**, and our search for an **evangelist** to help us with the work of the Lord here at West Columbia. Give **thanks** to God for his goodness and love for us.

**"Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."** - 1 Thessalonians 5:17.18

## **"AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY" - Acts 2:42**

- **First Sunday!** All are invited to stay for a luncheon after the morning assembly, men's meeting after that.
- We need volunteers to pickup **Tommy White** and **Marshall Turbyfill** so they can attend our assembly regularly on Sunday morning.
- **MEN!** Sunday AM and PM please find **Jones Gamble** or whoever is putting together the assembly duty roster and volunteer to help with prayer, Lord's table, singing, etc.
- **Contact** those on the Directory list that you've not seen recently (like last Sunday).
- **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.

**"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth;"** - Romans 1:16

## **Is your heart like Paul's, whose heart was like Christ's?**

**"Brethren, my heart's desire** and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved. For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God. ... For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. ... For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?" - Romans 10:1-14

People believe in God, but they have not obeyed the Gospel, because they have not heard the whole counsel of God preached. They will hear it here! Tell them of it! Invite people to attend or join us on a Saturday afternoon Bible study. Follow up with them, to see they come **hear—that they might be saved!** Remember ...

**"... know ye not that I must be about my Father's business?"** - Luke 2:49

## **THE VALUE OF ENDURANCE**

The conquest of nations, mountains, and other goals can be attributed to endurance regardless of external problems and difficulties. Jesus challenges us with these words found in **Matthew 10:22**, "**He that endures to the end shall be saved.**"

To turn back because of problems would be cowardly and vain. To persevere regardless of the difficulty is the mark of courage and victory. To overcome obstacles is the background of heroic victory for athletes and explorers. Often success is a marathon and not a sprint is a message we all need to learn. Some one has well said, "A person lost in his work probably found his future!"

Christ warns us to put our hand to the plow and never look back (**Luke 9:62**). When the men sailing with Columbus as he explored the new world wanted to turn back home, Columbus gave a restless urgency to "sail on and on and on." Heaven is a far greater destination than America, and we dare not seek the comfort of temporary ease and lose the glory that awaits us on eternal shore

To overwhelm the toils and woes of this wicked world may be arduous and demanding but very much worth our diligent efforts. To surrender to Satan might be easy but never profitable. "**Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life**" (**Proverbs 4:23**).

The great apostle Paul was in jeopardy every day because he faithfully walked with the Lord, but he knew if there were no difficulties there could be no triumphs! In **2 Timothy 4:7**, we thrill to his famous departing words, "**I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.**"

A wise statesman reminds us that the world is not interested in the storms you encountered but whether you brought in the ship. So many people spend their days talking about problems they encountered in life rather than how God blessed them with joy and peace and purpose day by day.

"**For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it**" (**Romans 8:24-25**). The abundant life Christ provides gives us meaning and depth in our sojourn here below and urges us to press on to a far better place (**John 10:10**). **The value of endurance will mean heaven for us!**

- **Johnny Ramsey**, Gospel preacher, 1930—2006, Texas

**"And truly, if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned. But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city."** - Hebrews 11:15,16

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