

SERMONS THIS SUNDAY:

AM: Harvey Allen

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

ARE YOU ABOUNDING IN PLEASING GOD?

**“Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren,
and exhort *you* by the Lord Jesus,**

**that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God,
so ye would abound more and more” - 1 Thessalonians 4:1**

YOU CAN ONLY KNOW IF YOU CONSTANTLY:

Examine yourself, whether you are in the faith, or not! (2 Cor 13:5)

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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

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. 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: *Merrie Christmus, Dorothy Gray & family, Margaret Herring, Pat Joyner, Jan Kelleher, Gwen Pittman, Stephanie Rigney.*

- Remember **Dawn Gamble, Amy Strickland** and family who have suffering ills the last few weeks, but seem to be doing better now and able to be with us.
- **Margaret Herring** requests prayers for her grandson's wife **Angela**, who has been diagnosed with leukemia and has slipped into a coma. Also, for her oldest daughter, **Anne** who has a spinal injury and having an MRI.
- **Judy Cornelius** requests prayers for her health
- **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.

"Some trust in chariots, and some in horses:

but we will remember the name of the Lord our God." - Psalms 20:7

“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:42

- Wed PM Bible class **was cancelled** due to expected bad weather.
- **First Sunday! All** are invited to stay and share a meal, men's meeting afterwards.
- **MEN!** Sunday AM and PM please find **Jason, Jones** 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).
- **Save the Date! Carolina Men's Fellowship**, Saturday 3/10/18 at church of Christ at Gold Hill Rd, Fort Mill, SC. Lord willing, **Ed** will be driving a van full of men to it.
- **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.

“... as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.” - Joshua 24:15

EXAMINE YOURSELF

This command from God was given for our own good. On Judgment Day, God doesn't want us to be found wanting (and surprised); wanting of what He expects of us as His children!. Everything we need to know is in His word, **2 Peter 1:3**, read it!

We examine ourselves by studying that word and comparing ourselves to what we find there. There is no other standard. Jesus said we will be judged by the Word He has spoken, **John 12:48**. Then we need to test ourselves: Am I serving God? Am I laying up treasure in Heaven? Do I see spiritually, what is of value to me? Do I act and think as if Jesus is in me? Am I looking up, reading and memorizing the scriptures given here? Satan is working to pull the wool over our eyes so we won't see ourselves as God sees us. Don't be deceived. God isn't. You will reap what you sow. Start reading at **Galatians 6:7** and start examining yourself ... before it's too late.

It's your choice. You'll be reminded. But you'll need to listen. No one will force you to do this. However, if you don't want and work to obey God, as He has said you should—you have chosen, unwisely. Ignorance is no excuse, so study! You are in the faith, or you are out, there is no in between. Well, are you! Remember:

Examine yourself, whether you are in the faith ... or not! (2 Cor

WHY DO THEY EVANGELIZE?

Many individuals are involved with the work of evangelism. There are those who travel abroad, others are involved in campaigns in the States, many write materials to be used in tracts, many distribute tracts and teach through Bible correspondence courses, others are active in teaching Bible studies in their homes — the list could go on and on. Each of these activities takes time and commitment. The question comes, “Why? Why do such people labor so actively in evangelism?” The Bible gives us many “motivations” for such labors. Let's notice just a few of these in this brief article.

People Evangelize...Because They Love God. In Matthew 28:18-20 and Mark 16:15-16, we have recorded the Christian's “marching orders” — the great commission from our Lord and Savior Jesus to “go” and “teach.” When we look to the commands of Jesus, we have an option. We can either do them or not. But Jesus said, “If ye love me, keep my commandments” (John 14:15). Thus, those who love Jesus are active in evangelistic efforts.

People Evangelize...Because They Realize the Judgment to Come. Paul said in 2 Corinthians 5:10 that “we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ” to “receive the things done...whether it be good or bad.” He further noted that “Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men...” (verse 11). If we truly believe the fate of those who are still in sin on the day of judgment, we will be involved in evangelism.

People Evangelize...Because They Stand in Awe of the Love of Christ. “For the love of Christ constraineth us...” (2 Corinthians 5:14). One cannot stand at the foot of the cross and gaze upon the suffering Savior, realizing the great love for mankind that held Him there and remain uninvolved in reaching those for whom Jesus died! Such love demands action on our part.

People Evangelize...Because They Experience the Joy of Salvation. The Psalmist proclaimed, “Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit. Then will I **teach** transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee” (Psalm 51:12-13)

As we realize the immeasurable blessing of being free from the guilt and penalty of sin, of having a home eternal in the heavens, we cannot but cry out the message of salvation to a lost and dying world! God's Word is filled with the “motivation” for one to evangelize. As one looks upon these the question soon changes from “Why do they evangelize?” to “How can I **not** evangelize?” What are **you** doing?

- **Jack H. Williams**, elder 39th Street church of Christ, Independence Missouri

“ The Lord ... is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.” - 2 Peter 3:9

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