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SERMONS THIS SUNDAY:

AM: Wallace Beasley

PM: Harvey Allen

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

**"I have planted, Apollos watered;
but God gave the increase." - 1 Corinthians 3:6**

ARE YOU PLANTING OR WATERING? WHAT THEN?

Examine yourself! Whether you [still] are in the faith. (2 Cor 13:5)

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CHRISTIANITY
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Sunday 10 AM Bible Study
Sunday 11 AM , 6 PM Assembly
Wednesday 7 PM Bible Study
Office Phone (803) 794-5320
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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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WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

ORDER--AS RESPECTS DISCIPLINE

Good discipline is as essential to the moral health, peace, and prosperity of the church of Christ, as good doctrine. Without it no society can long subsist. The theory of discipline is not discipline itself; and, therefore, it is not discipline in the book, nor in the letter, but in the church, of which we speak.

...

Under a prudent and righteous administration of the affairs of the church, the purity and excellency of the Christian institution will be sustained--offences and apostasies will be of rare occurrence. The congregation, like a well ordered family, will move in harmony and affection--will not only grow and increase in the knowledge of God, but in favor and usefulness among the people. Its numbers will be increased, and its influence in the community will be sensibly and extensively felt. The imputation of licentious and unsound doctrine will be impotent, and the ignorance of foolish and wicked revilers will be put to shame and silence.

But when every one does what is right in his own eyes, and feels himself responsible to the oversight of no person; at liberty to absent himself from the brethren as often and as long as he pleases, despising government and the restraints of Christ; mingling in the society of them who profane that sacred name which he professes to worship and adore; indulging in loose behaviour and inattention to the study of God's Book; preferring the company of the enemies of the cross, the world that crucified his Saviour, to the society of those who fear God and keep his commandments, and still regarded as a brother in Christ: the zeal of Paul and the eloquence of Apollos would fail to sustain the gospel in the midst of such disorder and licentiousness.

- **Alexander Campbell**, 1788-1866, Gospel preacher
Excerpted from The Millennial Harbinger Extra 6 (October 1835): 513-518.

"These things write I unto thee, hoping to come unto thee shortly: But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth." - 1 Timothy 3:14,15

Examine yourself! Whether you be in the faith (2 Cor 13:5)

“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.*

- Continue to remember in prayer: **Amy Strickland, Pat Joyner, Lauren and Jordan Beard, Jan Kelleher.**
- Pray also that we **all** grow in **faith, hope, love, humility, zeal, mercy, knowledge.**
- Remember 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.

"Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth." - 3 John 2

“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:42

- **First Sunday!** Plan on staying to share a meal and got to know your brothers and sisters in Christ better, including our newest sister, **Ping Liu-Turbyfill.**
- **Gospel Meeting Windsor Lake October 19, 20, 21 (Fri-Sun) 7 PM.**
- **ALL! Contact** those on the Directory list you've not seen recently (like last Sunday).
- **ALL! 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 even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps:” - 1 Peter 2:21

“REJOICE WITH THEM THAT DO REJOICE!” - Romans 12:15

- **Jan Kelleher** received results from her most recent PET scan that said, “THERE IS NO EVIDENCE OF CANCER”. This is wonderful good news for someone diagnosed with Stage 4 Metastatic disease. She is very grateful for everyone's prayers, and God's mercy. Prayer works! Please continue!

**“Rejoice the soul of thy servant: for unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul. For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee.”
- Psalm 86:4,5**

“PROVOKE TO LOVE AND GOOD WORKS” - Hebrews 10:24

Please re-read the front page article and **1 Timothy 3:15**. How we behave in the church (remembering that the church isn't the building—it's our brothers and sisters in Christ) is much more than just refraining from bad behavior. No, the apostle is saying we must actively participate and be involved in **good** behavior—I.e. Good works. We have a role to play as a lively stone (1 Peter 2:5) that has been added to the Lord's church. Here's one way we all ought to behave: Are you missing your brother or sister at bible class or the assembly? Well then, give them a call; write them a card, let them know they are missed. Love them, and fulfill the law of Christ.

“Let every one of us please his neighbour for his good to edification.” - Romans 15:2

Our Public Enemy #1

Our #1 enemy is Satan. His main objective is to cause each of us to lose our soul in the burning fires of Hell. We are warned in **1 Peter 5:8**, "**Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.**" We must constantly watch out for Satan. He is very dangerous! Satan is real. He is not a fictitious character in a red suit, horns, and a tail and carrying a pitchfork. Satan can appear in many different forms. Paul says in **2 Corinthians 11:14-15**, "**For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness.**" Satan is a master of disguise. He and his ministers can appear to us so innocently.

Satan's main weapon is the lie. Jesus says concerning Satan in **John 8:44**, "**When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.**" Satan knows all of our weaknesses and how to tempt and deceive us. In Genesis 2:16-17 God told Adam and Eve not to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil or they would die. But in Genesis 3:4 Satan told Eve, "You shall not surely die." Satan only added the word "not" to what God said and changed it into a lie.

Satan will get what is due him. **Revelation 20:10** says, "**The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone....and they shall be tormented day and night forever and ever.**" But also notice verse 15, "**And anyone not found in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.**" We must always be prepared in fighting Satan. In our preparation Paul says in **Ephesians 6:11** to "**Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the Devil.**" In our fight with Satan we are told in **James 4:7-8**, "**Resist the Devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.**" God will help us.

- Ron Boatwright, member, church of Christ, Conway Arkansas

“Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:” 1 Peter 5:6-8

Our Savior

God has provided what we need to successfully resist Satan and to ensure our names are written in His Book of Life—His Word! Jesus is our example in this—Satan went after Him with everything he had. Read and study your Bible daily, follow it's precepts, apply them to yourselves—**this** is how we will draw near to God.

“According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:” - 2 Peter 1:3