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SERMONS THIS SUNDAY:

AM: Dave Watkins

PM: Harvey Allen

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

**HOW DO WE CALL UPON THE NAME OF THE LORD?**

**“And now why tarriest thou? Arise, and be baptized,  
and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.” - Acts 22:16**

**"But it is good to be zealous always in a good thing" -Galatians 4:18**

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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

Any Time On Request  
*Everyone Welcome!*  
Bring your friends & Bible questions

EVANGELIST

Other than the members  
none at present time  
Full time man wanted

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

## Have You Ever?

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

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

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

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

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

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

Which things do you **think** are most important? Well, 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, as He has told us:

**“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 Chrismus, Margaret Herring, Pat Joyner, Jan Kelleher, Gwen Pittman, Barbara and Melvin Reeder, Stephanie Rigney.*

- **Gail Allen's** mother, **Maude Linder**, has moved to NHC in Clinton.
- **Stephanie** had a follow up doctor's appt. in Augusta concerning one spot on her leg
- **Janet** is still suffering with shingles. We are glad she is with us regularly now.
- **Barbara Reeder** has her port in for dialysis but it needs to heal before she can start.
- Give thanks to God for His mercy, and pray for all these, and the work of the Lord here at West Columbia that we will grow in love for Him and each other.

**"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**

- **Suggestions** for content of the sign, especially for the New Year are sought.  
“... and all the people rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by him.”  
- Luke 13:17

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“ ... choose you this day whom ye will serve; ... but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD” - Joshua 24:15

## **Challenge For One Month**

1. Resolve not to miss or be late to a single service of the church. No excuses this time but, for a change, make a few sacrifices for the Lord.
2. Try praying every time you have a problem or decision to make. If you feel the slightest need, pray! And while you're at it, try praying for your enemies (those with whom you don't get along too well).
3. Make it your responsibility to bring at least one visitor to services, preferably a family. Don't just invite them, make a date with them.
4. Take at least one afternoon or evening to go visiting. Not with the ones you know and like best. This time, visit someone you do not know too well, perhaps someone with whom you feel a 'little "strained." Get to know them and see the difference it makes.
5. Read and study your Bible every day, even if you have to turn off the TV.

Follow these simple rules, and you might be surprised at the results.

**-Clyde Freeman**, Preacher, 9th and Main St. church of Christ, San Antonio, Texas

**“Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.” - Titus 2:14**

Jesus died for us—what does He not have a right to expect from **us**?

## **KNOWN FOR THEIR WATER**

Our community is definitely not known for its drinking water. First time imbibers usually react with a quick spewing out of the malodorous sulfur water found in various household wells around the Hill Country. The **Laodiceans** of the Bible weren't exactly known for their water, either. Unlike their neighboring cities of Hierapolis and Colossae, the inhabitants of Laodicea often had to rely on a water source some six miles away which was transported through stone pipes. By the time the water reached its destination, it was lukewarm and uninviting. On the other hand, both Hierapolis and Colossae were well known for their water supplies. The former was known for the medicinal value of its hot springs, and the latter for its refreshing cold springs.

When Jesus made His assessment of the various churches of Asia in Revelation 2 and 3, He equated the Laodicean Christians to their current water situation. In effect, they were providing neither refreshment for the spiritually thirsty, nor medicine for the spiritually sick. Like their water supply, they were lukewarm and totally unpalatable to the Lord. If only they had been hot like those of Hierapolis or cold like Colossae, then there would have been cause for praise. Instead of seeing their wretched condition, they were blind to their own deficiencies.

What about you and me? What are we known for? Are we by our actions seeking to heal or refresh others? Are we known for bettering our community, our school, or our family? Is the church known for upholding what is good and abhorring that which is wrong? Are leaders known for their integrity? Are you known for your faithfulness to God and the courage to speak out? Let none of us become distasteful to the Lord. Let none of us become lukewarm in our works for God.

**- John W. Moore**, minister, Dripping Springs church of Christ, Texas

**“And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God; I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth. Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.” - Revelation 3:14-19**

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