

SERMONS THIS SUNDAY:

AM:

PM: Harvey Allen

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

CONTINUE IN FAITH

**“Let us not be weary in well doing;
for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.” - Galatians 6:9**

**“For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love,
which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the
saints, and do minister.” - Hebrews 6:10**

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

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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
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

LOCAL CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

The word "church" can refer to the church universal (Matt. 16:18; Eph. 5:23) - the whole body of baptized believers, or to a local body of Christians (Rom. 16:16; 1 Cor. 1:2).

When you were baptized into Christ (Rom. 6:3-4), He added you to His church (Acts 2:41, 47). This refers to the church universal, the body of all the saved who belong to Christ (Eph. 2:16; 4:4; 1:22-23). On the other hand, such expressions in Scripture as "the church of God which is at Corinth" (1 Cor. 1:2) refer to a local church, a congregation of those who belong to the Lord in a particular locality who have banded together to work and worship collectively in those things God would have them to do. The Christian, while added to the universal church by the Lord, joins himself to the local church like the apostle Paul did with the church in Jerusalem in Acts 9:26.

Every Christian needs to be identified with a local church. When a child of God moves from one locality to another, he should seek out a faithful group of the Lord's people and identify with them in order to fulfill his share of the collective responsibilities the Lord has given him. For, you see, the local church is the only collective functioning unit revealed in the New Testament. The church universal has no organization with which it can function. Nor are there any structural ties between local churches. Each local congregation is an independent, autonomous, i.e., self-governing, group.

God has designated that when there are qualified men to serve, each local church should be organized with elders, deacons and members (Phil. 1:1). The qualifications for elders are found in 1 Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:6-9. The deacons' qualifications are found in 1 Timothy 3:8-13. Elders are to tend the church (1 Pet. 5:2) and rule over it (Heb. 13:17) by exercising oversight (1 Pet. 5:2), to watch out for the souls placed in their charge (Heb. 13:17), to admonish the unruly (1 Pet. 5:1-2) and be an example to all (1 Pet. 5:2). Deacons are special servants who attend to those things the church needs and the elders direct them to accomplish. If there are no qualified men in a congregation who can serve in these offices, a local church may exist and function by using such an expedient as a business meeting -- a meeting of the men of the congregation which determines the course of action the church will follow in accomplishing the work of the Lord.

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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.*

- **Stephanie** went back to Augusta on Tuesday and the spot is still healing but she has been cleared to do anything she has the energy to do and is to go back to the doctor in Augusta in 3 weeks. Thank God for his great love for us and mercy.
- **Marshall Mancuso** had torn ligament surgery on his right arm and it is now in a cast.
- **Gail Allen** has an infected salivary gland and is on antibiotics.
- **Brian Shaw** (Martha's nephew) had a tumor removed and it has been sent to pathology for testing.
- **Margaret Herring** is not doing at all well, remember her.
- **Judy** had a shot in her knee which is helping.
- **Pat Joyner's** dizziness continues, keeping her from getting out.
- **Barbara Reeder** has started dialysis, is doing better, and was with us last Sunday.
- 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.

"The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in him, and I am helped: therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth; and with my song will I praise him." - Psalm 27:1

“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:42

- **Carolina Men's Fellowship**, Rockhill Saturday March 9, 9 am to 3 pm

"Better it is to be of an humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud." - Proverbs 16:19

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RULES

What would basketball or football games be with out rules? They'd be a mess. They might be fun to watch—if you didn't care who won, but they wouldn't matter!

Why then do people act like religion and the church Jesus **bought with His blood** doesn't need any rules? That anything is acceptable to God if we “sincerely” think it is good? It might be fun, but it **won't** matter to God, because He said:

“Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.” Matt 7:21-23

How do we **know** the “*will of my Father*” in order to do it? How do we **not** “*work iniquity*”? How do we **know** what pleases Him? **USE HIS RULE BOOK**—the Bible. Accept no substitutes, He won't, we shouldn't either. Come see. —**Ed Kelleher**

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The Christian's Responsibilities To Members Of The Church

As a member of the church the Christian is a part of the family of God (1 Tim. 3:15). Being a family member carries responsibilities. As a part of the universal church one has responsibilities to all Christians worldwide. Being a member of a local church, though, he sustains peculiar responsibilities to those who are his fellow-members in that local body. It is like being a part of the physical family. When one is born he becomes a part of a large family with aunts, uncles, cousins, etc., to whom he has responsibilities. But he also is part of a nuclear family of mother, father, sisters and brothers to whom he has special moral and spiritual obligations over and above those he has to the rest of his relatives.

Some Of The Christian's Responsibilities To Other Members Of The Church

- * Love (1 Pet. 1:22)
- * Edify (Eph. 4:16)
- * Encourage (Heb. 10:24)
- * Teach and Admonish (Col. 3:16)
- * Bear Burdens (Gal. 6:2)
- * Comfort (1 Thes. 4:18)
- * Forgive (Eph. 4:32; Matt. 6:14-15)
- * Work Together (Phil. 1:27)

— **Gene Taylor**, gospel preacher, the Church of Christ in Tallahassee, Florida

“And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all *things* he might have the preeminence. For it pleased *the Father* that in him should all fulness dwell; And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, *I say*, whether *they be things in earth, or things in heaven.* And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in *your mind* by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unproveable in his sight: If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and *be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister;*” Colossians 1:18-23

“ ... The churches of Christ salute you “ - Romans 16:16

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