

Questions – Comments – Needs – Notes

Use the space below for them. We really want your comments or suggestions. Especially if you think we're off-base or could improve! If you have **questions** or **needs** or would like a **response** to your comments; Please write in your **name and address**, or **phone number** or **email address** so we can get back to you. Then just fold this sheet and drop it in the collection plate or give it to one of the men participating in the service. **Or**, just stop by our informal open Bible Study at the church building, most Saturdays at 3 pm.

Thanks, and may God bless you in your service to Him!

“The churches of Christ salute you.” – Romans 16:16

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Welcome to this Sunday meeting Of the West Columbia church of Christ

“I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.” – Psalm 122:1

Welcome to the house of the Lord! No, not the *building*. ☺ It's nice, but it's *not* the church. *They* are much nicer and very caring as we hope you'll see. The church here is *people*, like you, who want to please their God through faith and obedience to His will. We want *lots* of company on the way to Heaven!

We really are delighted you are with us today! We strive to follow New Testament commands and examples for the church. That's why the church today meets to:

- **Every Sunday**, to take of the **Lord's Supper** – Acts 20:7
- **Build** up our **faith** through the preaching of God's word – Acts 20:7, Hebrews 10:17
- **Encourage** one another to love and good works – Hebrews 10:24
- **Give** as we've been prospered – 1 Corinthians 16:2
- **Pray** – Acts 2:42
- **Sing** – Ephesians 5:19, Colossians 3:16

If you'd like to know what these references are, see “Questions” on last page.

Bible classes begin at **10AM** and end at **10:45AM**.

The **adult** Bible class is held in the auditorium.

A **nursery** is available, opposite the water fountains.

Recordings of all lessons are available on request.

We have a mid-week **bible study** on **Wednesdays** at 7PM.

Including a special class for those of college age.

The **last Wednesday** of the month - **we sing!**

The **first Sunday** of the month, after the morning assembly, we have a **luncheon** to which **all** are **invited!**

Our **Sunday evening** assembly starts at **6 PM**.

The church has an **active website** and **email group**.

Check our bulletin boards for **mission work** and other **activities**.

In the pews are **visitor's cards**. Please fill one out and put it in the **collection tray** so we'll have a record of your visit.

General Order of our Lord's Day Assembly

“Let all things be done decently and in order” – 1 Corinthians 14:40

Our weekly Sunday assembly **starts** a little before **11AM** with announcements, and **ends** about **12PM** with a prayer. Lord willing of course - **James 4:15**. Here's the order we follow:

- Announcements
- Prayer (led by one of the men of the church)
- Singing (1 or 2 songs)
- Communion, the Lord's supper – Bread, fruit of the vine
- Singing
- Offering (please put **visitor's** cards in collection trays)
- Bible scripture reading
- Singing
- Preaching from the word of God to edify and encourage (a bible lesson by one of the men or minister)
- Invitation for those who:
 - Wish to obey the Gospel and be baptized, or
 - Repent of subsequent public sin, or
 - Desire the prayers of the church.
- Closing (Invitation) song
- Final Announcements, if any
- Prayer

You'll notice that our **singing** is without musical accompaniment. This is often referred to as **a cappella** singing. That's Italian for “*in the manner of the chapel*”, the way everyone **used** to sing until just the last few centuries.

The offering is **only** taken up on the first day of the week (Sunday, the Lord's Day) as commanded in **1 Corinthians 16:2**.

Bibles are in the pews. All are invited to use them to check on what we say and do and the **scriptures** listed in this sheet.

Actually people get here early to meet and talk with each other and stay after to do more of the same. It's very, very encouraging to see people who care so much for each other, **happily** following the Lord's command:

“And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together,”
– Hebrews 10:24,25

WE HOPE YOU'LL JOIN US AGAIN!

Yes, we're **delighted** that you have chosen to visit with us today! If you are looking for a **church home**, and believe that the **Bible** is God's instruction manual for what **He** would have **us do** today, then you need look **no further** - you've found it!

We'd be more than happy to answer any questions you might have about the church or why we do things the way we do – *from the Bible*. Just write them on the back of this sheet.

We'd love to have you **join us!** And you can! But **we** don't control membership in the church. That's for the simple reason that it's not **our** church – it's the Lord's. He said:

“upon this rock I will build my church;” – Matthew 16:18

That **rock** is the **faith** of his disciples. Those who demonstrate their faith are **added by the Lord** to **His** church:

“And the Lord added to the church daily
such as should be saved.” – Acts 2:47

We can help, right now! But the choice is **yours!** The work is **His**. For the **Lord** to **add you** to **His** church **you** must:

- **Hear the Gospel, John 20:31, Rom 10:16**
- **Believe Jesus is the Christ, John 8:24, Mark 16:16**
- **Repent, turn from sin to God, Acts 2:38, Acts 26:20**
- **Confess Christ publicly, Matthew 10:32, Romans 10:10**
- **Be baptized into Christ, Acts 22:16; Romans 6:3-5**

After that, one must live faithfully (**Revelations 2:10**) and grow in Christ (**1 Peter 2:2**). It's simple and it's **all** in the Bible.

If **you** have **not** obeyed the **Lord's** commands, then **He** has **not** added you to **His** church - you are lost. It's **His** church. He **bought** it (**Acts 20:28**). Those are **His** rules. And **He** said:

“If you love me, keep my commandments.” - John 14:15.

We hope and pray you will, if you haven't already, soon!
We trust your visit was enjoyable and beneficial to you.
Please come again. Bring your family and friends.
Our goal, is the Lord's goal, for ALL of us:

“Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ:” - Ephesians 4:13