

SERMONS THIS SUNDAY:

AM: Matthew Pugh

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

WHAT ARE YOU WEARING?

“When the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment: And he said to him, Friend, how came thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless. Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. For many are called, but few are chosen.” - Matt 22:11-14

Yes, you are called, but will you be chosen?

Wake up! Strengthen the things that remain!

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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

none at present time
other than the members
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

SINGING to WHOM?

The Lord has reasons for what He asks us to do. Trying to discern those reasons will help us do better what He wants and better please Him. Take singing for instance. Who do we sing to? Why? Here are some things the Lord has said:

“Speaking to **YOURSELVES** in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your hearts to the LORD;” - Ephesians 5:19

“Teaching and admonishing **ONE ANOTHER** in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the LORD.” - Colossians 3:16

Here, the Lord tells us there are **two** parts to our singing. First, there's a **physical** part, the actual words we **speak** with our mouths that others around us can **hear**. These words are to **teach** and **admonish**. Therefore, they **must** be **good** words, true and upright, able and fit to teach and admonish. (God's word is best for this: **Rom 1:16, John 17:17**) They can't be vain or empty words, or teach **contrary** to the scripture. That's another reason to not **hum or whistle, clap our hands**, or use an **organ or piano**—they don't teach or admonish. **We do—with** our **words** and **voices**. **And we must speak** with our voices to be obedient to God's command. If we remain **silent**, we **aren't** singing as God commanded. He won't be happy if we don't obey (read **1 Samuel 15:22**).

The second part of our singing is **spiritual**. It's the part you and I can **not** hear—the melody and grace in our **hearts!** The Lord however **can hear** and know our **hearts**; that part is for Him. An **organ or piano** doesn't have a heart; it won't last for eternity; the Lord isn't interested in them. He's interested in **us** and our **eternal** hearts and the **melody of love and faith and grace** that **must** be in them.

Just as our worship must be in spirit and in truth, so must our singing be in spirit to the Lord, and in truth (God's Word, **John 17:17**) to one another.

Let's think about **how, why and what** we sing, to make sure we understand and are doing what the Lord wants us to do. It will make Him happy with us, and that's a **good** thing!

“I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also.” - 1 Cor. 14:15

- Ed Kelleher, West Columbia church of Christ, South Carolina

“PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER” - James 5:16

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

- **Mike Kennedy**, Paula’s husband, is home, but still undergoing tests. **Katie Kennedy** will be in the Charleston area with the USO helping the National Guard troops there for **Hurricane Matthew**. **Anne** and family will be riding out the storm in Hilton Head.
- **Anna Porter** has taken a serious turn for the worse and is in the ER at LMC. **Steve Hutchinson** is with her.
- Also remember; those displaced by **Hurricane Matthew**; **Amy Strickland** not well Wed PM; **Jan Kelleher** continuing treatment for metastatic disease; **Megan Stoyk**, that she not have premature labor; **Laura Nichols’** friend **Lee** with an aggressive cancer; **Marshall Mancuso** suffering with kidney stones; **Margaret Herring** who is suffering many ills; and **Anna Porter** in NHC on US 378.
- From **Michelle Bolen**: *We are settling in, we have started homeschool and are still visiting churches looking for a church home. The boys are doing well. TJ is doing well at his job and enjoys it. I did have another spell about a week and a half ago, it was not as bad as the others. Tell everyone we love and miss them.* Their address is: **1942 Raulston View Dr., Maryville, TN 37803**
- **Pray for all these** and the work of the Lord here at West Columbia. Give **thanks** to God for his goodness and love for us.

Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing."
- Matthew 24:46

“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:42

- **Fall Festival**—Saturday October 22 at 5 pm at the building. Invite friends and family to come visit: Chili contest, Pumpkin carving, games, singing, etc.
- The **church website** has been updated, please make **suggestions** to **Ed**.
- New **Visitor Welcome** sheet to give to visitors to our assembly are in the foyer.
- We’re looking for a new evangelist, suggestions welcome!
- **Please sign up to provide Meals for College Students**— in conjunction with class taught by **Spencer Strickland**, every Wednesday. Sign up sheet in foyer.
- **Church Family Pictures**—**Marshall Mancuso** will have his camera with him every Sunday. Be prepared and please see him to get your picture made.
- **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.
- See the **thank you and visitor cards on bulletin board in foyer**.
- Invite people to come to the informal Q&A **Bible study**, Saturdays 3pm.

“But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.” - 2 Corinthians 9:11

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COMMUNICATING OUR LOVE

Do you love others? We need to; remember, it’s one of the greatest commands God has given us (Matthew 22:19). We can communicate with our words or our actions. Which speaks louder? God has told us how to love:

1. Suffer together (1 Corinthians 12:26)
2. Rejoice together (Romans 12:15)
3. Carry each others' burdens (Galatians 6:2)
4. Restore each other (Galatians 6:1)
5. Pray for one another (Romans 15:30)
6. Teach & admonish one another (Col 3:16)
7. Refresh one another (Romans 15:32)
8. Encourage each other (Acts 28:15)
9. Forgive one another (Ephesians 4:32)
10. Confess to one another (James 5:16)
11. Be truthful with each other (Eph 4:25)
12. Provoke to love, good works (Heb 10:24)
13. Give to each other (Philippians 4:14,15)

14. Comfort one another (1 Thess 4:18)

God tells us what communicates best:
“But whoso hath this world’s good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him? My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.” - 1 John 3:17,18

Are you listening? Do you love others?

Invite them to visit. Invite them as your guest to our Saturday afternoon Bible study! But if you’re to busy on Saturdays ... what are you telling God?

“Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.”
- James 4:17

WHAT IS THE CHURCH WORTH?

1. To Christ it was worth His **blood**: Acts 20:28
2. To God it was worth His **Son**: John 3:16
3. To Stephen it was worth his **life**: Acts 6-7
4. To Paul it was worth his **heritage**: Philippians 3:8; 2 Corinthians 11:28
5. To Matthew it was worth his **job**: Luke 5:27
6. To Philip it was worth his **time**: Acts 8:26-40
7. To James it was worth his **prestige**: James 1:1
8. To Peter it was worth his **attitudes**: 2 Peter 1:10,11
9. To John it was worth his **concern**: 3 John 4
- 10 To Jude it was worth his **freedom**: Jude 1

NOW: ... WHAT IS THE CHURCH WORTH TO YOU?

- Richard Ramkinson, Minister, Windsor Lake church of Christ, South Caro-