

SERMONS THIS SUNDAY:

AM: Spencer Strickland

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

BE YE THEREFORE PERFECT

(Matthew 5:8)

“Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.” - Colossians 3:12-13

Wake up! Strengthen the things that remain!

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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

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

PSALM 19

In **Luke 13:3** the Lord told us, **“except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.”** Three things are necessary for repentance to salvation—to prevent our perishing:

1. Men must first recognize **HE IS** God and **seek** after Him.
2. They must then **LEARN** what He wants of them.
3. Finally, they must **OBEY!**

This is nothing new. **Psalm 19** is a beautiful illustration of these same 3 points:

1) God has declared plainly, to **all** men, that **HE IS** in verses 1-6:

“The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge. There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard. Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun, Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoices as a strong man to run a race. His going forth is from the end of the heaven, and his circuit unto the ends of it: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.”

2) God has told us what we must **LEARN** in verses 7-9:

“The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple. The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes. The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.”

3) God has told us to **OBEY** what we learn, in verses 10-14:

“More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. Moreover by them is thy servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward. Who can understand his errors? cleanse thou me from secret faults. Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression. Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer.”

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

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“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.*

- **Margaret Herring** is to have surgery on her toe, pray it gives her relief.
- **Anna Porter** has moved back to NHC on US 378, but is very weak.
- **Sharon Mancuso** was working on the West Coast for a week.
- **Also remember:** **Mike Kennedy** still undergoing tests; **Jan Kelleher** continuing treatment for metastatic disease; **Merrie Christmus** with shingles on her head; **Laura Nichols** with trials at her work and those close to her; **Dorothy Gray** and family, **Margaret Herring** who is suffering many ills;
- **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.

“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

- We enjoyed an excellent **Fall Festival** fellowship Saturday! Very well attended. Details and pictures are on the church website. Our thanks to **Lauren Simons** and those who helped her for a well thought out and organized event that did much good for all who attended.
- Please make **website** suggestions to **Ed**, to make it better!
- **Congregational Photo** turned out good too! It's up on our website (hiding) also.
- **Bible Bowl**—February 23, 2017—Book of LUKE.
- New **Visitor Welcome** sheets 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.
- **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.

“Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, make a joyful noise unto him with psalms. For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.” - Psalm 95:2,3

ARE YOU READY?

**“But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts:
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**

Saturday 3pm Bible studies will help you get ready!

Take some church cards, hand them out to those you meet.

ARE YOU LISTENING?

Here's a verse that ought to get our attention:

“Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: - John 15:2

God, being spirit, wants (and requires!) **spiritual** fruit from us. Fruit that will make us more **pleasing** in His sight and **valuable** to Him and **worth** keeping. When we, as branches in Christ, have and abound in the spiritual qualities of: Mercy, faith, faithfulness, love, patience, meekness, hope, zeal, joy etc. God will be pleased because these are the things He **wants** from us. Here's what you should do:

1. First, you must **want** to bear good fruit (Proverbs 16:9)
2. Get your **heart** (the soil) ready (2 Peter 1:5-8)
3. Plant the right **seed** (God's word, Luke 8:11, Colossians 1:5,6)
4. Water and **nurture** the seed and the soil (1 Corinthians 3:6, 1 Peter 2:2)
5. **Recognize** good fruit, reject the poorer (Colossians 1:10, Titus 3:14)
6. Remember, the fruit is for **God**, we're just the servants (John 15:8)

He's given us all we need. It's up to you now! Learn the verses in between these:

“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:”

...
“For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you *that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful* in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ” - 2 Peter 1:3 & 8

REGARDING DENOMINATIONS:

“Then departed Barnabas to Tarsus, for to seek Saul: And when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people.

And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch.” - Acts 11:25,26

“Every denomination (Catholic or Protestant) had its origin this side of the New Testament. Every denomination has something in its teaching or practice that marks it as different from the church of the New Testament. Otherwise, it would not be a denomination.

As it was possible for an undenominational church to exist at Antioch, so it is possible now. Any church today that has the same faith and practice as did the church at Antioch (and other faithful New Testament congregations) is not a denomination, but a church of Christ”.—**David Pharr**, Gospel Preacher

“Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.” - 1 Corinthians 1:10