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SERMONS THIS SUNDAY:

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

PROVE WHAT IS GOOD, ACCEPTABLE AND PERFECT

**“And be not conformed to this world:  
but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind,  
that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable,  
and perfect, will of God.” - Romans 12:2**

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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  
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*Nursery provided*

INFORMAL BIBLE STUDY

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

EVANGELIST

Other than the members  
none at present time  
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

## ARE YOU HOMESICK?

How many times have you sung the song, *This World Is Not My Home*? Have you really thought about what the song is saying? It is not just talking about being from another state or even being from a different country. It says THIS WORLD is not my home!

This is true in two very definite ways, depending upon the definition of the word world. The first way of viewing this word is in the physical sense. This physical earth is not our permanent residence. One day we will move to our permanent address (one from which we will never move again). We must make the choice as to our final destination before we take our last breathe here on earth. The choices are: a mansion in heaven, or a tent in the "little shop of horrors" (hell). For now, we reside in a hotel room "living out of suitcases." One day, though, the sealed "envelope" will be opened and we will find out if we have a passport to heaven or a ticket to hell. Have you made your choice, yet? Have you checked the roadmap (the Bible) to make sure you are headed in the right direction?

The second way of viewing this world is in the way that we think. We can either be thinking spiritually, or else we are thinking as the world does. Paul reminds us in Romans 12: 2 to not conform to this world. We are to be transformed by the renewing of our mind. Often times, in our jobs the solution to a problem can be seen simply by looking at the problem differently. The same must be true for Christians. We must look at this life and the things of this world in a vastly different way than what non-Christians do. We know and understand that this life is temporary and the things of this world are temporary. Wealth, possessions, property, power, prestige, fame, inheritance and the like are all going to pass away.

The old saying really is true. Home IS where the heart is. **"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also"** (Matthew 6: 21). Where are you laying up your treasure? Where is your heart? Where is your home?

- Bryan Naugle, Evangelist, Sebring Parkway church of Christ, Florida

**“And truly, if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned. But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city” - Hebrews 11:15,16**

## **“PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER” - James 5:16**

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

- **Laura Nichols** continues to recuperate from a fall off her back deck. No surgery was required and it appears she will make a full recovery, though she is still in much pain as fractures heal. This is a wonderful recovery, considering the extent of her injuries. All praise and glory to God for his great love, mercy and hearing the prayers of the faithful.
- **Stephanie** is having some kidney, or related, difficulties; **Amy** is having good and bad days; **Lauren** didn't get the residency she was hoping for, but is up beat; **Pat** was to get a cortisone, or similar shot, to relieve back pain
- Remember also in prayer: **Margaret Herring** with multiple ills; **Janet Boyd** recovering from a sprained her ankle; **Judy Cornelius** recovering from a torn Achilles tendon; **Paula Kennedy** who is to have rotator cuff surgery 3/28.
- Keep ALL these in your prayers, and pray also that we all grow in **faith, hope, love, humility, zeal, mercy, knowledge.**

"Some trust in chariots, and some in horses:

but we will remember the name of the Lord our God." - Psalms 20:7

## **“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:42**

- **Next Sunday is the first Sunday** in April. Plan on staying to share a meal with the brethren. Also a men's meeting following. All subject to the Lord's will.
- **ALL! INVITE SOMEONE TO VISIT US!** Give them one of the **church cards** that are on the table in the foyer. If you take some, **be faithful** to use them.

"He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord." - 1 Corinthians 1:31

“And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to *his* purpose.” - Romans 8:28

## **Psalm 121**

“I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the LORD, which made heaven and earth. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber. Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. The LORD is thy keeper: the LORD is thy shade upon thy right hand.

The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night. The LORD shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul. The LORD shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.”

This is also song 712 in our song book—*UNTO THE HILLS*

## **God's Changeless and Immutable Word**

The word of God has the power to convict and convert, to sanctify and to edify. But it has another power and province. The Bible is the mirror of its Author, intended to reveal, unveil, magnify, and glorify Him from whom it originally came.

One of the main uses of the word of God is to supply us with a standard of both doctrine and duty. Therefore, there is no substitute for God's written word. Men may turn in every direction seeking for something to take the place of the word of God, but when their search is ended they remain empty-handed.

In every department of life, the need for a standard as exact and unvarying as those which measure weight, length and time compels one to resort to the word of God for guidance. Here alone, one finds perfect forms and changeless models. Man's best timepieces must be set according to those of God, who has appointed the sun, moon, and stars for time and seasons.

So, from all human oracles, however self-confident, we must turn at last to the inspired Word, where, instead of untrustworthy utterances, we find distinct, definite, authoritative, and infallible teaching.

- **Franklin Camp**, 1915-1991, Gospel preacher, Alabama

“For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart.” - Hebrews 4:12

**Wake up! Strengthen the things that remain!**

## **Why Strengthen the things that remain?**

“Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. 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. But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins. Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall: For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.” - 2 Peter 1:4-11