

WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST



“every disciple that is perfect shall be as his master.” Luke 6:40b

UNDENOMINATIONAL CHRISTIANITY

Through the world are congregations of Christians who have obeyed the commands which our Blessed Lord said for sinners to obey to be saved. These Christians meet for worship and are organized into local congregations. They belong to no denomination. They have no central government or earthly headquarters. Each congregation is independent, taking the New Testament as its sole and only authority in religion. The members insist that if we believe the same things the early Christians did, and do the same things they did, it will make us the same thing. Paul was a member of no denomination, yet he was a Christian and a member of the Lord's Church.

The church of Christ was established on Pentecost day, A.D. 33, as we read in Acts 2. Every saved person was added to the church (Acts 2:47), thus the church is composed of all Christians on earth, and every saved person is in it. The members of the church were called "Christians" (Acts 11:26), a name which the Lord gave (Isa. 62:2). All names of human origin are condemned (1 Cor. 1:12-13; Acts 4:12).

"The Word of God is the seed of the King" (Luke 8:11). This seed produced Christians when first planted. If we plant the same seed today, we will reap the same product. The life is in the seed. If there were not a Christian on earth today, you might become one by believing, repenting, confessing your faith in Christ, and being baptized. If there were not a church of Christ on earth, we might start one by obeying the gospel the apostles preached. Paul went to Corinth and preached the Gospel and "many of the Corinthians hearing, believed, and were baptized" (Acts 18:8). Paul later addressed them as the "church of God" and "the body of Christ" (1 Cor. 1:2, 12:27).

Nineteen centuries have passed since the beginning of the church but we still have the same truth. **(Continued on Page 3)**

“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

Doing it God's way is one way how ...
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SERMONS THIS SUNDAY:

AM: HARVEY ALLEN

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

**JOIN US IN
NEW TESTAMENT
CHRISTIANITY
TODAY!**

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

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“PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER” - James 5:16

- **REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** *Wilson Burton, Betty Mathis, Margaret Herring, Lamar Reeves, Elma Berrier and Phyllis Johnson.*
- **Anna Porter** is doing well and should be coming home from **Still Hopes** in West Columbia shortly, but will still need some assistance from time to time.
- **Tommy White** was back with us last week after knee surgery.
- **Margaret Herring** continues to suffer many health problems, sinus and bronchitis.
- Give thanks to God for His mercy, and pray for all these, and the work of the Lord here at West Columbia.

"But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you. To Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen." - 1 Peter 5:10

“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:42

- **Floyd Richbourg** will be teaching the Wed. night Bible class, starting with 1 Corinthians.
- **Building Cleaning** signup for the New Year is posted in the Foyer.
- **Marshal Mancuso** has gotten some special cards to send to visitors and those we haven't seen recently, see him to get some to use. Brother Gamble publishes a list each week of visitors and those we missed on Sunday. Give those folks a call, or send a card to see if their ok, and to encourage them and let them know we miss them.
- **Bible Study at Church Building, Saturdays 3 pm**, all are invited and please invite visitors to come! It's a good way for people to learn more of us. An informal session around a table with everyone using their bibles and Strong's Concordances.

**“And be not conformed to this world:
but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind,” - Romans 12:2a**

Studying God's Word is one way how ...

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SAVE THE DATES!

- **Carolina Men's Fellowship** in Rock Hill Saturday March 10.
- **Ladies Day**, Augusta Road Church, Greenville, March 17
- **Gospel Meeting** at West Columbia with David Pharr Sun-Wed April 22-25.

**“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**

UNDENOMINATIONAL CHRISTIANITY, (continued from Page 1)

We have today the same church unchanged in name, doctrine, organization, faith, and practice. We dare not use any creed except the New Testament (2 John 9). We must not add to our worship any doctrine or commandment of man (Matt. 15:9). Our plea is for unity - not simply union in diversity - but for all time on the platform of God's Word (Eph. 4:4-6). We plead no merit of our own - only the merit of Christ's shed blood and of His holy Word. The New Testament is the inspired Word of God and is superior to any human confession of faith (2 Tim. 3:16-17). Will you not join with us in standing on the solid rock of God's Word?

"The churches of Christ salute you" - Romans 16:16b.

- George W. DeHoff, Gospel Preacher, teacher, 1913-1993

THE BIBLE

The Bible is every man's book. To know the Bible and to handle it aright is the greatest accomplishment within the reach of any person. One may know English, astronomy, literature, music, sociology, and philosophy; but if one does not know the Bible, one has failed in the only subject that brings all things into their proper relationship and that enables one to know life at its best.

It is not intended for some special group. But not only is the Bible every man's book, it is written for the average person. Scholars may study it, but it is not written necessarily with scholars in mind. No one ever outgrows the Scriptures. The more one studies them, the wider and deeper they become. The Bible is a book which enables one to look into eternity. The best evidence of the inspiration of the Bible is to be found between its covers.

No one will ever be a useful Christian unless one is a student of the Bible. Matthew Henry said, "The Scriptures were not written to make us astronomers, but to make us saints." It is no wonder that Paul urged Timothy to study the Scriptures, "rightly dividing (handling aright) the word of truth, that he might be an approved workman before God" (2 Timothy 2:15).

The Bible acknowledges man's faults; it is patient with man's weaknesses; and it is honest with his virtues and his hopes.

To own the Bible is to be rich. To study, to know, and to trust the Bible is to find life. To study the Bible is to be wise; to obey it, to be strong.

- Franklin Camp, Gospel Preacher, teacher, 1915-1991

**“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof,
for correction, for instruction in righteousness:” - 2 Timothy 3:16**

Going to God through His word is one way how ...

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