



WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

ORDER--AS RESPECTS DISCIPLINE

Good discipline is as essential to the moral health, peace, and prosperity of the church of Christ, as good doctrine. Without it no society can long subsist. The theory of discipline is not discipline itself; and, therefore, it is not discipline in the book, nor in the letter, but in the church, of which we speak.

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Under a prudent and righteous administration of the affairs of the church, the purity and excellency of the Christian institution will be sustained--offences and apostasies will be of rare occurrence. The congregation, like a well ordered family, will move in harmony and affection--will not only grow and increase in the knowledge of God, but in favor and usefulness among the people. Its numbers will be increased, and its influence in the community will be sensibly and extensively felt. The imputation of licentious and unsound doctrine will be impotent, and the ignorance of foolish and wicked revilers will be put to shame and silence.

But when every one does what is right in his own eyes, and feels himself responsible to the oversight of no person; at liberty to absent himself from the brethren as often and as long as he pleases, despising government and the restraints of Christ; mingling in the society of them who profane that sacred name which he professes to worship and adore; indulging in loose behaviour and inattention to the study of God's Book; preferring the company of the enemies of the cross, the world that crucified his Saviour, to the society of those who fear God and keep his commandments, and still regarded as a brother in Christ: the zeal of Paul and the eloquence of Apollos would fail to sustain the gospel in the midst of such disorder and licentiousness.

- **Alexander Campbell**, 1788-1866, Gospel preacher
Excerpted from The Millennial Harbinger Extra 6 (October 1835): 513-518.

“These things write I unto thee, hoping to come unto thee shortly: But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.” - 1 Timothy 3:14,15

NO IN BETWEEN IN 2014!

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SERMONS THIS SUNDAY:

AM: T J Bolen—As Christ Loved the Church

PM: T J Bolen—Repentance

**"I have planted, Apollos watered;
but God gave the increase." - 1 Corinthians 3:6**

ARE YOU PLANTING OR WATERING? WHAT THEN?

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

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

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“PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER” - James 5:16

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: *Stephanie Rigney, Dorothy Gray and family, Pat Joyner, Gwen Pittman, Anna Porter, also Richard Ramkinson, Wilson Burton.*

- **Margie DeYoung** is in critical condition in hospice care.
- **Anna Porter** is doing better, as is **Tommy White**.
- It is reported that **Richard Ramkinson** isn't well.
- **Margaret Herring** continues to suffer with many ailments.
- **Jason Parks** has been having difficulty sleeping for several months now.
- Remember also, **Gwen Pittman** (send a card), **Dorothy Gray**, **Margaret Gamble** (Jones' sister), **Stephanie Rigney**, **Floyd Richbourg** and **Carolyn Stidham**.
- Remember to pray for and send cards to those we've not seen for awhile.
- Pray also that we all grow in **faith, hope, love, humility, zeal, mercy, knowledge.**

"Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth." - 3 John 2

“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:42

- **Gospel Meeting** St. Andrews Road 9/14-17, **Allen Webster** of Jacksonville AL.
- **Bible study, Saturdays, 3pm, informal, bring friends and your Bible questions.**
- We need **volunteers** to take the DVD and the Lord's supper to our shut-ins.

"But ye, brethren, be not weary in well doing." - 2 Thess. 3:13

“For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps:” - 1 Peter 2:21

Are you doing all you can? If so, be happy for God knows! If not ... God knows!

But, beloved, we are persuaded better things of you, and things that accompany salvation, though we thus speak. For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labor of love, which ye have showed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister.” - Hebrews 6:9,10

“PROVOKE TO LOVE AND GOOD WORKS” - Hebrews 10:24

Please re-read the front page article and **1 Timothy 3:15**. How we behave in the church (remembering that the church isn't the building—it's our brothers and sisters in Christ) is much more than just refraining from bad behavior. No, the apostle is saying we must actively participate and be involved in **good** behavior—i.e. Good works. We have a role to play as a lively stone (1 Peter 2:5) that has been added to the Lord's church. Here's one way we all ought to behave: Are you missing your brother or sister at bible class or the assembly? Well then, give them a call; write them a card, let them know they are missed. Love them, and fulfill the law of Christ.

“Let every one of us please his neighbour for his good to edification.” - Romans 15:2

Our Public Enemy #1

Our #1 enemy is Satan. His main objective is to cause each of us to lose our soul in the burning fires of Hell. We are warned in **1 Peter 5:8**, **"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour."** We must constantly watch out for Satan. He is very dangerous! Satan is real. He is not a fictitious character in a red suit, horns, and a tail and carrying a pitchfork. Satan can appear in many different forms. Paul says in **2 Corinthians 11:14-15**, **"For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness."** Satan is a master of disguise. He and his ministers can appear to us so innocently.

Satan's main weapon is the lie. Jesus says concerning Satan in **John 8:44**, **"When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it."** Satan knows all of our weaknesses and how to tempt and deceive us. In Genesis 2:16-17 God told Adam and Eve not to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil or they would die. But in Genesis 3:4 Satan told Eve, "You shall not surely die." Satan only added the word "not" to what God said and changed it into a lie.

Satan will get what is due him. **Revelation 20:10** says, **"The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone....and they shall be tormented day and night forever and ever."** But also notice verse 15, **"And anyone not found in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire."** We must always be prepared in fighting Satan. In our preparation Paul says in **Ephesians 6:11** to **"Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the Devil."** In our fight with Satan we are told in **James 4:7-8**, **"Resist the Devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you."** God will help us.

- Ron Boatwright, member, church of Christ, Conway Arkansas

“Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:” 1 Peter 5:6-8

Our Savior

God has provided what we need to successfully resist Satan and to ensure our names are written in His Book of Life—His Word! Jesus is our example in this—Satan went after Him with everything he had. Read and study your Bible daily, follow it's precepts, apply them to yourselves—**this** is how we will draw near to God.

“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:” - 2

Peter 1:3