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SERMONS THIS SUNDAY:

AM: T.J. Bolen— Build Up the Body

PM: T.J. Bolen— A View to an Administration, Eph 1:10

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

**HOW DO WE CALL UPON THE NAME OF THE LORD?**

**“And now why tarriest thou? Arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.” - Acts 22:16**

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

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NEW TESTAMENT  
CHRISTIANITY  
TODAY,  
COME SEE!**

SERVICES

Sunday 10 AM Bible Study  
Sunday 11 AM , 6 PM Assembly  
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*Nursery provided  
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*Everyone Welcome!*  
Bring your friends & Bible questions

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# WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

## Have You Ever?

Have you ever told anyone about a **radio** station you like listening to, or a **restaurant** that has good food, or a **store** that has good bargains?

Have you ever talked to someone about a **ball team** you like, or about **fishing** at the Lake or a recipe that **all** your family enjoys?

Have you ever told anyone about a **painter** that does good work, or a person who does **yard work** reliably?

Have you ever told anyone to watch out for **wet paint**, or for **slippery** steps, or held a **door open** for someone?

You've likely done most of these things, on many occasions. Not to show off, but because you wanted to **help** someone out; to **give** them the benefit of your experience; to help them **do better**; or to keep them from being **hurt** or making a **mistake**. That's good. We **should** care for our neighbor.

But, how often have you told someone about the **church** you're a part of? Have you ever told anyone of the great **hope** you have for eternity? Have you ever told anyone of the **peace** we can have with God through our Lord Jesus Christ? Have you ever told anyone of the **Bible** that has the **answers** to what we're looking for; that has words of **comfort, encouragement, strength, wisdom** and **hope** to get us through this world?

Which things do you **think** are most important? Well, which things will make a difference **100 years** from now? Is any ball team more important than the church? Is any TV show or movie or book more important than the Bible? Does any restaurant have a meal better than the Lord's Supper? Remember:

**“out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks”** (Matt 12:34).

What we **tell** others, is what we tell God is **really** important to us. Let's send Him the right message. Tell others of Jesus' church and to come see, as He has told us:

**“But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.” - James 1:22**

**“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**

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

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

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** *Merri Chrismus, Dorothy Gray and family, Margaret Herring, Pat Joyner, Jan Kelleher, Gwen Pittman, Anna Porter, Stephanie Rigney.*

- Prayers are requested for: the **Vaughts**, friends of **Tommy White, Barbara Shives**, with cancer, a friend of the Gamble family; **Marvin Cornelius**, sibling of **Vertelle Hayward** of the Windsor Lake congregation; **L.D. Sayer**, a pillar of the church in Elisabethton TN, who is in the final stages of Alzheimers. He was a long time elder at the church there, where his son is currently an elder. The Park's family remembers him fondly from their time there; and **Mary Ann Mancuso, Marshall's** mom undergoing physical therapy at home.
- **Give thanks to God and pray for all these**, and the work of the Lord here at West Columbia.

**"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**

- **Twin City church Singing Sunday 2pm Jan 31 and Gospel Meeting**
- **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.
- **Bible Bowl—Sign Up! Books are Daniel, Jonah, Ruth (correction)**
- **Men!** Check bulletin board for worship assignments—if you can't make it, find someone to fill in. We're counting on you. See box below.
- Please bring **Pantry items**, pop-top canned items are good.

**“... and all the people rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by him.”  
- Luke 13:17**

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It is important for **ALL** to attend **Sunday Morning bible study!** If you feel you're missing something, Bible class is a good place to go and find it.

**“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.” - 2 Timothy 2:15**

And not only for ourselves—the example we set others, in everything we **do**, or **don't do**, is important. The Lord was able to use Paul to encourage other brethren, even when he was in prison:

**"And many of the brethren in the Lord, waxing confident by my bonds, are much more bold to speak the word without fear." - Philippians 1:14**

Be a good example, help others. Remember He is watching .. and knows!

**“The eyes of the LORD are in every place, beholding the evil and the good.” - Prov 15:3**

## **KNOWN FOR THEIR WATER**

Our community is definitely not known for its drinking water. First time imbibers usually react with a quick spewing out of the malodorous sulfur water found in various household wells around the Hill Country. The **Laodiceans** of the Bible weren't exactly known for their water, either. Unlike their neighboring cities of Hierapolis and Colossae, the inhabitants of Laodicea often had to rely on a water source some six miles away which was transported through stone pipes. By the time the water reached its destination, it was lukewarm and uninviting. On the other hand, both Hierapolis and Colossae were well known for their water supplies. The former was known for the medicinal value of its hot springs, and the latter for its refreshing cold springs.

When Jesus made His assessment of the various churches of Asia in Revelation 2 and 3, He equated the Laodicean Christians to their current water situation. In effect, they were providing neither refreshment for the spiritually thirsty, nor medicine for the spiritually sick. Like their water supply, they were lukewarm and totally unpalatable to the Lord. If only they had been hot like those of Hierapolis or cold like Colossae, then there would have been cause for praise. Instead of seeing their wretched condition, they were blind to their own deficiencies.

What about you and me? What are we known for? Are we by our actions seeking to heal or refresh others? Are we known for bettering our community, our school, or our family? Is the church known for upholding what is good and abhorring that which is wrong? Are leaders known for their integrity? Are you known for your faithfulness to God and the courage to speak out? Let none of us become distasteful to the Lord. Let none of us become lukewarm in our works for God.

**- John W. Moore**, minister, Dripping Springs church of Christ, Texas

**“And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God; I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth. Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.” - Revelation 3:14-19**

So this doesn't happen to you, let's make sure that we ...

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