

SERMONS THIS SUNDAY:

AM: Harvey Allen

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

**HOW TO WALK WORTHY?**

**“Follow peace with all *men*, and holiness,  
without which no man shall see the Lord:” - Hebrews 12:14**

**Walk worthy of the calling with which you are called!**

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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  
Office Phone (803) 794-5320  
*Nursery provided*

INFORMAL BIBLE STUDY

Saturdays 3 pm  
*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

## CALLING ON THE NAME OF THE LORD

What does it mean to “call on the name of the Lord?” Legion are they who teach that this means to approach Christ in prayer, asking him to forgive one’s own sins and come into one’s heart for the purpose of being his or her “personal Savior.” Usually, **Romans 10:13** is quoted as a proof text for this teaching: “**For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.**” However, this phrase is used in other places in the Bible and to understand its meaning in Romans, the phrase should be studied in the other contexts as well.

In Romans 10, Paul is quoting Joel 2:32 emphasizing the universal nature of the Gospel. Another New Testament spokesman who quoted Joel was Peter on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:21). Peter was preaching to those who were guilty of shedding the innocent blood of Jesus. Upon realizing the severity of their crime, the convicted crowd cried out, “Men and brethren, what shall we do?” They knew they were guilty and they knew they needed forgiveness. In addition, they had heard Peter quote Joel, saying, “**Whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.**” So, what was Peter’s response to their question? Did he tell them to pray to Jesus for forgiveness? Did he command them to ask Christ to come into their hearts as their personal Savior? No! He told them to “**Repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins**” (Acts 2:38). Here is inspired commentary on the phrase, “call on the name of the Lord.” According to Peter, who was speaking by inspiration, calling on the name of the Lord is obeying the gospel.

What about you? Are you one who calls on the name of the Lord (1 Cor. 1:2)? That is, are you one who obeys the Christ? If not, why not determine to follow the example of those 3,000 on the day of Pentecost, and call on his name today and continue to do so all the days of your life.

- **Preston Silcox**, Gospel preacher, Eastside church of Christ, Muskogee, OK

**“Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours:” - 1 Corinthians 1:2**

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

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** *Merrie Christmus, Dorothy Gray & family, Margaret Herring, Richard Ramkinson, Jan Kelleher, Gwen Pittman, Anna Porter, Stephanie Rigney.*

- **Ed Kelleher** is scheduled for back surgery 3/8/17 to repair a herniated disk.
- **Remember also:** **Dorothy Gray** dealing with the many needs of her family; **Tommy White** and leg problems; **Laurin** fighting migraines and more exams; The **Mancuso** family, all fighting/recovering from various ills; Pat Joyner and vertigo; **Karen Harding** off hospice care, but is having blood clots; **Laura Nichols** friend and co-worker **Tammy** with spread of cancer, not much time and not much hope, pray that she desire to hear the word of God and a door be opened to her heart; **Ed Kelleher** with severe back pain; **Jan Kelleher** in a painful fight with metastatic disease.
- Visit **Anna Porter** at National Health Care on US 378. **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.

**"Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ" - Titus 2:13**

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

- **RIDE NEEDED TO CAROLINA MEN'S FELLOWSHIP!** 3/11 just above Rock Hill. Because of **Ed Kelleher's** back surgery 3/8, he will not be able to drive there as he planned. **Tommy White** has been looking forward to this all year. Details are on the bulletin board in the foyer. Would some please go to this and take Tommy with you? It is a good work.
- Remember signup sheet for **college student meals on Wed!** All are invited to stay.
- **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.

**"Blessed is that servant,  
whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing." - Matthew 24:46**

## **YOU MIGHT AS WELL STAY HOME IF:**

You don't regularly attend the church Bible classes, Sunday and Wed.

You show up late and leave early most of the time.

You don't take time to talk with and learn of your brothers and sisters in Christ.

Do you think you're a member of the Lord's church? That only counts with one being.

**“Be not deceived; God is not mocked:  
for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.” - Galatians 6:7**

## **PLAN B?**

A while back, I wrote about a message displayed on the sign of a local interdenominational church. That message proclaimed that baptism is a non-essential in God's plan to save mankind. The thrust of the article was to prove how that particular proclamation contradicts the Bible. Well, they're at it again. This time, however, instead of contradicting the Scriptures with their sign, they've contradicted themselves!

The latest message that grabbed my attention was something to this effect: Jesus does not have a plan B. While all who are familiar with the Bible know the truthfulness of this point, the group who proclaimed it on their sign is a part of a movement that teaches not only does God have a plan B, but He also has a plan C, plan D, and plan E (to name just a few). Denominationalism, of which this local church is an obvious part, glories in the false notion that we're all going to heaven; we're just taking different routes. If this idea doesn't promote a multiplicity of plans, then I don't know what does.

The fact is, the New Testament condemns the denominational philosophy. Jesus prayed that His followers be united (Jn. 17:20-21). Such unity necessitates mutual adherence to the Scriptures. Inspiration requires that all who follow the Savior speak the same thing, have no divisions, and be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment (1 Cor. 1:10). It's one thing to proclaim that God doesn't have a plan B. But it's quite another to actually give up denominational error in order to demonstrate it.

**- Preston Silcox**, Gospel preacher, Eastside church of Christ, Muskogee, OK

**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**

**“The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) ...” - 1 Peter 3:21**

**Throwing aside man's traditions, is one ...  
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## **CAROLINA MEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

**Saturday March 11, 2017, 9:00am-3:00pm, at Rock Hill.** It's an encouraging thing for young and old. Just ask **Tommy White!** Men, let's especially try and encourage our young men to go - with us. **Ed Kelleher will not be able to go this year due to back surgery a few days prior.** Details on bulletin board in Foyer.