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SERMONS THIS SUNDAY:

AM: Harvey Allen

PM: Ed Kelleher

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

Are You Ready?

"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

You Have to Work to Get Ready, so you might ...

Walk worthy of the calling with which you are called! (Eph 4:1)

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

WHAT ABOUT THE HEN?

Sometime back some young fellow objected to the biblical account of creation, and informed an aged sister that he no longer accepted the Bible as true; he no longer believed in heaven; he had come to the conclusion that all matters are the result of evolutionary processes. This sister said to him that while she lacked his education opportunities, she would like to ask him a question or two: Would he please explain to her, which came first, the hen, or the egg? He thought about it a moment, smiled at such an easy question, and said that anybody ought to know that the hen was first. Of course, the hen was first. She said to him, "Well, would you please tell me where that first hen came from, since, according to your own view, it didn't grow up from a chicken, and was not hatched from an egg? How do you account for the origin of that first hen?" His brow knitted in perplexity; and he said that he had decided his first answer was a bit hasty; he hadn't given proper attention to the question; had not thought it through. He felt sure now that, undoubtedly, the egg was first! Yes, certainly the egg was first. She said, "Do you mean to tell me that there was once a hen egg without a hen to lay it? Then in his confusion, she said this to him: "You can't even explain to me the mere existence of a hen without a God, and yet you expect me to believe in the universe without Him"

- **Guy N. Woods**, Gospel Preacher, Texas, Sermons on Salvation

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth" - Genesis 1:1

Get Your Own Dirt!

One day a group of scientists got together and decided that man had come a long way and no longer needed God. So they picked one scientist to go and tell Him that they were done with Him. The scientist walked up to God and said, "God, we've decided that we no longer need you. We're to the point that we can clone people and do many miraculous things, so why don't you just go on and get lost." God listened very patiently and kindly to the man and after the scientist was done talking, God said, "Very well, how about this, let's say we have a man making contest." To which the scientist replied, "OK, great!" But God added, "Now, we're going to do this just like I did back in the old days with Adam." The scientist said, "Sure, no problem" and bent down and grabbed himself a handful of dirt. God just looked at him and said, "No, **you go get your own dirt!**"

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“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.*

- **Pat Joyner** is having a colonoscopy Thursday. **Ryan Sheppard** is home now from Sergeant's School.
- We're thankful both **Laura Nichols** and **Amy Strickland** were able to be with us Wed PM.
- **Laura Nichols** requests prayers for a friend, **Grace**.
- **Margaret Herring** is recovering from a broken leg. **Pray for all these**, and our search for an **evangelist** to help us with the work of the Lord here at West Columbia. Give **thanks** to God for his goodness and love for us.

"THEY THAT SOW IN TEARS SHALL REAP IN JOY" - PSALM 126:5

“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:42

- We need volunteers to pickup **Tommy White** and **Marshall Turbyfill** so they can attend our assembly regularly on Sunday morning.
- **MEN!** Sunday AM and PM please find **Jones Gamble** or whoever is putting together the assembly duty roster and volunteer to help with prayer, Lord's table, singing, etc.
- **Contact** those on the Directory list that you've not seen recently (like last Sunday).
- **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.

“And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.” - Colossians 3:17

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“Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.” - Philippians 4:8,9

Note that the apostle says **“DO”**. We **all** must be **doing** the things told us by the apostles in the Bible. Read your Bibles, learn what God wants of us and then **do it!**

Volunteers are needed to **clean the building** in January and upcoming months. This is a good way **you** can **participate** in and support the **good work** going on here at West Columbia. If you're willing to team up with others, sign up and we'll put teams together. Many are working very hard. This is a good way **you** can join in and encourage them! Please sign up—now! It will be encouraging to others.

It you can't, that's fine. If you can, and you don't ...

“For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not. “ - 2 Corinthians 8:12

DOES IT MATTER WHAT YOU BELIEVE?

The majority in our world believe that it is acceptable to believe whatever you choose to believe and that ALL are on the road to heaven, but merely taking different routes. Many suggest that God finds such action of “tolerance” acceptable and right. Is that true? Does the Bible advocate, condone or approve of such an idea?

Listen To Key Passages and you are forced to conclude that it does matter. Proverbs 14:12: "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." 2 John 10-11: "If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds." Matthew 15:8-9: "This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men." Romans 16:17: "Nov 1 beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which we have learned; and avoid them" An open mind, logically thinking, is required to accept there are ways of men that are wrong, evil and will cause one to be lost eternally. The ways of men are vain in God's sight.

Remember Key Events and be reminded how God reacted to changes, manipulations or perversions. Adam and Eve did not obey God — they were punished. Nadab and Abihu rejected God's instructions—they perished. Moses did not obey God's command to speak to the rock—he was not allowed to enter the Promised Land. Uzzah knew that God had command NOT to touch the ark of the covenant, but he touched it anyway—and perished because of His disobedience. God means what He says! God will NOT allow deviations from His way! Is such a perspective (concept) too strict? No doubt to some it is - but the same ones are just as STRICT when it involves medicine (kind, dosage and frequency) they are to take. They are rigid to the exact instructions being followed. These same individuals would be narrow-minded and strict when signing a contract to a home, wanting to do it by the letter of the law, so the deed would not be flawed. Legalistic? Yes, appropriately so! So it should be in religious matters as well.

Understand God's Demands and you must realize that man does NOT have the alternative to follow his whims or theories, and expect God to be pleased with such action. You can NOT mess with the message of God and remain "acceptable" in our Heavenly Father's sight! DOES IT MATTER — what you believe? What you teach others? How you worship? What you do to become a follower of Jesus? Absolutely YES! There is not a single occurrence, Scripture or fact in God's Word (when studied in context) that allows for man to “do his own thing” “create his own way” or “pick and choose” what he wants and discard what he does not want. Let's go back to the BIBLE, the inspired and accurate Word of God. It (and it alone) must be our solo and complete source of authority in what we do to please God, our Creator.

- **Paul Sain**, Gospel Preacher, Easthill Church of Christ, Tennessee

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth;” - Romans 1:16