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SERMONS THIS SUNDAY:

AM: Ethan Allen
PM: no assembly

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

WHAT and HOW

**“But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness;” -
Matthew 6:33**

**"With good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men."-
Ephesians 6:7**

Give our shut-ins, Pat Joyner and Barbara Reeder a call.

“God will render to every man according to his deeds” - Romans 2:6

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**JOIN US IN
PRACTICING
NEW TESTAMENT
CHRISTIANITY
TODAY,
COME SEE!**

SERVICES

Sunday 10 AM Bible Study
Sunday 11 AM Assembly
Wednesday 7 PM Bible Study
Office Phone (803) 794-5320
Nursery provided

INFORMAL BIBLE STUDY

Any Time On Request
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

Have You Ever?

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

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

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

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

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

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

Which things do you think are most important? 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. Invite people to our Bible studies, come with them, then follow up with them, several times, to make sure they do come see ... before it's too late.

“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

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"PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER" - James 5:16

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: *Barbara and Melvin Reeder, Pat Joyner, Merrie Chrismus, Margaret Herring, Jan Kelleher*

- **Judy Cornelius** will be in Texas for several weeks. Then they both will be driving back to visit here several weeks. Pray the Lord is willing and is with them.
- **Katie Kennedy** broke her shoulder, maybe both, in a riding accident. She has limited mobility in one forearm, the other not at all. Paula is helping getting her dressed. She had an MRI this week. Keep them both in your prayers.
- **Marshall Mancuso** is still having problems with kidney stones. A CAT scan showed a lot still there. Samantha graduated from high school.
- **Pat Joyner** is having problems walking, even using a walker at home, and can't get out. She has in home PT once a week.
- **Barbara Reeder** is shut-in also with a variety of ills. Both miss being with the church. Please give them a call or send a card. It would mean a lot to them. And to you also!
- **Keep ALL these, and the rest of us, in your prayers! God hears and knows!**

"The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in him, and I am helped; therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth; and with my song will I praise him." - Psalm 27:1

"AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY" - Acts 2:42

- **Meeting each week now!** At the building, Sunday AM and Wednesday PM.
- **Bible Studies!** Please join us Sunday 10am in Psalm 36 and Wed 7pm in Acts.
- **MEN! Contact Jones** and volunteer to help with prayer, Lord's table, singing, etc.
- **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**

"For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labor of love, which you have showed toward his name, in that you have ministered to the saints, and do minister." - Hebrews 6:10

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YOU MIGHT AS WELL STAY HOME

If you don't regularly attend the church assembly and Bible classes, Sunday and Wed.

If you show up late and leave early most of the time.

If you don't take time to talk with your brothers and sisters in Christ.

Do you think you're a member of the Lord's church?

That's nice, but God is the one who matters.

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

THE ESSENTIALITY OF ASSEMBLING TOGETHER

An indispensable ingredient of the Christian life is to congregate with those of like precious faith for the purpose of worshiping God and to edify and exhort one another. God, in His infinite wisdom, created man to be a social being, that is, in need of fellowship with other men. It is a misunderstanding and a disregard of the intent of God when men abstain from the assemblies of the Lord's people. The corporate worship of the body of believers is not the whole of Christianity; nevertheless, assembling together is necessary for the spiritual growth and welfare of the individual disciple. It has never been the design and purpose of God for His followers to isolate themselves from other children of God. One can readily read of the various assemblies under the Mosaic economy and to learn the necessity of such gatherings (Exodus 5:1, 3; 12:6; Deuteronomy 16:8).

A proper investigation of the disciples of Christ will determine that various assemblies were in evidence in the first century. At the beginning of the church in Jerusalem you can read in Acts 2:44: "All that believed were together...". Following the first persecution, saints "gathered together" (Acts 4:31). It is recorded in Acts 11:26, that Barnabas and Saul assembled themselves with the church for a year in order to teach the brethren. After the first missionary journey, Paul and Barnabas returned to Antioch and "gathered the church together: to rehearse all that God had done by them (Acts 13:27). All Bible students are aware that the early Christians met upon "the first day of the week "to break bread, that is, to partake of the Lord's Supper (Acts 20:7). In fact, when Paul wrote to the brethren in Corinth, he admonished them to give as God had prospered them "upon the first day of the week" (I Corinthians 16:1, 2). He knew that they were already meeting on the first day of the week to partake of the Lord's Supper because he mentioned this fact earlier in chapter 11. Notice in 11:18: "For first of all, when ye come together in the church (meet as a congregation)..." Again in 11:20: "When therefore ye assemble yourselves together..." In chapter 14:23: "If therefore the whole church be assembled together..."

The fact was, one sure way to denote a Christian who was becoming unfaithful to Christ was in their habitual absence from the assemblies of the saints. Please study carefully the context in which you find Hebrews 10:24, 25. In our assemblies, we can exhort one another in the matter of love, good works, and, in short, faithful Christian living. Even in our songs we can teach and admonish one another (Colossians 3:16). Redeemed people find joy, strength and security in coming together to praise God the Father and the Lamb, Jesus Christ. Expressions of gratitude, honor, homage and devotion are natural for one whose heart is filled with love for God because of our salvation and the hope of eternal life. It is God's desire that we worship Him "in spirit and in truth" (John 4:23, 24).

Raymond Elliott, minister, Prattville Church of Christ, Alabama

"And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is;" - Hebrews 10:24,25