

# WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

## SINGING to WHOM?

The Lord has reasons for what He asks us to do. Trying to discern those reasons will help us better **do** what He wants and better please Him. Take singing for instance. Who do we sing to? Why? Here are some things the Lord has said:

"Speaking to **YOURSELVES** in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your hearts to the LORD;" - Ephesians 5:19

"Teaching and admonishing **ONE ANOTHER** in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the LORD." - Colossians 3:16

Here, the Lord tells us there are **two** parts to our singing. First, there's a **physical** part, the actual words we **speak** with our mouths that others around us can **hear**. These words are to **teach** and **admonish**. Therefore, they **must** be **good** words, true and upright, able and fit to teach and admonish. (God's word is best for this: **Rom 1:16, John 17:17**) They can't be vain or empty words, or teach **contrary** to the scripture. That's another reason to not **hum or whistle, clap our hands**, or use an **organ or piano**—they don't teach or admonish. **We do—with** our **words** and **voices**. And we must speak with our voices to be obedient to God's command. If we remain **silent**, we **aren't** singing as God commanded. He won't be happy if we don't obey (read **1 Samuel 15:22**).

The second part of our singing is **spiritual**. It's the part you and I can not **hear**—the melody and grace in our **hearts!** The Lord however **can hear** and know our **hearts**; that part is for Him. An **organ or piano** doesn't have a heart; it won't last for eternity; the Lord isn't interested in them. He's interested in **us** and our **eternal** hearts and the **melody of love and faith and grace** that must be in them.

Just as our worship must be in spirit and in truth, so must our singing be in spirit to the Lord, and in truth (God's Word, **John 17:17**) to one another.

Let's think about **how, why and what** we sing, to make sure we understand and are doing what the Lord wants us to do. It will make Him happy with us, and that's a **good** thing!

“I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also.” - 1 Cor. 14:15

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

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### SERMONS THIS SUNDAY:

AM: HARVEY ALLEN

PM: HARVEY ALLEN

### WHAT ARE YOU WEARING?

“When the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment: And he said to him, Friend, how came thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless. Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there shall he weeping and gnashing of teeth. For many are called, but few are chosen.” - Matt 22:11-14

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

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TODAY!

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Sunday 10 AM Bible Study  
Sunday 11 AM, 6 PM Assembly  
Wednesday 7 PM Bible Study  
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*Bible Classes for all ages*

**LADIES CLASS**

To be announced

**EVANGELIST**

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

- **REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** Miles Johnson, Richard Ramkinson, Margaret Herring, Wilson Burton, Betty Mathis, Lamar Reeves, Elma Berrier.
- **Gwen Pittman** has infections in both eyes.
- **Tommy White** requests prayers for a friend **Margaret** who had a heart attack.
- **Brittany and Briana’s** grandmother, **Mrs. Smith**, has blood clots in her lungs.
- A close friend of **Connie and Floyd Richbourg**, **Peggy** Turner is in the hospital.
- Prayers are requested for **Steve Nimmons**, **Trevia Parks** son in law who might have a tumor growing on his pituitary gland.
- **K.C. Dunbaker** requests prayers for **Skyler Tieben** a student of his who became non-responsive at a soccer practice K.C. was supervising. Dr’s think it’s a complex migraine that literally knocks her out. She’s in the hospital undergoing treatment to help break the cycle, then start preventive treatment.
- Keep all these, and **the church here**, in your prayers.

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

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

- **Bible Study at Church Building, most Saturdays at 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.
- Remember to **send cards to our visitors**. **Marshall Mancuso** had had a bunch of nice cards printed, and **Jones Gamble** faithfully gets visitor cards posted with addresses. So help out yourself! Send a card, invite people to visit, then send more cards! Postage for a post card is \$.32, Send 3 for a dollar and keep the change!
- The **Bible Bowl for 2013** has been set for February 23. The book to study is **John**. An updated version of the rules along with registration forms will be posted on our website ([sarcoc.org](http://sarcoc.org)) by September 24.

“But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work” - 2 Corinthians 9:11

## **IN THE BIBLE WE’LL DELVE IN 2012**

“Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord,  
shall enter into the kingdom of heaven;

## **COMMUNICATING OUR LOVE**

Do you love others? We need to; remember, it’s one of the greatest commands God has given us (Matthew 22:19). We can communicate with our words or our actions. Which speaks louder? God has told us how to love:

1. Suffer together (1 Corinthians 12:26)
2. Rejoice together (Romans 12:15)
3. Carry each others' burdens (Galatians 6:2)
4. Restore each other (Galatians 6:1)
5. Pray for one another (Romans 15:30)
6. Teach & admonish one another (Col 3:16)
7. Refresh one another (Romans 15:32)
8. Encourage each other (Acts 28:15)
9. Forgive one another (Ephesians 4:32)
10. Confess to one another (James 5:16)
11. Be truthful with each other (Eph 4:25)
12. Provoke to love, good works (Heb 10:24)
13. Give to each other (Philippians 4:14,15)

14. Comfort one another (1 Thess 4:18)

God tells us what communicates best:  
“**But whoso hath this world’s good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him? My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.” - 1 John 3:17,18**

Are you listening? Do you love others?

**Invite them to visit. Invite them as your guest to our Saturday afternoon Bible study! But if you’re too busy on Saturdays ... what are you telling God?**

“**Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.**”  
- James 4:17

## **WHAT IS THE CHURCH WORTH?**

1. To Christ it was worth His **blood**: Acts 20:28
2. To God it was worth His **Son**: John 3:16
3. To Stephen it was worth his **life**: Acts 6-7
4. To Paul it was worth his **heritage**: Philippians 3:8; 2 Corinthians 11:28
5. To Matthew it was worth his **job**: Luke 5:27
6. To Philip it was worth his **time**: Acts 8:26-40
7. To James it was worth his **prestige**: James 1:1
8. To Peter it was worth his **attitudes**: 2 Peter 1:10,11
9. To John it was worth his **concern**: 3 John 4
- 10 To Jude it was worth his **freedom**: Jude 1

NOW: ... WHAT IS THE CHURCH WORTH TO **YOU**?

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