

SERMONS THIS SUNDAY:

AM: Harvey Allen

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

**ARE YOU A CHILD OF GOD?**

(are you acting like it?)

**"For ye are all the children of God by faith in Jesus Christ." - Galatians 3:26**

(We need faith and to be in Christ—baptized into Him.  
Think we're making that up? Look at next verse)

**"For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ." - Gal 3:27**

(Not been baptized? Think you are in Christ? Think God will own you as His child?  
Look again, what does God's word say?)

**"brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure" - 2 Peter 1:10:**

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

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

## COMMUNICATING LOVE

When we think of the word communicate, we usually think of calling someone on the phone, writing them a letter or sending them an email—sharing a thought. However the Bible word means much more, it means sharing ourselves with others.

**"That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate; - 1 Timothy 6:18**

Here's a brief list of ways the New Testament tells us to communicate, or share our self with each other as Christians—Good works that we can be rich in, ... or not:

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 and admonish one another (Colossians 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 (Ephesians 4:25)
12. Move one another to love and good works (Hebrews 10:24)
13. Give to each other (Philippians 4:14,15)
14. Weep together (Romans 12:15)
15. Comfort one another (1 Thessalonians 4:18)

Get the picture? You better! For there's a purpose to this—the Lord's purpose. The Lord wants **us**, His church, to be rich in good works, communicating, sharing our love with each other, as God has done to us until, as He tells us:

**"... we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ:"**  
- Ephesians 4:13

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

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

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

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

- **Margaret Herring's** toe surgery was delayed for medical reasons, pray for her relief.
- **Anna Porter** has moved back to NHC on US 378, but is very weak.
- **Also remember:** **Karen Harding** under hospice care; **Mike Kennedy** still undergoing tests; **Jan Kelleher** continuing treatment for metastatic disease; **Laura Nichols** with trials at her work and those close to her; **Dorothy Gray** and family,
- **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.

**“When I said, My foot slippeth; thy mercy, O LORD, held me up.” - Psalm 94:18**

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

- **First Sunday!** Hope you turned your clock back. Please stay for the luncheon after the morning assembly. All are invited. Men's meeting after that.
- Please make **website** suggestions to **Ed**, to make it better!
- **Bible Bowl**—February 23, 2017—Book of LUKE.
- New **Visitor Welcome** sheets to give to visitors to our assembly are in the foyer.
- We're looking for a new evangelist, suggestions welcome!
- **Please sign up to provide Meals for College Students**— in conjunction with class taught by **Spencer Strickland**, every Wednesday. Sign up sheet in foyer.
- **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.

**“Seek the LORD, and his strength: seek his face evermore.” - Psalm 105:4**

## **“REJOICE WITH THEM THAT DO REJOICE!” - Romans 12:15**

- **Megan & Michael Stoyk** have a new baby girl **Elora**, weight over 7 lbs.
- **Faye Parks** successfully obtained her accounting **CFE** qualification and is looking to take advantage of it.

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

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

If you don't regularly attend the church 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? Doesn't matter what others think.

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

## **HE CARES**

I heard the story of a little boy who called his grandfather to explain that he had been delayed because his friend had broken a toy.

“Did you help him fix it?” asked the grandfather.

“No, it couldn't be fixed,” said the boy, but I sat down and cried with him. Grandfather, it is a terrible thing when you have to cry alone.”

Paul urged that same attitude in Romans 12:15 when he told his readers, **“Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep.”** One great blessing of being a Christian is that we do not have to weep alone. Our brothers and sisters stand ready to shed tears with us in our sorrow. They are concerned when we are concerned.

Sometimes, however, we feel that not even our brothers and sisters understand the pain we are feeling. In that case, we have the ultimate blessing of a Savior who weeps with us as He did with Mary and Martha in the long ago. The prophet Isaiah said. **“Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrow”** (Isaiah 53:4). Let us remember to follow the instructions of Peter in 1 Peter 5:7 when he said, **“Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.”**

**- Ron Stough, minister East Side church of Christ, Duncan OK**

## **CHURCH MEMBERSHIP**

**“For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ. For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, ... For the body is not one member, but many. If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? And if the ear shall say, Because I am not the eye, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? If the whole body were an eye, where were the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where were the smelling? But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him. And if they were all one member, where were the body? But now are they many members, yet but one body. And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee: nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you. Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary: ” - 1 Cor 12:12-22**

Are you a member of Christ's church? If so, are you doing your part? The Lord added you to His body so you would do so. Don't be missing in action.

One good thing to do is make it to all assemblies of the Lord's church here in West Columbia, Bible classes too! The teachers are doing their part, preparing lessons from God's word. Encourage them in this by showing up. Show people you care, by getting here a bit early and staying a few minutes after to learn how your brothers and sisters in Christ are doing, and encourage them. Do you love them? Show them you do. Remember, “Faith without works is dead”.

Remember, the Lord has put us all in the body as it has pleased Him. Let's not disappoint him! As we sow, so shall we reap.