

SERMONS THIS SUNDAY:

AM: Spencer Strickland

PM: Spencer Stricklan

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

**WHO TELLS US HOW TO WALK WORTHY?**

**“God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, ...” - Hebrews 1:1,2**

**ACCEPT NO SUBSTITUTES!**

**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

## LIVING WHERE YOU DO NOT BELONG

In Jesus' prayer to the Father in John 17, He states that His disciples are not of this world, just as He is not of this world. How can that be? Were we not born in this world? Of course we were. But, we have been called out of this world (2 Cor. 6:17, 1 Pet. 1:13-15), and we have been purchased with the precious blood of Jesus (Acts 20:28; 1 Pet. 1:18,19). We do not belong to this world, or even to ourselves (1 Cor. 6:19-20).

If we do not belong to this world, than how do we live in this world? Missionaries, diplomats and others could give us some insight living in a culture that is not our own, but let's learn how from one that knows more than all of these put together, Jesus - the Son of God, who left heaven and dwelt as a man in a world in which He did not belong. How did He do it, and what did He teach that will help us do it?

1. **Remember that you do not belong here** (Matt. 6:19-21; 22:17-21). Jesus knew where He was from and often spoke of returning.
2. **Do not fall in love with this world** (Matt. 6:24; 1 Jn. 2:15-17; 2 Pet. 2:20). Jesus knew a better place, heaven, and knew that He was returning there when His mission on earth was complete.
3. **Live holy lives** (Matt. 5-7; 1 Pet. 1:15). Jesus lived a perfect life, without sin, even in this dark world.
4. **Stay focused** on why you are here (Matt. 6:33; Col. 3:22-24). Jesus constantly was concerned with fulfilling the will of His Father.
5. **Stay in touch** with the home land (1 Thess. 5:17; Matt. 22:29; 2 Tim. 2:15). Jesus frequently separated himself from the mob and disciples to pray. Know the Scriptures thoroughly. He also taught others to pray, and the importance of knowing the Scriptures.
6. **Look expectantly** to going home (Jn. 14:3; Lk. 12:36-37; 1 Cor. 11:23-26). Jesus spoke about returning to the Father and taking His disciples with Him. If we will observe and practice the way Jesus lived and what He taught, then we too can live as we should in this world to which we do not belong.

- **John Curtis**, minister church of Christ, Paul's Valley, Oklahoma

**“And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again” - 2 Corinthians 5:15**

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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.

**“For he hath not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted; neither hath he hid his face from him; but when he cried unto him, he heard.” - Psalms 22:24**

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

- 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.

**“If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, ...” - James 3:2**

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

## **“WEEP WITH THEM THAT WEEP” - Romans 12:15**

- **Dorothy Gray’s** grandmother passed away. Remember her and the family in your prayers and the good influence of grandmothers upon us.

## **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**

## **OVERCOMING HUMAN TRADITION**

Many times a person will have difficulty accepting the truth taught in God’s Word because it goes against what was formerly believed by the individual, and perhaps contradicts what he was always taught. This very thing happened to Alexander Campbell, who set out to restore New Testament Christianity in the 19th century. Campbell’s family had always practiced infant baptism, and Campbell himself had been sprinkled. But when a child was born to Campbell and his wife in March of 1812, he determined to study the subject in light of the Bible alone.

Throwing aside the Presbyterian tradition in which he had been raised, Campbell was convinced through a study of the Bible that only penitent believers were appropriate subjects for baptism. He studied further and looked at the original language, and discovered that baptism was actually immersion.

Alexander related these conclusions to his father, Thomas Campbell, who agreed with his study. They realized that they had never been baptized into Christ. On June 12, 1812, Alexander Campbell and six others — his wife, sister, father, mother, and James Halen and his wife — were all baptized into Christ for the remission of sins.

The gospel is the power of God to save (Romans 1:16), but when men pervert the gospel it loses its power. This is the reason there are such stern warnings against changing what is revealed. "As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed" (Galatians 1:9). Adding to and taking away from the message is strictly forbidden (Revelation 22:18-19).

The Campbells recognized and respected the Lord’s authority on the question of baptism by immersion by penitent believers, as well as other points. While Alexander Campbell is not the founder of the church of Christ, nor is he our authority in religious matters, he serves as a good example on this point that we would all do well to imitate. Search the Scriptures for the answers to religious questions, and submit to the ordinances of God.

- **Jason T. Carter**, evangelist, Mt. Vernon Church of Christ, Park City, Kentucky

## **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** plans on going and has room in his van for 7.