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SERMONS THIS SUNDAY:

AM: Ron Fleet

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

**WHY WAS PAUL A PREACHER PLEASING IN GOD'S SIGHT?**

**"And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: that your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God."  
- 1 Corinthians 2:4,5**

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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**

## Have You Ever?

Have you ever told someone about a radio station you like listening to, or 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 out; 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, even strangers.

But how much do you 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). You may not have thought of this, but what we tell others, is what we tell God is really important to us. Let's send God the right message. Tell others of Jesus' church and to come see. Invite many to our Bible studies ... 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:** *Merrie Christmus, Dorothy Gray & family, Margaret Herring, Richard Ramkinson, Jan Kelleher, Gwen Pittman, Stephanie Rigney.*

- **Janette Lockey, Paula Kennedy's** cousin, is doing much, much better and was released from ICU to home. **Paula** appreciates your prayers, they work!
- Remember those traveling this weekend: **Jason Parks, the Stricklands, Faye and Ken Parks,** and **Ron Fleet** who is coming to preach for us from Virginia. He'll be here Saturday if you'd like visit.
- **Also remember in prayer Stephanie Rigney** suffering from a recurrence of cancer; **Margaret Herring** with many ills; **Dorothy Gray** dealing with the many needs of her family; **Pat Joyner,** greatly concerned about leg problems; **Jan Kelleher** continuing in chemotherapy and a painful fight with metastatic disease.
- **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.

**"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." -Psalm27:1**

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

- **First Sunday!** All are invited to stay after the morning assembly to share a meal and get to know one another better. Men's meeting afterwards.
- **Ron Fleet,** potential new evangelist for us, will be speaking this Sunday 9/3/17.
- **MEN!** Sunday AM and PM please find **Jason,** or whoever is putting together the assembly duty roster 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.

**“I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.” - Philippians 4:13**

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

- **Stuart Schurr,** preacher at the Plaza church in Sumter has left to be with our Lord.
- Remember those suffering loss from **Hurricane Harvey** in Texas and Louisiana.

**“That there should be no schism in the body; but *that* the members should have the same care one for another. And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it.” - 1 Corinthians 12:26**

## **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**

**Saturday 3pm Bible studies will help you get ready!**

## **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** , former elder, 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**

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