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SERMONS THIS SUNDAY:

AM: Harvey Allen

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

You Have Been Chosen!

"Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier." - 2 Timothy 2:3,4

Does that mean *anything* to you?

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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

WHICH IS MORE IMPORTANT?

To help you set and keep your priorities straight, take the following personal inventory:

1. Which is more important to you? Making sure your dog (or cat) gets fed every day or making sure that your child gets daily spiritual nourishment?
2. Which is more important to you? Watching television or taking time for prayer and Bible study every day?
3. Which is more important to you? Speaking out on current political issues or speaking out to help someone understand Bible truth?
4. Which is more important to you? The time you spend playing sports, hunting, or fishing or the time you spend with your children?
5. Which is more important to you? The time you spend adorning your body or the time you spend improving the inner man?
6. Which is more important to you? What you think of last Sunday's sermon or what God thinks of your response to the sermon?
7. Which is more important to you? The condition and appearance of your house or what goes on inside your house?
8. Which is more important to you? The preacher speaking to you at the door after worship or the preacher speaking to you through the sermon?
9. Which is more important to you? The temperature in the church building or the spiritual temperature of the church which meets in the building?
10. Which is more important to you? The number of people who show an interest in you or the number of people in whom you show an interest?
11. Which is more important to you? The number of people who speak to you at church or the number of people to whom you speak?

- David Sain, Gospel preacher, West Fayetteville Church of Christ, TN

"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." - Matthew 6:33

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“PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER” - James 5:16

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

- **Judy Cornelius** was to have a toe nail removed, **Jordan Beard** has strained his back, **Ryan Sheppard** is in Sergant's School for 3 weeks.
- **Continue** to remember **Amy Strickland** in your prayers as she continues to suffer and is not with us. Your prayers helped **Jan Kelleher** make the trip to Nashville to see her new grand-son. Keep **Jason Parks** in your prayers too.
- **Linda Floyd (nee Barody)** has been diagnosed with Stage 1 cancer. Surgery is planned for early November. Keep her and the family in your prayers.
- **Margaret Herring** is recovering from a broken leg. **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.

"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth." - Psalms 121:1,2

“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:42

- **First Sunday! All** are invited to stay for lunch. **Men's meeting afterwards.**
- **Sign up** to provide food for the **College Age Class** each Wednesday.
- **MEN!** Sunday AM and PM please find **Jones Gamble** 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.

**"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."
- Psalms 133:1**

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THANKSGIVING

The traditional Thanksgiving time is almost upon us. Rather than put a picture of a turkey in the bulletin and some words reminding you to be thankful, I'd rather you took this with you:

“When thou makest a dinner or a supper, call not thy friends, nor thy brethren, neither thy kinsmen, nor thy rich neighbours; lest they also bid thee again, and a recompence be made thee. But when thou makest a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind: And thou shalt be blessed; for they cannot recompense thee: for thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just.” - Luke 14:12-14

Need another reason?

“... that the abundant grace might through the thanksgiving of many redound to the glory of God.” - 2 Corinthians 4:15

Thank and glorify God by heeding his Son's commands.

ARE BIBLE CLASSES A WASTER OF TIME?

In the minds of some people, Bible classes are not important. They may even consider them just "a waste of time." What should our attitude be toward them?

Why do we have Bible classes on Sunday and Wednesday? Do we have classes just because others have them? Do we have classes just so we can say that we are at least doing something? Until we come to learn the significance of them, we will not appreciate them as we should. If we appreciate them, then and only then will attitudes and attendance change for the better.

Bible classes are significant because they help promote the work of the church. The Bible classes are one avenue through which the Word of God can be taught. We certainly want to take advantage of every opportunity to teach and study from the Bible (2 Tim. 2:15; Psa. 1:1-3).

Bible classes are significant because they help provide a way for the elders "to feed" the flock. The apostle Paul, in speaking to the Ephesian elders, said, **"Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood"** (Acts 20:28). Peter declared to the elders, **"Feed the flock of God which is among you"** (1 Pet. 5:2). Through our Bible classes, we are helping the elders carry out their work.

Bible classes are significant because they help produce tomorrow's elders, deacons, preachers, and teachers. We want to encourage our young people to grow up being servants of God. In our Bible classes, we are training potential soldiers in the Lord's Army. The Bible classes are helping to train the young in the way they should go (Pro. 22:6)..

Bible classes are significant because they help prevent unfaithfulness in the church. We all need encouragement in living the Christian life. Through our Bible classes, we can encourage and edify one another (Heb. 3:13; 10:24-25) to be strong in the Lord.

Bible classes are significant because they help prepare one for eternity. Who is it that has doubts about the importance of studying the Bible? We must come to understand and know God's will (John 8:32; 1 Tim. 2:4). The time we spend in studying the Bible in our classes is helping us to be prepared for eternity to come.

Are Bible classes a waste of time? I think not!

- Jerry Jospheh, elder, Charbo & Karen church of Christ, St. Charles, MO

“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.” - 2 Timothy 2:15

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