

THE BULLETIN—VOL 44, NUMBER 32, September 2, 2018

SERMONS THIS SUNDAY:

AM: Wallace Beasley

PM: Wallace Beasley

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

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 be weeping and gnashing of teeth. For many are called, but few are chosen.” - Matt 22:11-14

HAVE YOU KEPT YOUR GARMENTS CLEAN?

“Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy.” - Revelation 3:4

Examine yourself! Are you really in the faith? (2 Cor 13:5)

West Columbia Church of Christ
1701 Augusta Road
West Columbia SC 29169
www.WestColumbiaChurchOfChrist.org

**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

BULLETIN EDITOR

Ed Kelleher
Office Phone (803) 796-8858
E-Mail: Ed@macro-inc.com



WEST COLUMBIA
CHURCH OF CHRIST

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 understand 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

“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.*

- **Pat Joyner** has been having dizzy spells, keeping her from the assembly.
- **Amy Strickland** was able to get a follow-up visit with her doctor this week, keep her and the family in your prayers.
- **Janet's** mother is doing better, but **Laura Beard** was not well Wednesday.
- Pray also that we all grow in **faith, hope, love, humility, zeal, mercy, knowledge.**
- Remember 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.

"Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing."

- Matthew 24:46

“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:42

- **First Sunday!** All are invited to stay after the morning assembly to share a meal and some time together. Men's meeting afterwards with **preacher resumes** to consider.
- **ALL! Contact** those on the Directory list you've not seen recently (like last Sunday).
- **ALL! 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.

“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

Examine yourself! Are you really in the faith? (2 Cor 13:5)

"THE LURE OF THE GOOD ENOUGH"

Someone has written, "There is no more insidious danger than the lure of the good enough." This is particularly true in the realm of the spiritual. Self-satisfaction is the mother of complacency. Complacency is the mother of sloth. And sloth brings condemnation. Well did Paul warn Christians, "**For if anyone thinks himself to be something when he is nothing, he deceives himself**" (Galatians 6:3). One who thinks he knows enough will cease to study. One who thinks he gives enough will not increase his giving. One who thinks he does enough will cease from doing. The feeling that we are "good enough" is the grave of growth. Growth is the law of life. Like Paul of old, we should rather say, "**I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus**" (Philippians 3:13-14). Like an old Scots preacher, we should pray: "Lord, keep me alive as long as I live." Let us not be seduced by "the lure of the good enough."

- James W. Adams, Gospel Preacher

LOOKING TO CHRIST

There are often discussions about **unity**. People say the religious world is lacking in unity. And that's true; just a casual look at the yellow pages under "CHURCHES" will affirm this. This is contrary to what Jesus wants and a big problem, but it's one of our own making, because people are NOT LOOKING to CHRIST. They have looked elsewhere and consequently gone astray.

Unity comes from the word ONE. If you have more than one, you don't have unity. God has told us how to have UNITY, and it's very simple:

"Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus" - Philippians 2:5

If you have **your** mind, and I have **mine**, we have **different** minds, and consequently, no unity. However, if **your** mind was like that of Jesus, and **my** mind was like that of Jesus, we'd both have the **same** mind. How could we be different? How could we disagree? How could we do things differently? We couldn't! We would be **one**, and not just one period, but one in **Christ!** Not one in Luther or Calvin, not even one in Paul or Peter, but one in **Christ**.

We don't have to have UNITY CONFERENCES and SUMMITS. We don't have to discuss our **differences**. The Lord has given us the **yardstick** that we're to be measured against, and it's **Him**:

“Till 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 fulness of Christ: “ - Eph. 4:13

If each of us went about making our **own** minds like Christ's we would be working **directly** and **effectively** on getting **unified**, we'd be true **disciples**. The Lord **wants** disciples. Why do you think that word is used so often in the New Testament? and he wants them to be HIS disciples—like Him:

"The disciple is not above his master, but every one that is perfect shall be as his master." - Luke 6:40

Why do we make so many problems for ourselves by **not** looking to Christ? Do you like problems? I don't, it keeps us from our Father's business. We can do something about it, look to Christ. Do what he says.

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

GOOD TO MEMORIZE AND KEEP WITH YOU

“Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands. Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing. Know ye that the LORD he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.” - Psalm 100