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SERMONS THIS SUNDAY:

AM: Wallace Beasley

PM: Harvey Allen

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

DO YOU WANT A BLESSING FROM JESUS?

“Blessed are those servants,
whom the Lord when he cometh shall find watching:
verily I say unto you,
that he shall gird himself, and make them to sit down to meat,
and will come forth and serve them.” - Luke 12:37

WHEN HE FINDS YOU, WILL YOU BE PLEASING IN HIS SIGHT?

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

Spring Eternal Hope

More than likely you are familiar with the expression “hope springs eternal.” This phrase describes in a darkly humorous manner how one may hope without reason for a positive result. It is a phrase commonly used during this time of year; not merely because it is Spring even though Spring most certainly brings a time of newness and refreshment. All the professional baseball organizations are currently in spring training. So “hope is springing eternal” in regards to winning the World Series and ball players looking for their chance to break into the Major League for the first time. But only two teams can make it to the World Series and regardless of talent there are only so many roster spots. Similarly college football programs around the country are in the midst of spring practice. Many are excited about their team's chances for the coming season. Nevermind the facts that there isn't much hitting in spring football (and in football hitting is still somewhat necessary), bad players don't become great players from November to March, or that your team completely stunk last year and its pretty much the same group running the show this year. Sometimes people just want to hope for the sake of hoping.

In order to avoid hoping for the sake of hoping there needs to be a reality for a positive expectation. To help remind us of this reality we can rearrange the words of our phrase and kick-out an “s” for it to read as, “spring eternal hope.” Spring can mean the origin of something. Christians have eternal hope which is sprung by Christ. In Ephesians 1:18 part of Paul's prayer for the brethren was that, “***you may know the hope of His calling.***” Jesus is the source of hope, and we are called by His gospel (2 Thessalonians 2:13-14). The hope provided by, through, and only in Christ is an eternal one, “***For we know that if our earthly house is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens***” (1 Corinthians 5:1). As long as we remain in Christ this hope cannot be taken away from us (John 10:29; Romans 8:1). The list of all which can drain our hope in life is not a short one, but the list of who provides real hope is extremely short. Hope in Him.

- T.J. Bolen, Gospel preacher, West Columbia South Carolina, 2014

“There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.” - Romans 8:1

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, Stephanie Rigney.*

- **Stephanie Rigney** is having a very difficult time with urinary tract infections, vomiting and other ills. These and the resulting weakness make it a struggle for her, especially in her special needs teaching work.
- **Trevia Parks** is home resting after receiving a pacemaker, despite several complications. She can't raise her left arm, but has many friends and family stopping by and offering to help.
“... for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.” - Galatians 6:7
- **Paula Kennedy** is up and about after rotator cuff surgery, though the brace makes it difficult for her to sleep comfortably. **Paula** requested prayers for her cousin **Julie Hubbard** who has had extensive surgery removing a very invasive skin cancer on her arm, involving the underlying tendons, muscle and bone.
- **Laura Nichols** continues to get better at home with home therapy stopping by.
- **Judy Cornelius** is still recovering from a torn Achilles tendon with therapy three times a week. She's a bit down at the slowness of the recovery, but ok. **Judy** requested prayers for her friend in Wayne GA, who is having accumulations of blood removed from his lung regularly. The doctors are mystified.
- **Amy** is seeing a new doctor and is encouraged; **Pat** is suffering from extreme vertigo.
- Remember also in prayer: **Margaret Herring** with multiple ills; **Janet Boyd** recovering from a sprained her ankle; **Keep ALL these in your prayers**, and pray also that we all grow in **faith, hope, love, humility, zeal, mercy, knowledge**.

"Now know I that the Lord saveth his annointed; he will hear from his holy heaven with the saving strength of his right hand." - Psalm 20:6

“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:42

- **First Sunday! All** are invited to stay and share a meal with us after the morning assembly. **Men's** meeting to follow.
- **Lord willing**, we will have a man preaching for us the first Sunday in May, who is interested in helping us with the work here in West Columbia.

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

- **Bob Horton, 88**, passed away March 30 2019. Memorial was Wednesday at Thompson's funeral home. His body was buried at Celestial Memorial Gardens in West Columbia with full military honors. **Bob** was a member here when I was baptized and was one of the reasons I took up song leading.
- A cousin of **Marshall Mancuso** was killed last week in a motorcycle accident.

“A good name is better than precious ointment,
and the day of death than the day of birth.” - Ecclesiastes 7:1

The Church's Mission Is Spiritual

The church of Christ has never sought to be a political force such as Catholicism is, for the church is spiritual in its design and mission (**John 18:36**). The salvation of souls by the preaching of the gospel is the work of the church. God ordained civil government to direct and control matters political. Likewise, the home has been established through divine wisdom as the center and circumference of human society. It is not the business of the church to furnish entertainment for anybody.

It is the business of the church to work in the interest of the souls of men, and that alone through the teaching and preaching of the gospel of Christ. When the church begins to serve political and social purposes, it has been prostituted from its high and holy mission given by the will of the God of heaven.

- **Jerry C. Brewer**, Editor Gospel Preceptor

The New Testament — Our Guide

When the church was established and began to work, Paul wrote 14 letters to churches and preachers telling them how to live. James wrote one letter, Peter two, John three, and Jude one. These are all letters of church discipline and government, telling church members how to live.

The last book in the New Testament was written by John. The Revelation not only tells of the past and the present in the first century, but crosses the river of death and tells us of the future home God has prepared for those who love Him and do His commandments. He tells us that on the other side of the river of death there is no night, but one eternal day; no sickness, sorrow, pain, or death. The river of life and the tree of life are found there. So the New Testament — properly divided, read, understood, and obeyed — is a safe guide to lead us into the city whose Builder and Maker is God.

In summary, there are 27 books in the New Testament. Matthew, Mark, Luke and John tell me what I must believe in order to be saved. Acts of Apostles tells me what I must do to be saved. The 21 letters of Christian instruction that follow tell me how I must live and work after I am saved in order to finally reach the heavenly home we read about in the last book of the Bible.

My brethren are often condemned for preaching so much in Acts of Apostles, but this will be our leading book as long as we teach salvation to a dying world, for this is where we find the plan of salvation first taught by the apostles after they had Holy Ghost baptism which qualified them to preach the gospel to all the world. As long as we teach the same things the apostles taught them to do, we are sure we are teaching the word of God, and we are also sure we will be rewarded at the last day for so doing. So, let all be satisfied with the simple word of God, to teach and fight it out along that line, knowing that if we do this, heaven will be our home.

- **J. D. Tant** 1861-1941, Gospel Preacher