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SERMONS THIS SUNDAY:

AM: Daryl Macon  
PM: no assembly scheduled

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

## ARE YOU FORGETFUL?

**“Lest when thou hast eaten and art full, and hast built goodly houses, ... and all that thou hast is multiplied; then thine heart be lifted up, and thou forget the Lord thy God, which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage;” - Deuteronomy 8:12-14**

### How will you know if you don't ...

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

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**JOIN US IN  
PRACTICING  
NEW TESTAMENT  
CHRISTIANITY  
TODAY,  
COME SEE!**

SERVICES  
Sunday 10 AM Bible Study  
Sunday 11 AM Assembly

*Nursery room provided*

INFORMAL BIBLE  
STUDY

Anytime! Contact: us

*Everyone Welcome!*  
Bring your friends & Bible  
questions

EVANGELIST  
Other than the members  
none at present time  
Full time position open



# WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

## I NEVER INTENDED TO QUIT!

A man who had not attended one service of the church in four years told me he had never thought of “quitting” the church. I reminded him that he had:

1. Withdrawn his presence from the worship services. He had failed to sing, to pray with fellow-Christians, to partake of the Lord’s memorial supper and the fellowship of the saints.
2. He had refused to give his moral support to the activities of the congregation.
3. He had withdrawn his financial support, for he had not given one dime to help carry on the Lord’s work.

Then I asked, “What else would you have to do in order to ‘quit’ the church? In case you ever decide that you no longer desire to be a member, what other steps will be necessary to ‘quit’ the church?”

As the true status dawned upon him, his expression reflected his sober thoughts. He replied, “Why, Brother Nichols, I have quit already, haven’t I? Well, I surely didn’t mean to! And I don’t know when I did it...but I’ve quit the Lord and His church! I’ll tell you right now...I’m coming back.” He did, too. At the next service, he was restored and three years later, he was still faithful.

Dear reader, how about you? Have you quit the Lord and His church without resolving to do so? Perhaps no one deliberately decides to quit, but many carelessly drift into backsliding.

If you quit attending services, quit boosting the program of activities planned by the elders and quit giving as God has prospered you to enable the congregation to meet its budget, you need to be restored.

— **Gus Nichols** (1892-1975), Gospel Preacher

**“Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.” - Romans 1:21**

**But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?” - James 2:20**

Examine yourself, whether you are in the faith ... or not! (2 Cor 13:5)

## "PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER" - James 5:16

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Barbara and Melvin Reeder, Merrie Christmus, Margaret Herring, Jan Kelleher, Jamie Sheppard**

- Remember **Judy Cornelius'** son **Robert** in your prayers
- 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.

**"Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honor preferring one another;" - Romans 12:10**

## "AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY" - Acts 2:42

- MEETING:** If you are able to make it, we are meeting at the building each Sunday for 10am Bible Class and 11am for assembly.
- Please send bulletin news to:
  - Dawn Gamble** <dawngamble@gmail.com>
  - Paula Kennedy** <kennedypaulam@gmail.com>
- 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 be sure to use them!

**"Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins."- James 5:20**

## "REJOICE WITH THEM THAT DO REJOICE!" - Romans 12:15

- Ethan Allen** was badly burned in an accident Sunday with severe burns on his face, hands and legs. He was taken to Augusta Burn Center where he had multiple skin grafts. Sydney was burned and herniated a disk pulling **Ethan** from the fire. It was very bad. The church prayed, gave and prayed. The Lord heard. The burn center staff marveled. Sydney and Ethan are hoping to go home Wednesday, increased in hope, love, faith and gratitude—eternal things, treasure in Heaven!

**"For the LORD is great, and greatly to be praised: he is to be feared above all gods." Psalm 96:4**

### God's Command

**"Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect." - Matt. 5:48**

### God's Plan

**"And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;**

**For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:**

**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:"**

**- Ephesians 4:11-13**

## **HAVE YOU NAMED THE NAME OF CHRIST?**

**"Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity. But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour. If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work." - 2 Timothy 2:19-21**

The Lord knows us by our works—not our intentions. Are you striving to put away, or purge, the things of the world so you might be an honorable vessel, one God will be pleased to use? If so, **rejoice** for God knows it. If not, **repent**, for God knows that too.

### **A FEW OTHER THINGS TO CONSIDER:**

Those who make the Sunday 11AM worship assembly, **should** be able to make the **Sunday AM Bible Study as well!** There are good bible classes being taught Sunday AM. We **all** need them. The church **will not grow in faith and love** as the Lord wants if **you** don't attend. Make the effort to attend **all** our meetings—**it's important!** Don't forsake the assembly by missing classes!

**"God loves a cheerful giver."** So says the **Holy Spirit** as recorded by Paul in **2 Corinthians 9:7**. That's good! But, what will God think if instead of giving cheerfully, **you** give grudgingly, or give a pittance, or nothing at all? If you're spending more on **hobbies** or **recreation** than God—**don't!** **God says give** as you've been prospered! Many are giving sacrificially—some are **not**. Examine yourself. Remember what God sacrificed for you. Does it hurt you to give? Remember the agony Christ suffered on that cross for you. What are you telling God you think of the sacrifice of His son, the one you claim as your savior, with your contribution? He **is** watching—and waiting for you to do the right thing! Give cheerfully and liberally.

Does your **hectic schedule** prevent you making the bible classes? Does **limited income** leave you little to give? You're not up to door knocking and inviting people to visit us? You don't feel you're able to teach a class? You need to work on those things, and the best way is to get **more involved?** Here's how: **Grab a copy of the directory and call the other members to see how they're doing!** **Volunteers** are needed to **clean the building** in upcoming months. Set your own schedule, work alone if you wish, the church provides all the material. This is a good way **you** can **participate** in and support the **good work** going on here at West Columbia. If you're willing to team up with others, sign up and we'll put teams together. Many are working very hard. This is a good way **you** can join in and encourage them! Don't wait, sign up now! And these things will help you learn to do more. If you can't do even that, consider this:

**"I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth." - Revelation 3:16,17**

— **Ed Kelleher**, West Columbia church of Christ, South Carolina

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