"Whatever You Do..."
In Colossians chapter three, verse seventeen says: "And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him."

It is worthy of thought, that this verse is comprehensive -- in that it covers "whatever you do." There is the temptation to segment your life into departments: The financial department, the family department, the career department, the recreation department, and the religious department. Having made these separations, it's easy to think of "the religious department" as just one portion of your life, set aside neatly from the other aspects. But in this verse, there is that comprehensive "whatever you do." This should tell us that as Christians, every aspect of our life ought to be under the rule of Christ. The New Testament knows nothing of a separate "religious" part of your life, that's divorced from everything else. Whatever we do, and in all that we do -- in word or deed -- we must live "in the name of the Lord Jesus."

When you sign your name to a check, you are giving the bank authority to pay the holder the amount specified. When you sign your name to a contract, you are authorizing work to be done, or services to be rendered, as stated in the contract. When you sign your name to a petition, you are giving your approval, as an authorized voter and tax payer, to the subject or message of that petition. IN THESE ILLUSTRATIONS, DRAWN FROM DAILY LIFE, WHAT DO WE SEE? Your name carries the weight of your authority. So, if something is done IN YOUR NAME, it is done BY YOUR AUTHORITY.

Now, in the context of Colossians chapter three, if I'm seeking those things above...If the peace of God is ruling in my heart...And, if the Word of Christ is dwelling in me, WHATEVER I DO, I'LL DO IN THE NAME OF CHRIST... that is, by His authority.

We hope the Bible study opportunities offered in EXPOSITORY FILES make a positive contribution to your efforts to live under the authority of Jesus Christ, and do all in His name.

By Warren E. Berkley
The Final Pages
From Expository Files 2.4; April, 1995

The preceding article is at http://www.bible.ca/ef/topical-whatever-you-do.htm.
Today, I begin a series of lessons addressing the question, “Why do we do what we do?” The lessons will concern why we do what we do in worship assemblies. It should be recognized that Jesus is Lord of **ALL PARTS** of our lives, not just during assemblies. Worshippers who attend two Sunday assemblies for **2 hours total** are spending only **1.2%** of their time at that. Nevertheless, this **1.2%** of time garners the most debate and is the most divisive of all things. To borrow a line from James 3:10b, “My brethren, these things ought not to be this way.”

Trying to live and worship by His authority,

**Bill Elliott**

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### WEEKLY CALENDAR & SERVING DUTIES

**TODAY, 09:00 – 09:15** – PUPPETS in the Fellowship hall every Sunday. Benevolence items to Hungry Harry after the puppet show.

**Monday, 18th Feb, 19:00** – “Equipping christsians for service” Class.

**Tuesday, 19th Feb, 19:00** – SINGING At Adriaan & Gaby le Roux’s home, 15 Princess Road, Vincent. All welcome.

**Wednesday, 20th Feb**

- **10:00** - LADIES BIBLE CLASS by Pam Share. Tea by Gill du Preez & Cecile.
- **19:00** – MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY CLASSES;
  - 6-9 Year Olds - Gill du Preez
  - 10 -12 Year Olds - Pam Share
- Teenage - “Girl Talk” Class - Gill B - In the Lounge
- Young Men Training – “Timothy” Class – Chris - In ECBC Class
- Marriage Enrichment – Johan - In the Fellowship Hall
- Book of Galatians – Bill - In the Auditorium

**Thursday, 21st Feb, 07:00** MEN’S WEEKLY PRAYER MEETING – At the building. All men welcome.

**Friday, 22nd Feb**

- **19:00** - YOUTH – Games Evening at the building – Youth vs Parents
- **19:00** - YOUNG ADULTS – Games Evening hosted by Hugh and Cecile. Bring a snack and something to drink.

**Sunday, 24th**- TEA after the AM Assembly – All welcome.

Ladies on duty: Petro, Gill H, Kirsten, Alfrieda & Thelna.

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### ATTENDANCE, BENEVOLENCE, PRAYERS, BIRTHDAYS, KOMBI DRIVER, ETC.

**Last Sunday**

- **AM Assembly** 115
- **PM Assembly** 70

**Last Wednesday**

- **Bible Study** 70

**BENEVOLENCE**

For next week please provide:

- **Oil (750ml)**
- **Pilchards**

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

Please consider the following in your prayers;

- Basil Baisley, Milly Crossley, Gwen Taylor, Emily Nyemba, Vanessa Herman (recovering at home), Lee-Ann Emmerson’s father, Annelene Thomas’s mother, Jan & Adele’s brother, Bokkie (in hospital), Anna Calder (in CT), Chris Savides (has cancer) and Paddy Robson (in Margate on holiday).

**BIRTHDAYS**

- **Joshua du Preez** Today
- **Gill Heath** 19 Feb
- **Chantelle du Preez** 21 Feb

Happy Birthday! Enjoy your day!

**ANNIVERSARIES**

- **Makoko & Marria Sikwana** 23 Feb

Congratulations!

**FEBRUARY KOMBI DRIVER** – Justin le Roux (cell: 072 277 3069). Please contact him directly if you need a lift and if, for any reason, you do not need to be picked up.

**VISITORS** – All visitors are special to God and to us - we thank you for being here today. We offer private Bible classes at your convenience and invite you to avail yourself for this opportunity.

Please fill in a Visitation Slip on the pews – if you request a visit please put your contact details (address & telephone number).

**THANK YOU to all who arranged & attended the Banquet!!**

**BULLETIN CONTRIBUTIONS**

All news items for the bulletin may be sent to Pearl Nyemba (cell: 084 470 7010 or e-mail: pearl.nyemba@eskom.co.za) by 16:00 every Friday.

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**SERMON TOPIC & SCRIPTURE READING TODAY**

**AM:** “People of the book” **Hosea 4:6-10**
**PM:** “Good and lost” **Acts 10:1-2**

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**PRIVILEGED TO SERVE TODAY 17/02/2008**

| SONG LEADER AM | M. Baisley |
| SONG LEADER PM | M. Baisley |
| OPENING PRAYER AM | R. Voogt |
| OPENING PRAYER PM | H. Granger |
| LORD’S TABLE AM | R. Share |
| LORD’S TABLE PM | O. Engelbrecht |
| SCRIPTURE READING AM | Jason le Roux |
| SCRIPTURE READING PM | R. Voogt |
| PREACHING AM | Bill Elliott |
| PREACHING PM | Bill Elliott |
| CLOSING PRAYER AM | H. Kirby |
| CLOSING PRAYER PM | B. le Roux |
| FLOWERS | Louise Crossley |

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**SERMON TOPIC & SCRIPTURE READING NEXT WEEK 24/02/2008**

**AM:** “People of the book” **Hosea 4:6-10**
**PM:** “Good and lost” **Acts 10:1-2**

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**YOUTH SERVICE** – Speak to Adriaan for details.