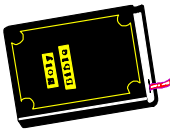


# WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST

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



## BELIEVING A LIE

Just after creation Satan deceived Eve into believing a lie. God had said, "Of the tree of knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die" (Genesis 2:17). But Satan told Eve, "You will not surely die" (Genesis 3:4). Ever since the creation mankind has been deceived by believing the lies of Satan.

We are warned to, "Let no one deceive you by any means" (2 Thessalonians 2:3). "But evil men and impostors will grow worse, deceiving and being deceived" (2 Timothy 3:13). How does Satan use people to deceive other people into believing his lies? "For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ. And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works" (2 Corinthians 11:13-15).

A person who is deceived actually deceives himself into believing a lie. But we are warned, "Let no one deceive himself" (1 Corinthians 3:18). Jesus says, "And you shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:32). We must desire to know the truth or we will believe the lies of Satan. "Because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie, that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth" (2 Thessalonians 2:10-12). Those who are deceived will lose their souls in eternity. This is such a great price to pay for believing a lie.

To keep from believing a lie we must do as those in Berea who "searched the scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so" (Acts 17:11). We must read, study, and follow what God's word says so, "That we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting" (Ephesians 4:14).

Satan doesn't care how much of God's word one believes, as long as he doesn't believe enough to be saved. Satan knows that at baptism one passes from an unsaved state to a saved state. This is where he has concentrated much of his effort in getting people to believe his lies. Some of his lies include infant baptism, sprinkling instead of immersion, and being saved before baptism by saying "the sinner's prayer".

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Sun 11 AM Assembly:	83
Sun 6 PM Assembly:	53
Weds 7 PM Bible Study:	78
CONTRIBUTION:	\$4355

### SERMONS 7/9/2006

AM Don Klieves  
PM Chris Crabb

"HE THAT IS SLOW TO ANGER IS BETTER THAN THE MIGHTY" - PROVERBS 16:32

"OPEN REBUKE IS BETTER THAN SECRET LOVE" - PROVERBS 27:5

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

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## “THE PRAYER OF FAITH SHALL SAVE THE SICK” - James 5:15

- **REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** Ted Stidham, Beryl Parks, Hagood Godley, Margaret Herring, and our shut-ins Jessica Herring, Zudora Clegg, and Phyllis Johnson. Also, **Nina Ruth Meadows** (Marcella Klieves' mother), **James Mathias** (Tommy White's brother-in-law), and **Jack and Elma Berrier**.
- **Jean Glott** requests the prayers of the church as she is to have a throat biopsy.
- **Don Klieves** was ill Wednesday and not able to get out.
- **Bobby Giles** has severe swelling of his leg and isn't able to get out.
- **Carolyn Lee** and **Marilyn Brooks** are doing better and able to be with us.
- Let's remember **Tricia Kelly** in our prayers as she is having some difficult times.
- **Melissa Parks'** father, **Jack Edwards** is having difficulties after cancer surgery.
- **Kaitlyn Sheppard** is away at Bible camp. Her birthday was Thursday. **Sarah Kelleher** drove up to visit her.
- **PRAY FOR ALL THESE AND THE CHURCH!**

"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits;

Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;

Who redeemeth thy life from destruction;" - Psalms 103:2-4

## “PROVOKE TO LOVE AND GOOD WORKS” - Hebrews 10:21

- **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO CLEAN BUILDING IN JULY, AUGUST ...**
- **Blood donors**—There's a national shortage of blood.
- **No first Sunday luncheons** at the building for awhile. We'll have luncheons instead when we have prospective evangelists visiting. We might be having a man and his family in July 23, the Sunday before our VBS.
- We're very thankful for the brethren, full of faith in the work here and wanting to see it grow who contributed over \$2000 this past Lord's day to help pay off our **auxiliary loan**. The balance is now around \$3000. Please do what you can! We want to the church to be better able to support more men in **preaching the Gospel** and to better **edify the body of Christ**.

"I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living." - Psalm 27:13

## “AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:4

- **Gospel Meeting**—Twin City Church, Batesburg-Leesville, July 7-9 (Fri-Sun).
- **Steve Lucas**, a recent graduate of East Tenn. School of Preaching and Missions will be speaking. Brother Ralph Jones, one of their elders, said they were borrowing a page from our book by having a prospective evangelist preach a Gospel Meeting for them. Let's support them in this, and be edified by God's word.
- **Singing**—St. Andrews Road church, Friday evening, August 4, RSVP.

## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL MONDAY-FRIDAY**

**July 24-28, Mon-Fri 7:00-8:30 PM**

### **The Bible is YOUR Book!**

**To complete the journey of life successfully you need THE BIBLE!**

- Monday The Bible is your **Word** (from God)
- Tuesday The Bible is your **Map** (to find your way to heaven)
- Weds. The Bible is your **Light** (to keep you on the path)
- Thursday The Bible is your **Comfort** (when the going gets tough)
- Friday The Bible is your **Sword** (to fight off the devil)

We're doing our own material this year. The elders have laid out suggested lessons plans and will work with the teachers individually to develop them further.

We've had several Teacher Planning/Organization Meetings and the teachers seem to have things well in hand for an excellent, faith building VBS.

**Now it's YOUR turn! Tell people of our VBS and invite them to attend.**

## **—BELIEVING A LIE (continued from page 1)**

When a person is "baptized" as an infant, it does him no good and when he becomes accountable he becomes lost, but he thinks he is in a saved condition since his parents had him "baptized" as an infant. This is another lie of Satan. If a person is sprinkled instead of being baptized (immersed), it also does him no good and he is still lost since baptism is a burial (Romans 6:4). This again is a lie of Satan.

Satan has been successful in his efforts to redefine baptism in the minds of many people in getting them to believe that baptism is not essential to salvation even though the Lord says, "He that believes and is baptized shall be saved" (Mark 16:16). As a result people remain lost. Satan has also fooled people into believing that one does not need to "be baptized and wash away your sins" (Acts 22:16). As a result people still remain lost in their sins by believing the lies of Satan. To say that baptism is not is not essential to salvation is to deny and reject what Jesus says. Jesus says, "He who rejects Me and does not receive My words, has that which judges him, the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day" (John 12:48). Satan has convinced people that all one needs to do is "accept Jesus as their personal saviour" and say "the sinner's prayer" to be saved. To do this Satan has people to handle "the word of God deceitfully" (2 Corinthians 4:2) and to "change the truth of God into a lie" (Romans 1:25).

Denominationalism and its doctrines gives people a false sense of security. Let's be careful and "Take heed that you not be deceived" (Luke 21:8) into believing any of the lies of Satan.

—Ron Boatwright, church of Christ, Conway, Arkansas