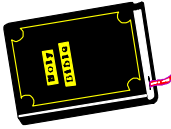


WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

Does It Really Matter?

Throughout my twenty-two years of preaching I have had occasion to hear people say, in effect, “It really does not matter what you believe.” Of course, the religious world has long held to the belief that as long as a person is sincere about his religion it does not matter what he believes.

Yet, how many lives have been devastated by: “I didn’t think the gun was loaded”, but it was; or “I thought no one was listening”, but they were; or “I thought no one would ever find out”, but they did. A hard lesson for some—it does matter what you believe!

The following are some biblical examples for our personal study: Eve believed Satan’s lie but God had plainly said, “...of the tree...thou shalt not eat of it.” (Genesis 3:4-6; 16-19). Jacob believed Joseph was dead (Genesis 37:32-35). Job’s friends believed that bad things happen to bad people and they sought to convince Job he had sinned - they were convinced of it (Job 4:7-9; Luke 13:1-5). The young prophet believed the old prophet’s lie (1 Kings. 13:17-19). Naaman believed Syrian rivers were better than the Jordan (2 Kings 5:10-12). It mattered what the disciples believed about Jesus (Mat. 16:13-15). It mattered what Saul of Tarsus believed about Jesus (Acts 23:1).

It does matter what you believe! “Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith...” (2 Corinthians 13:5).

- Cecil Hutson, elder, Katy church of Christ, Katy, Texas

King Agrippa, believest thou the prophets? I know that thou believest. Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian.—Acts 26:27,28

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PM Ed Kelleher

“And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap,
if we faint not.” - Galatians 6:9

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

- **Ted Stidham** passed away Thursday August 10, 2006. The funeral was Monday, August 14th, at the church building with **Curtis Gilbert**, evangelist for the Union church speaking. The Stidhams had worshipped and worked with the Union congregation before moving back to Columbia recently.
- **Rob Roy Honeycutt** passed away Saturday August 12, 2006. The funeral was held at the Greenlawn Memorial Gardens chapel Wednesday, August 16. USAF Chaplain Lt. Col David Sturgeon presided for service and burial with military honors.
- Let's remember the families in our prayers. Our thanks and appreciation to the church members who provided food for the families at the building, and cleaned up afterwards.
- **Robby Geiger** 51, Billy Geiger's nephew passed away unexpectedly last week.
- **Hugh Parks** father-in-law passed away last week. Hugh is a member at North Columbia and is **Beryl** and **Trevia Parks** oldest son.

"He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal." - John 12:25

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

- **REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Beryl Parks, Hagood Godley, Margaret Herring,** and our shut-ins **Jessica Herring, Zudora Clegg,** and **Phyllis Johnson.** Also, **Nina Ruth Meadows** (Marcella Klieves' mother), **Jack Edwards** (Melissa Parks' father) and **Jack and Elma Berrier.**
- **Marcella Klieves** had good news in that the lump is benign. Let's thank God for his mercy and hearing our prayers.
- **Beryl Parks** had a stroke Saturday and is in Lexington Medical Center. Though initially paralyzed on his right side and unable to speak, recovery is going well, he's able to walk now and his speech, while a little slurred, is returning steadily. Let's thank God for His continual mercy and pray for Beryl's full recovery.
- **Zudy Clegg** was in the ER last week for an apparent stroke, but it wasn't.
- **Julia Kelleher** and **Chris Crabb** will return to Nashville TN this Saturday to start the fall semester at Lipscomb University.
- **Frank Allen** requested prayers for his brother, **Harvey**, a deacon in the church at Thayer Missouri, who was injured in a car accident.
- Our faithful brother **Craig Robinson** is a long distance truck driver. Let's remember him in our prayers as he is often away from us.
- **Margaret Herring** was able to make it out last week, for which we are thankful. Let's remember all these in our prayers and **Frank Allen** and **Paul Dillard** also who have been struggling, and continue to struggle, with some health problems.
- "As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving." - Colossians 2:6,7

“ELDERS ... FEED THE FLOCK OF GOD” - 1 Peter 5:1,2

If you, and your children have **perfect attendance** at the bible studies at the building, that's only 2 hours a week. Do you watch more TV during the week than you read (not to mention *study*) your Bible? If so, what do you think that tells God of your faith and love for Him? You, and your families, **need** to study at home!

Folks, we need to get serious about our attendance and our study of God's word. We will be striving to encourage all to do better. Please attend—for your sakes!

“Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.” - Galatians 6:7-8

-Elders, West Columbia church of Christ, South Carolina

“PROVOKE TO LOVE AND GOOD WORKS” - Hebrews 10:24

- **Thankfully**, many recent contributions have helped pay the **parking lot loan** down to \$2000 (from \$28,000). Please consider making a **special donation** to help us **pay this off completely** before our new evangelist, Jerry Manning arrives later this month with his family.
- **Christian Block Party**—Saturday August 19, 2006, **9AM** at the building. We'll pick up material to pass out in the neighborhood. It's the **Easiest Evangelism there is.** If you can't make it Saturday, we'll need help the preceding Weds, Thursday and Friday to bag up material to be passed out Saturday. For those who'd like to work this Saturday but can't, we'll be doing it again (Lord willing) the **following Saturday, August 27, at 9AM also.** ☺
- The **Mannings** are making plans to move here the last week in August. They'll likely be staying in the church residence till they can find a larger place. Let's pray for their safe journey, and thank God for His great mercy and grace.
- The **Windsor Lake church** is planning to have a **homecoming and Gospel Meeting** Friday-Sunday October 27-29th, 2006 on the occasion of their 30th anniversary as a congregation of the Lord's church. **Wallace Beasley**, their first minister will be preaching. Let's plan to be there to encourage and rejoice with them.
- **Change cans** for the SE Children's home are in the foyer if you'd care to help. They'll be collected and counted, Lord willing, in November.

“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 9:8