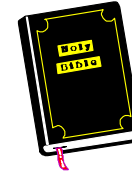


# WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

## THE VALUE OF ENDURANCE

The conquest of nations, mountains, and other goals can be attributed to endurance regardless of external problems and difficulties. Jesus challenges us with these words found in **Matthew 10:22, "He that endures to the end shall be saved."**

To turn back because of problems would be cowardly and vain. To persevere regardless of the difficulty is the mark of courage and victory. To overcome obstacles is the background of heroic victory for athletes and explorers. Often success is a marathon and not a sprint is a message we all need to learn. Some one has well said, "A person lost in his work probably found his future!"

Christ warns us to put our hand to the plow and never look back (**Luke 9:62**). When the men sailing with Columbus as he explored the new world wanted to turn back home, Columbus gave a restless urgency to "sail on and on and on." Heaven is a far greater destination than America, and we dare not seek the comfort of temporary ease and lose the glory that awaits us on eternal shore

To overwhelm the toils and woes of this wicked world may be arduous and demanding but very much worth our diligent efforts. To surrender to Satan might be easy but never profitable. "**Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life**" (Proverbs 4:23).

The great apostle Paul was in jeopardy every day because he faithfully walked with the Lord, but he knew if there were no difficulties there could be no triumphs! In **2 Timothy 4:7**, we thrill to his famous departing words, "**I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.**"

A wise statesman reminds us that the world is not interested in the storms you encountered but whether you brought in the ship. So many people spend their days talking about problems they encountered in life rather than how God blessed them with joy and peace and purpose day by day.

"**For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it**" (**Romans 8:24-25**). The abundant life Christ provides gives us meaning and depth in our sojourn here below and urges us to press on to a far better place (John 10:10). **The value of endurance will mean heaven for us!**

- Johnny Ramsey, Gospel preacher, 1930—2006, Texas

**“And truly, if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned. But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city.” - Hebrews 11:15,16**

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Sun 10 AM Bible Study: 58  
Sun 11 AM Assembly: 93  
Sun 6 PM Assembly: 66  
Weds 7 PM Bible Study: 59  
CONTRIBUTION: \$1914

### SERMONS 11/5/2006

AM: Jerry Manning  
Your Sin Will Find You Out—Num 32:23  
PM: Jerry Manning  
The People Had A Mind To Work—Neh 4:6

**“And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.” - Luke 9:62**

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

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### “PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER” - James 5:16

- **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.
- Sister Gwen Pittman is home not doing very well.
- Prayers are requested for Julie Banks, Ron Banks' daughter, after surgery in FL.
- All these are **doing better:** Courtney Gamble, Kelly Kennedy, Eddie Sheppard, Ethel Smith, and Judy Walker. Remember to thank God for this.
- Marilyn Brooks is doing well after surgery.
- Remember Robbie Sheppard and send him a card also if you can.
- Nathaniel Manning, grandson of Lynn and Jerry Manning is a year and a half old but having some possible developmental difficulties.

“For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil.” - 1 Peter 3:12

### “BE KINDLY AFFECTIONED ONE TO ANOTHER WITH BROTHERLY LOVE” - Romans 12:10

- Pray for our brothers and sisters who we've been missing recently at the assemblies of the church for worship and Bible study. Visit them; give them a call; write them a card; let them know they are loved and missed and wanted.

Tom and Jackie Adkins      Barbara Berry  
Patricia Kelly                 Robert and Michelle Laffoday

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

- **Potluck dinner** after the morning assembly. The Elders will meet with the men at 1:30PM and with the women after the evening assembly, to discuss the work of the church here at West Columbia and answer questions.
- **Work Teams** will be introduced this Sunday.
- Tuesday is **Election Day**. Ballot information is posted in the Fellowship Hall.
- We've changed the **order of our assembly** to start off with prayer.
- Many individuals have taken **change cans** to fill for the South Eastern Children's Home. They'll be collected **Sunday 11/19/2006**.
- **Bro. Manning** will be **taking pictures** for our pictorial directory after the morning worship assembly. Hopefully you won't have to dress any better for that than you do for the assembly of the saints when the Lord is in our midst!

“For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” - Matthew 18:20

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

- We rejoice that Michael and Megan Stoyk, who have been visiting for some time, wish to be identified and work with the congregation here. Their address is:

423 Percival Road, Apt D, Columbia, SC 29206

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

Our prayers are being answered! Brother Manning has many fruitful bible studies. Brother Klieves has found an excellent new job. Many that were sick are back with us. Give thanks to God for this. Don't think God had nothing to do with these things. David is a good example for us to follow. When he was gathering up his men to go kill Nabal for his churlishness, something for which he would have come to grief, Abigail came to David pleading that he not do so. David heeded her advice and the first words out of his mouth were: “**And David said to Abigail, Blessed be the LORD God of Israel, which sent thee this day to meet me:**” - 1 Samuel 25:32 David knew it wasn't Abigail—it was God. So should we.

-Elders, West Columbia church of Christ, South Carolina

### **THE BOX**

We've put up a box in the foyer of the church building to help us communicate and better do the work of the church here at West Columbia.

PLEASE PUT A CARD IN THE BOX as appropriate:

- To let us know you'll be ABSENT from Bible class or an assembly
- To tell us of people who might like a BIBLE STUDY or VISIT
- To note a SONG or SERMON you'd like to hear
- To SUGGEST something to be done or improved
- To COMMENT on lessons and classes
- For QUESTIONS to be answered by the preacher or elders
- For VISITOR'S Cards
- For items to be included in the BULLETIN
- For REQUESTS for teaching material, Bibles, tapes etc.
- To VOLUNTEER to help in some work
- To note something BROKEN, not working right, or that needs fixing

Please put your name on your cards in case something isn't clear or we need further information. - ELDERS, WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

- Brother Johnny Ramsey, a native Texan and long time faithful Gospel preacher, teacher and writer passed away October 6, 2006. He was loved.

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

- **Scrap booking**, at the building, Saturday November 11, 2-5 pm.
- The **Ladies Class** has resumed meeting 10AM Tuesdays (except 1st & 5th).
- **Volunteers** needed to help **clean the building** in December!
- **Ladie's Day, St. Andrews Road, Sat 11/11**, with Cindi Burleson
- **Santee Ladie's Retreat** in Myrtle Beach Fri 11/17– Sat 11/19. Jan Kelleher will be one of the speakers. Registrations sheets are in the foyer.

“Who will render to every man according to his deeds: To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, eternal life” - Rom. 2:6,7