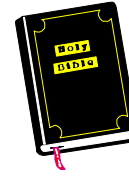


# WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

## **GOSPEL MEETING!** **UNDERSTANDING GOD'S PLAN FOR MAN**

**Sunday September 13 – Wednesday September 16**

**With Curtis Cates, Evangelist,  
Memphis School of Preaching, Director Emeritus**

Sun 10 am - **PAUL'S PASSION FOR SOULS**

Sun 11 am - **LISTENING TO GOD**

Sun 6 pm - **UNDERSTANDING FAITH**

Mon 7 pm - **SOME PECULIARITIES OF THE  
CHURCHES OF CHRIST**

Tue 7 pm - **A SIMPLE WAY**

Wed 7 pm - **OVERCOMING LIFE'S PITFALLS**

**Mon - Wed. classes at 10 am each day on  
JOB AND THE PROBLEM OF HUMAN SUFFERING**

**COME HEAR GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION FROM HIS HOLY WORD!  
INVITE PEOPLE TO ATTEND!**

**FOLLOWUP WITH THEM TO MAKE SURE THEY DO!  
MAKE A LIST OF YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS,  
DO YOU WANT THEM TO BE SAVED?  
GOD DOES! HE'S DONE HIS PART, YOU DO YOURS!  
ABOVE ALL! MAKE SURE YOU ARE THERE!**

**Let Your Light Shine in 2009!**

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**RECORDS 9/6/2009**

Sun 10 AM Bible Study: 38

Sun 11 AM Assembly: 70

Sun 6 PM Assembly: 48

Weds 7 PM Bible Study: 46

CONTRIBUTION: \$2102

**SERMONS 9/13/2009**

AM: Curtis Cates

PM: Curtis Cates

**LISTENING TO GOD**

**UNDERSTANDING FAITH**

**“And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.” - Mark 16:15,16**

### **SERVICES**

Sunday 10 AM Bible Study

Sunday 11 AM, 6 PM Assembly

Wednesday 7 PM Bible Study

Office Phone (803) 794-5320

*Nursery provided*

*Bible Classes for all ages*

### **LADIES CLASS**

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

- **REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** Lamar Reeves, Beryl Parks, Nina Ruth Meadows (Marcella Klieves' mother), Jack and Elma Berrier, Lynn Drago (Jerry's sister) and Phyllis Johnson.
- **Donnie Fields** fell and broke his leg at 2 places at his grandmother's in Ashville, NC. Surgery will be required.
- **Marilyn Brooks** has had a flare-up of gout and is in much pain.
- **Merrie Chrismus** cut her leg, painfully but not seriously. **Carolyn Lee** is down with back pain, and **Anna Porter** wasn't feeling well Wednesday.
- **Margaret Herring** is recovering from serious abdominal surgery at LMC. A long recovery is anticipated.
- **Sister Veta Winburn** is better and with her daughter, **Sue Island**, joined us this Sunday at our assembly.
- Prayers are requested for **William Purvis** minister of the Lancaster congregation who has a ruptured disk in his back, and paralysis of his legs. He is a good friend of **Donald Klieves**.
- The **Ken Parks** family are better and thank all for their concern
- **Tommy White** is recovering from pneumonia.
- **Don Fields** has been diagnosed with 4th nerve palsy, an eye movement affliction.
- Prayers for **Lynn Drago** are especially coveted as she is in final stages of cancer.
- **Brother Manning** has many Bible studies during the week, remember these, those that are recovering from loss, in your prayers.

**"THEY THAT SOW IN TEARS SHALL REAP IN JOY" - PSALM 126:5**

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

- The **Website calendar** of events is being updated regularly now.
- **College age** are meeting regularly at the building, Thursdays 8 pm.
- We need a **USC faculty sponsor** for our bible study group. If you know someone on the USC faculty, please contact **Andy McCormick** or **Michael Stoyk**.
- **Transportation** needed for sisters **Betty Mathis, Jean Boyd** and **Marilyn Brooks**.
- **Pantry items** to bring to the church building. Remember, pop-tops are best.

**9/13—Chef Boy. Spaghetti & Meatballs 9/20—Campbells Chunky Bean Ham Soup**

**"The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise." - John 5:19**

**Whose child are we? How are we acting?**

**REMEMBER OUR GOSPEL MEETING STARTING SEPTEMBER 13**

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## **"... PEOPLE, ZEALOUS OF GOOD WORKS." - Titus 2:14**

- **Work Team A to meet Fri 9/18 7pm at Martha Geiger's home.**

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## **A Matter Of Bible Authority**

My objection to mechanical instruments in worship is not out of bitterness toward them; not because I think there is harm in the instrument, per se, but the objection is simply this: I have adopted the principle and pledged myself to the platform of not going beyond that which the Bible authorizes.

My digressive brother asks me, "Where does the Bible prohibit it?" I answer, "Where does the Bible authorize it?" Christians walk by faith (2 Cor. 5:7). No man can use mechanical instruments and walk by faith.

By searching the scriptures you will find that God does not authorize it, does not command it, does not demand it, and that there is no example in all apostolic history for such a practice. The man who is faithful and loyal to God's word will not go beyond it. **"Whosoever goeth onward and abideth not in the teaching of Christ, hath not God" (2 John 9 ASV).**

**- N. B. Hardeman, 1874-1965, Gospel Preacher**

**"For we walk by faith, not by sight:" - 2 Corinthians 5:7**

## **Justification By Faith Includes Baptism**

**"By faith they passed through the Red Sea as by dry land: which the Egyptians assaying to do were swallowed up" (Heb. 11:29 ASV).** The Israelites crossed the Red Sea "by faith," but they were not on the other side the moment they believed. They spent a night of anxious toil and great fear before they could sing the song of deliverance on the other side. Here the phrase "by faith" spans the Red Sea, and includes every step they took in crossing.

By some it is thought that because Paul says we are "justified by faith" (Rom. 5:1) that baptism is excluded. But the phrase "by faith," instead of excluding the acts of faith, which, in reality, make faith perfect, actually includes obedience. And it can be plainly shown that "by faith" in this case includes baptism. Paul says, **"For I would not, brethren, have you ignorant, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; and were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea" (1 Corinthians 10:1-2 ASV).**

They crossed the Red Sea "by faith," and in crossing they were baptized. "By faith" includes what was done in crossing. But in crossing they were baptized. Therefore, "by faith," in this example includes baptism.

**- C. R. Nichol, 1876-1961, Gospel Preacher**