

WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

Churches of Christ

The church of Christ is a non-denominational body of Christians. We have no earthly headquarters. Our leader is in Heaven at the right hand of God. We are not affiliated with any organization such as the National Council of Churches. Rather, each local congregation of the churches of Christ looks to God and His word for guidance. We believe the Bible to be the inspired word of God and that it furnishes us completely for every spiritual need. We stand for a return to New Testament faith and practice. And we are confident that by believing and doing what New Testament Christians did, we can be the same kind of Christians they were. We know this is right before God. We see no need, therefore, for denominational names, creeds and organizations.

Jesus said that worship must be in spirit and in truth (Jn. 4:24). Worship among churches of Christ follows the Scriptural pattern.

When the Lord established the church, He organized it into local autonomous congregations, with each taking care of its own affairs. He made no provisions for a national or international headquarters. In matters of faith all are to be guided by the New Testament. In other decisions, each congregation was to govern itself.

The work of the church Jesus built was to preach the gospel, as well as edify its members and care for the needy. Churches of Christ do not exist as political tools, nor do they exist as recreation clubs. Their work is spiritual, doing what God intended the church to do.

Remember, Jesus built His church. It is found in the New Testament. We can be a part of it by letting the Bible be our only guide.

– **David Pharr**, minister, Rock Hill church of Christ, South Carolina

“upon this rock I will build my church;
and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.” - Jesus, recorded in Matthew 16:18

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RECORDS 12/6/2009

SERMONS 12/13/2009

Sun 10 AM Bible Study:
Sun 11 AM Assembly: 81
Sun 6 PM Assembly:
Wed 7 PM Bible Study:
CONTRIBUTION: \$2047

AM: Jerry Manning
MAKING EVANGELISM PERSONAL
PM: Jerry Manning
THE FIRES OF EVANGELISM

**“But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.”
— James 1:23**

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
2nd Tuesday of month 7-9 PM

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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.
- **Stephanie Rinehart** is down with kidney stones in both kidneys.
- **Anna Porter** is unable to get out, and **Eddie Sheppard** isn't well either.
- **Brandon and Brittney Hurley** are home ill, and **Carolyn Lee** is having difficulty sleeping.
- Remember **Jimmy Gist** as he starts chemo for lung cancer.
- The **Lowes** request prayers **Doug Haley**, the son of a friend.
- **Deborah Stoyk**, Michael's mom, is in LMC #620 with blood clots.
- **Vernicia Matthews** is home recovering from surgery.
- **Ron Banks** and **Marilyn Brooks** continue to deal with chronic physical pain.
- **Margie DeYoung and Ruth Boggs** were able to be with us Sunday morning.
- **Chris Kelleher** is responding well to treatment for brain cancer.
- **Betty Mathis** is doing well and would greatly appreciate your cards, and visits.
- Remember **Jean Baker** as she mourns the passing of her husband.
- And remember the **Stoyk** family as they cope with much adversity.
- **Brother Manning** has many Bible studies during the week, remember these, those that are recovering from loss, in your prayers.

"If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." - John 15:7

“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:42

- **Drop-in** at the **Gamble's** 7pm Friday 12/18/2009. All are invited.
- Have any good ideas for a theme phrase for 2010? For example:

LET'S DO IT AGAIN IN 2010 or... BE A FRIEND IN 2010

- **College age Bible study now on TUESDAYS at 8 pm.**
- Volunteers needed to **clean building** in 2010.
- **Transportation** needed for sisters **Betty Mathis, Jean Boyd** and **Marilyn Brooks.**
- **Pantry items** to bring to the church building. Remember, pop-tops are best.

12/13 Campbell's Chunky Vegetable Beef Soup **12/6** Chef Boyardee Ravioli

"But it is good to be zealously affected always in a good thing" -Galatians 4:18

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

- **George Jones Gamble, Jones Gamble's** uncle passed away last week.

LOOKING TO CHRIST

There always seems to be discussion about **unity**. People say the religious world is lacking in unity. Just a casual look at the yellow pages under “CHURCHES” will show you this is true. There's a problem, and it's one of **our own** making, because people are not looking to Christ!

Unity comes from the word **one**. If you have more than one, you don't have unity. God has told us how to have UNITY, and it's very simple:

"Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus" - Philippians 2:5

If you have **your** mind, and I have **mine**, we have **different** minds, and consequently, no unity. However, if **your** mind was like that of Jesus, and **my** mind was like that of Jesus, we'd both have the **same** mind. How could we be different? How could we disagree? How could we do things differently? We couldn't! We would be **one**, and not just one period, but one in **Christ!** Not one in Kip McKean, not one in Sun Yat MOON, not even one in Paul or Peter, but one in **Christ**.

We don't have to have UNITY CONFERENCES and SUMMITS. We don't have to discuss our **differences**. The Lord has given us the **yardstick** that we're to be measured against, and it's **Him**:

“Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: “ - Eph. 4:13

If we all went about making our **own** minds like Christ's we would be working **directly** and **effectively** on getting **unified**, we'd be true **disciples**. The Lord **wants** disciples, why do think that word is used so often in the New Testament? And he wants them to be HIS disciples—like Him:

"The disciple is not above his master, but every one that is perfect shall be as his master." - Luke 6:40

Why do we make so many problems for ourselves by **not** looking to Christ? Do you like problems? I don't. We can do something about it: look to Christ—point others to him also.

- **Ed Kelleher**, West Columbia church of Christ, South Carolina

- **John Pierce** came forward Sunday morning requesting the prayers of the church for **Jimmy Gist**. Brother Gist is starting chemo for lung cancer. John and his family, **Becky, Mark and Nicolas**, want to be identified and work with the church here. Let's welcome them into our midst and encourage them, as they certainly do us! Their address and phone number are:

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