

# WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

## GOD’S PLAN FOR SPIRITUAL LEARNING

God’s prophet Jeremiah wrote the following inspired words over two thousand years ago:

**“Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk therein.” - Jeremiah 6:16**

There many great spiritual lessons we can derive from this one verse, but in this short article, let’s consider the following thoughts regarding God’s plan for spiritual learning:

**“Stand in the ways and see”** — If we want to learn anything, we have to go where the information is — to “stand in the way” where that knowledge travels. For example, if we were interested in improving our math skills, we wouldn’t sign up for an English class. We would need to enroll in a math class, because that is the “way” in which math knowledge would be distributed.

Once in the right “way,” we need the ability to “see” — to open our eyes to the instruction being given. If we wanted to learn more about math, just being in a math class would give us very little math instruction unless we opened the textbook, studied the lessons, and did the homework exercises.

**“Ask for the old paths”** — Adequate learning is facilitated by our willingness to receive instruction from someone who has been studying the subject longer than we have. An individual might be able to teach themselves mathematics, but they would gain that knowledge more rapidly by studying with a knowledgeable math teacher. Fortunately, mathematicians have been kicking numbers around for thousands of years, so everything we would ever want to know about math is already out there in “the old paths” of math instruction — we just need to ask someone to point us in the right direction.

**“Where the good way is”** — Here’s where matters can get complicated. If we want to learn math, even enrolling in a math class, studying diligently, and making use of the available instruction isn’t enough. Unfortunately, there are good math teachers and poor math teachers. If we were tutored by a math teacher who didn’t know any more about math than their students, we would find ourselves no better off than when we started, or worse, hopelessly confused. We need to seek out a good math teacher, one who really knows his or her subject — one who understands the subject material backward and forward, and will teach us “the good way” as it pertains to mathematics. *(Continued on Page 3)*

**GOD’S WORD WILL HELP YOU ... OUT WITH SIN IN 2010!**

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### RECORDS 6/13/2010

Sun 10 AM Bible Study: 45  
Sun 11 AM Assembly: 68  
Sun 6 PM Assembly: 57  
Weds 7 PM Bible Study: 47  
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### SERMONS 6/20/2010

AM: John Manning  
PM: Ed Kelleher

**“What doth the Lord require of thee,  
but to do justly, and to love mercy,  
and to walk humbly with thy God.” - Micah 6:8**

*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: Jimmy Gist, Jean Godley, Amy Wintermute, Lamar Reeves, Nina Ruth Meadows** (Marcella Klieves' mother), **Jack and Elma Berrier, Lynn Drago** (Jerry's sister) and **Phyllis Johnson**.
- **Frank Allen** has been spending time with his mother is ill.
- **Tom Rinehart** made it home from Virginia but has had a recurrence of a stomach problem and is back in the hospital.
- Also, **Jean Boyd** is back in the hospital, LMC.
- **Jerry Brooks**, Marilyn's son, is also in LMC.
- **Ron Banks** requests the prayers of the church.
- Remember **Marcella Klieves** as she continues to look for work.
- **Eddie Sheppard** isn't well but was able to make it to the assembly last week.
- Also, remember **Marilyn Brooks** who is awaiting word on a biopsy.
- We're encouraged that **Deborah Stoyk** was able to make it to the assembly. Remember her, and **Michael and Megan** also, in your prayers.
- **Margaret Herring** isn't doing well either. Please keep her in your prayers.
- **We have many that are ill: Jean Boyd, Marilyn Brooks, Ron Banks, Margie DeYoung, Margaret Herring, Anna Porter and Carolyn Lee.**
- Remember all these in your prayers. Write them a card, give them a call, let them know you're praying for them and see if they'd like a visit:
- **Brother Manning** has many Bible studies during the week, remember them.

**“Brethren, pray for us” - 1 Thessalonians 5:25**

## **“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:42**

- **Jerry Manning** will be flying to New York to visit his ailing father, 93, for a surprise visit on Father's Day. He'll be back next Wed. Pray for him and his father and sister and family that they will be receptive and obey the gospel!
- **John Manning** will be moving to New York in July to do the Lord's work.
- **Building Cleanup** volunteers needed for July and months following.
- **Vacation Bible School** coming up in July!
- **Gospel Meeting** with **David Pharr** coming up Sep 12-15!
- **Youth Devo SATURDAYS 7 pm, College age Bible study TUESDAYS 7 pm.**
- **Pantry items** to bring to the church building. Remember, pop-tops are best.
- We need folks to signup for **Building Cleanup** for July.
- Updated **directories**, listing new additions to our number are available in the foyer.

**6/20** Campbell's Chunky Chicken Noodle Soup    **6/13** Chef Boyardee Lasagne

"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." - Ephesians 4:13

**WALK WITH GOD ... OUT WITH SIN IN 2010!**

## **GOD'S PLAN FOR SPIRITUAL LEARNING —(Continued from Page 1)**

**“And walk in it”** — Our long-term success in any study of math, depends upon our putting into action what we learn. Many of us have taken algebra or geometry in high school, but can we solve an algebra or geometry problem today? Most of us don't have the ability to do so, because we haven't used any higher math in our everyday vocation. We didn't “walk in it,” so all of our learning received years ago has little or no practical value for us at all.

What is true of mathematics, is even more true of spiritual truth. If we want to know more about God and His word, we have to “stand in the way” where the knowledge of God and His will exists, and “see” what is there to be discovered. We can't make it up as we go along (even though some very “*religious*” folks try). Rather, we must be willing to “ask for the old paths” and be instructed as to what God reveals to us in His word (2 Timothy 3:16-17). We must make certain we are taught in “the good way,” and the only way to do that is by comparing what we are taught by the holy Scriptures (Acts 17:11; 1 John 4:1).

**“You will find rest for your souls”** — As we learn from God's written Word, we must be willing to implement the spiritual wisdom we learn, and diligently “walk in it” (cf. Luke 11:28; James 1:22). Only when we make daily personal application of God's plan for spiritual learning, will we truly find rest for our souls: **“Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.”** - (Matthew 11:29).

- **Mike Riley**, teacher, Montana St. Church of Christ, El Paso, Texas

Who haven't you seen lately? Our Lord gave us many examples of a good heart. One was in praying for others. Jesus prayed for the disciples many times. He also prayed for us—you and me! **“Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word”** - **John 17:20**

Can we do any less, and still call him Lord? Pray for your brothers and sisters in Christ, that all will come to that perfect man the Lord wants—as He prayed for:

**“For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me. I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine. ... but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are. ... I pray not that thou shouldst take them out of the world, but that thou shouldst keep them from the evil. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.”** - John 17:8-17

**PRAY AND ... OUT WITH SIN IN 2010!**