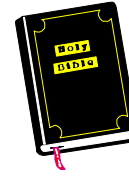


WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

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 is a problem, but 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 each of individually 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.

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

LOOK TO CHRIST ... OUT WITH SIN IN 2010!

VOLUME 36, NUMBER 44 November 14, 2010

RECORDS 11/7/2010

Sun 10 AM Bible Study: 43
Sun 11 AM Assembly: 66
Sun 6 PM Assembly: 37
Wed 7 PM Bible Study:
CONTRIBUTION: \$1576

SERMONS 11/14/2010

AM: Jerry Manning
FROM SUPERFICIAL TO SACRIFICIAL, PT 1
PM: Jerry Manning
FROM SUPERFICIAL TO SACRIFICIAL, PT 2

**“Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,
that ye all speak the same thing, and
that there be no divisions among you;
but that ye be perfectly joined together
in the same mind and in the same judgment.” - 1 Corinth**

A Warm Welcome awaits you at all our services. Come see!
www.WestColumbiaChurchOfChrist.org

The Bulletin
USPS-994-500
Periodicals Postage Paid
West Columbia, SC
Published Weekly By:

West Columbia Church of Christ
1701 Augusta Road
West Columbia SC 29169

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

EVANGELIST

Jerry Manning

Home Phone (803) 936-1502
Cell Phone (803) 429-3738

E-Mail: Jerry1Manning@yahoo.com

BULLETIN EDITOR

Ed Kelleher

Office Phone (803) 796-8858
E-Mail: Ed@macro-inc.com

“PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER” - James 5:16

- **REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Margaret Herring, Jean Godley, Amy Wintermute, Lamar Reeves, Nina Ruth Meadows** (Marcella Klieves' mother), **Jack and Elma Berrier, Lynn Drago** (Jerry's sister) and **Phyllis Johnson**.
- **Marilyn Brooks** has been transferred to a facility in Augusta GA. We're waiting for contact information.
- **Gene Lowe's** brother-in-law **Otis** died Wednesday. **Evalina and Gene** have traveled for the funeral. This has been very hard on Gene because he dearly loved Otis.
- **Lynn Manning** is still recovering from recent surgery. Her mother, **Lorraine Welch**, is visiting for several weeks, which is always nice.
- **Lorraine Porter** is doing better, recovering from pneumonia.
- Remember **Marilyn Brooks, Margie DeYoung, Margaret Herring and Eddie Sheppard** in your prayers.
- **Brother Manning** has many Bible studies during the week, remember them in your prayers, thank God for the power of His Word and pray he would bless our efforts.

**"Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart,
all ye that hope in the Lord." - Psalms 31:24**

“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:42

- **BIBLE BOWL 2011—BOOK OF MATTHEW**—Sign up sheets in the foyer for youth and adult teams. We need people to write out practice questions.
- Our thanks to **Don Kleives** and **John Pierce** who stepped in to preach and teach class respectively when **Jerry** lost his voice last week.
- **Building Cleanup** volunteers **STILL** needed for: November, and December!
- **Youth Devo SATURDAYS 7 pm.**

**“Every branch that bears fruit, he prunes,
that it may bring forth more fruit.” - John 15:2**

SERVE GOD ... OUT WITH SIN IN 2010!

<u>NT BOOKS (27):</u>	1 Corinthians	2 Thessalonians	1 Peter
Matthew	2 Corinthians	1 Timothy	2 Peter
Mark	Galatians	2 Timothy	1 John
Luke	Ephesians	Titus	2 John
John	Philippians	Philemon	3 John
Acts	Colossians	Hebrews	Jude
Romans	1 Thessalonians	James	Revelation

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