

WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

Resolutions

The day called “New Year’s Day” has no religious significance, being just another mark of time on the calendar. However, many in the world look at the day, and think of “beginnings,” and on that note plan some renewal, some change, some correction, which they hope they’ll be able to carry forth on throughout the new year and beyond. Such is nothing new to the child of God, since he is constantly to obey:

“Examine yourselves whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves.” - 2 Cor 13:5

In that spirit of self-examination, ongoing and constant for all of God’s children, making of resolutions is a worthwhile activity. Surely the most urgent considerations for the Christian is that he/she will:

1. Participate even more fully in the congregation’s work,
2. Make time for frequent prayer,
3. Make time for frequent Bible study,
4. Be in each and every Bible class,
5. Be in each and every worship service,
6. Participate in the work of the visitation,
7. Be prompt at each and every meeting, and
8. Make and take the time to meet and welcome newcomers and visitors at our services.

All such activities as these should be the very minimum service the child of God should be rendering. Along with these, there is the need, always present, to examine our **giving**, and to make corrections needed so that we can truly be obedient to God’s command:

“Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come.” - 1 Corinthians 16:2

“But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.” - 2 Corinthians 9:6,7

-Adapted – original author **Bill Jackson**, late preacher, church of Christ

GET OFF THE SHELVE IN 2012

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SERMONS THIS SUNDAY:

AM: HARVEY ALLEN

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“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

LESS OF SELVES IN 2012

**JOIN US IN
NEW TESTAMENT
CHRISTIANITY
TODAY!**

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:** *Wilson Burton, Betty Mathis, Margaret Herring, Lamar Reeves, Elma Berrier and Phyllis Johnson.*
- **Pete Glott**, a member at North Columbia, and former member here at West Columbia, has been diagnosed with cancer. Exploratory surgery and biopsies are planned for next Wed at Baptist Hospital.
- **Jones Gamble’s father** continues to get weaker. Jones and the rest of the family are spending quite a bit of time in Manning, with him.
- **Margaret Herring** also continues to suffer many health problems, including a problem with her bones. Pray for her relief.
- **Ed and Jan Kelleher** plan to be out of town this weekend.
- Give thanks to God for His mercy, and pray for all these, and the work of the Lord here at West Columbia.

“Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be made known unto God.” - Philippians 4:6

“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:42

- **Building Cleaning** signup for the New Year is posted in the Foyer.
- First Sunday luncheon, but no business meeting.
- We appreciate brother **Jones Gamble** publishing a list each week of those we missed on Sunday. Give those folks a call, or send a card to see if their ok, and to encourage them and let them know we miss them.
- **Bible Study at Church Building, Saturdays 3 pm**, all are invited and please invite visitors to come! It’s a good way for people to learn more of us. An informal session around a table with everyone using their bibles and Strong’s Concordances.

“This is a desert place, and the time is now past; send the multitude away, that they may go into the villages, and buy themselves victuals. But Jesus said unto them, They need not depart; give ye them to eat.” - Matthew 14:15,16

NEW SLOGAN NEEDED FOR 2012

Our slogan for last year was, **“EYES ON HEAVEN IN 2011”**. It would be good to have a new one for 2012. Certainly we’ll want to keep our eyes on heaven in 2012 also, but what else should we emphasize?

Slogans aren’t the word of God; they can’t save us. However, they *can* serve to remind us and prod us, unconsciously, to observe important spiritual matters—**if** we’ll keep them in mind. Which is why we make them short and sweet. Not many words rhyme with “twelve”, here are some possibilities:

**IN THE BIBLE WE’LL DELVE, IN 2012
LESS OF SELVES IN 2012
GET OFF THE SHELF IN 2012**

“A man’s heart deviseth his way: but the LORD directeth his steps.” - Proverbs 16:9

HOW TO HAVE A GOOD NEW YEAR

It’s the time of year when we look at the old year; regret in some ways it’s passing, and promise to do better in the next. One thing we all should resolve to do is grow closer to God, through prayer and study of His word. Here are a few reasons why:

“But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.” - Matthew 6:33

“I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.” - Philippians 4:13

“Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:” - Matthew 7:7

“Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life.” - John 6:68

“Abraham believed God and it was counted unto him for righteousness” - Romans 4:3

“Without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.” - Romans 11:6

“Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.” - Philippians 4:6

“That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.” - 1 Cor Corinthians 2:5

“But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, ... For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.” - Matthew 6:19-21

Show God where your treasure really is by studying His word and going to him in prayer often, every day of the New Year. Take part and participate in the work of the church, and you will have a good year.

“... whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap ... he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.” - Galatians 6:7,8

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

Psalm 1

**A Good One for You and the Family to Memorize
Which Choices will YOU make this year?
Choose Wisely—and you will be blessed.**

Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper. The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away. Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous. For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.