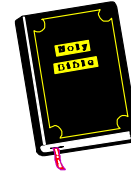


# WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

## GIVE IT UP!

We all have desires and things we want. Some are good, some not so good. We choose the ones that are most important to us. Hopefully, one desire we **all** have is wanting to be with our Lord some day. This is a **good** desire! The Lord told us to “**Covet earnestly the best gifts**” - 1 Cor 12:31. But we must do more than **wish**.

When there is something we **really** want—we work to get it. The more important it is to us, the harder we’ll work. As we work though, we should also think about how we can work **more effectively**. We don’t want to take two steps forward and then one step back! We want to make every step count. The Lord gave us some advice on this: “**lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,**” - Hebrews 12:1

The Lord tells us to get rid of or **give up** the weights we carry with us, the things that **hamper** us, that **tire** us, that keep us from going as fast and as far as we should. These are the **cares** and riches of this **world**. He told us not to worry about these, to care instead for **spiritual** treasure, things like: **patience, mercy, forgiveness, justice and gentleness**. On Judgment day, wouldn’t you like the Lord to extend those things to **you**? Well, He wants **us** to have these spiritual qualities also. Which leads into another area of **giving it up**.

We all know we ought to give up the **bad** things, the things that hinder us, but what about the **good** things we have? I.e., In the sense of sowing; we need to give up our **good** things also—we need to share them with others. But, in order to sow, you must have something to sow. If the farmer ate all of his corn, he wouldn’t have any left to plant. We must work to build up these qualities in ourselves, that we’ll have some to give to others. The Lord wants us to give away, to others, the **good** things (SPIRITUAL, see list above) we have, so we’ll have **even more!**

“**But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully**” - 2 Corinthians 9:6

Sure, give up the bad things like selfishness, bitterness, harshness and envy, — but let’s **also** give **to** others, the **good** things the Lord has given to us: **patience, mercy, faithfulness, forgiveness, gentleness, etc.** Do that, and we’ll find ourselves much closer to obtaining that thing we **really** need:

“**Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you.**” - James 4:8

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

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### SERMONS 12/3/2006

AM: Jerry Manning  
THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD (Ps 23)  
PM: Jerry Manning  
DIVISION STOPS WITH ME

“The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.” - Psalm 23:1  
“I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine.” - John 10:14  
(If you want him to be your shepherd, are you acting like one of his sheep?)

*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:** Beryl Parks, Hagood Godley, Margaret Herring, and our shut-ins Jessica Herring, Zudora Clegg, and Phyllis Johnson. Also, Nina Ruth Meadows (Marcella Klieves' mother), Jack Edwards (Melissa Parks' father), Jack and Elma Berrier, Nathaniel Manning (Jerry and Lynn's g'son).
- Sister Margaret Herring came forward Sunday morning confessing she had been angry and short with people, but repenting and requesting the prayers of the church that she be strengthened to deal with the things of this life, that she not give in to frustration and anger.
- Remember Frank Allen, Ethel Smith, Tricia Kelly, Debbie Sheppard, Paul Dillard, Gwen Pittman, Marilyn Brooks, Caroline Lee, Garland Matthews and Eddie Sheppard who all especially need our prayers for physical and other difficulties.
- Bunny Baroody is at Heartland of Lexington, 2416 Sunset Blvd in West Columbia, opposite the MacDonalds. She would enjoy a visit or card.
- Jimmy Lee, Carolyn's husband, is being transferred to Heartland Hospice care after surgery at Lexington Medical center. Your prayers for them and a card would be appreciated.
- Jean Glott, of the North Columbia congregation, after falling and seriously hurting her knee was in Lexington Medical Center ICU suffering a variety of symptoms from an unexpected accumulation of medicine in her body. She's out of ICU now, recovering. Remember her and her husband Pete.
- Lisa Lewis, a friend of Lynn Manning has been diagnosed with brain and esophageal cancer and the prognosis isn't good.
- Curtis Cates, director of the Memphis School of Preaching for the last 23 years will be stepping down after their annual lectureship **March 27, 2007**. He's not retiring, he'll still teach Lord willing, but his fight with cancer for the last 5 years had taken a large toll.
- Don Klieves was out ill Wednesday, but it was good to have Frank Allen back.

“And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.” - 2 Corinthians 12:9

## “BE KINDLY AFFECTIONED ONE TO ANOTHER WITH BROTHERLY LOVE” - Romans 12:10

- Pray for our brothers and sisters who we've been missing recently at the assemblies of the church for worship and Bible study. Visit them; give them a call; write them a card; let them know they are loved and missed and wanted.

**Tom and Jackie Adkins    Robert and Michelle Laffoday  
Barbara Berry    Patricia Kelly    Ed Johnson**

“Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted. Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.” - Galatians 6:1,2

## “ELDERS ... FEED THE FLOCK OF GOD” - 1 Peter 5:1,2

“Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands. Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing. Know ye that the LORD he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.” - Psalm 100

It may be “the old 100th”, but it still defines the beginning “**Know ye that the LORD he is God**”, the middle, “**Serve the LORD with gladness**” and the end “**his mercy is everlasting**” of our relationship to God. Everyone ought to memorize it and teach it to their children at an early age.

- Elders, West Columbia church of Christ

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

- **Work Team D** will meet **Sunday 12/3** immediately after the evening assembly at **Team Captain Jones Gamble's, and Dawn's home**. Please plan on attending.
- **Members contributed over \$230** to South Eastern Children's home through their change cans.
- **Bobby Giles** new address and phone number:  
**307 Ferdale Drive, Boiling Springs, SC 29316 Phone:864-814-2020**
- **Youth Group Lock-In 7PM Friday 12/8/2006**. All are welcome. The youth presented a plan and the elders approved it. Don't bring music or video games. Girls will sleep over at the Manning's home, boys will STAY in the building. **Jerry and Lynn Manning** will supervise those that sleep over. **Members** may drop off snacks (cookies, chips, drinks, etc) at the building by 6PM Friday if they wish to help. Pickup is 12 noon Saturday.
- **BIBLE BOWL BOOK** to be announced this Sunday. The SC State Wide Bible Bowl will be held **Saturday March 3** at St. Andrews Road. The West Columbia Teen and Pre-Teen teams are defending champions. Please make plans now to attend and help during the time the teams are studying so we all might be encouraged and built up.
- A **Power Point Projector** has been ordered for the building. We hope to start off the New Year using it for songs and sermons.
- **PICTURES!** If you've not had your picture taken, please see **Bro. Manning** this Sunday morning. He will be **taking pictures** for our pictorial directory after the **morning** worship assembly. Hopefully you won't want to dress any better for the picture than you do for the assembly of the saints—when the Lord is in our midst!

“For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” - Matthew 18:20