

# WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

## 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

"If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally" - James 1:5

"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 Corinthians 2:5

“Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.” - Matthew 6:19-21

Tell God where your treasure really is by studying His word and going to him in prayer often, every day of the New Year and you'll have a good one.

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

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### RECORDS 12/24/2006

Sun 10 AM Bible Study: 51  
Sun 11 AM Assembly: 110  
Sun 6 PM Assembly: 74  
Weds 7 PM Bible Study: 65  
CONTRIBUTION: \$2330

### SERMONS 12/31/2006

AM: Joshua Manning  
*Fellowship with Christ*  
PM: Ryan Manning  
*(to be announced)*

"Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you." - 1 Peter 5:6,7

*A Warm Welcome awaits you at all our services. Come see!*

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Sunday 11 AM, 6 PM Assembly  
Wednesday 7 PM Bible Study  
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### “PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER” - James 5:16

- **REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** Beryl Parks, 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 grandson).
- **Garland Matthews** has been down with laryngitis and a severe cold.
- **Margaret Herring** was out Wednesday with a severe sinus headache.
- **Debbie Sheppard** also has been missing work due to severe headaches.
- **Beryl Parks** will be out Sunday for dialysis and **Trevia** will be with him.
- **Marilyn Brooks** will be traveling and staying in Atlanta for a week.
- **Phyllis Johnson**, has no internal bleeding (which is good) according to an MRI taken after she recently fell and hit her head.
- **Donna Godley**, Jean and Hagood Godley's daughter-in-law is improving.
- Remember **Frank Allen**, Ron Banks, **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.

"But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." - Colossians 4:19

### “PROVOKE TO LOVE AND GOOD WORKS” - Hebrews 10:24

- **Work Team C** will be the active Team starting Sunday 1/7/2007. All team members are encouraged to make a visit or call or send a card in the interim. Please drop a note in the Box letting us know what you did.

"If by any means I may provoke to emulation them which are my flesh, and might save some of them." - Romans 11:14

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

- **Wayne Boyd**, Jean Boyd's son passed away last Friday. After a miraculous recovery, we are deeply saddened that God decided to take him. Funeral arrangements are uncertain but expected to be this Friday or Saturday, 12/30.
- **Jimmie Lee**, Carolyn's husband, passed away last Friday also. The funeral service was at Dunbar Funeral home, Ed Kelleher spoke at the family's request. Jimmie was laid to rest at Elmwood Cemetery with military honors.
- **H.R. Butler**, long time director of the **Carolina Bible camp** in North Carolina passed away December 24th. The funeral is to be held Saturday 12/30.

"O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord." - 1 Corinthians 15:55-58

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

- **Building Cleanup Sign Up** sheet for 2007 is posted. Please sign up!
- **Ladies Bible Class** will resume meeting Tuesday, 1/9/2007, Lord willing.
- **Area wide singing** at Kingbury Road church in Sumter, Fri. 1/19/2007 7-9PM.
- Remember our sister **Anne Louise Gordon** in LCDC who continues to do good work for Christ and his church despite very trying circumstances.

"But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him." 1 Corinthians 12:18.

### “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, Patricia Kelly Barbara Berry, Ed Johnson, Talitia and Jerome Zimmerman**

"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

Jesus testified of the many good works of the Ephesian church. He laid out an impressive list of what they had done:

"I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars: And hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name's sake hast laboured, and hast not fainted." - Revelation 2:2-3

But it wasn't enough to replace what they had lost—the love of Christ and the reliance on His word, and His word alone, for all we do—and don't do:

"Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent." - Revelation 2:4-5

The Ephesian brethren were faithful in many ways, but as Paul warned them in Acts 20, wolves and false brethren would arise and tear the flock—tear them away from their first love, Christ. Jesus told us how we should love him:

"If ye love me, keep my commandments." - John 14:15

- Elders, West Columbia church of Christ