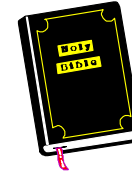


WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

CHURCH LEADERSHIP — IS YOU!

God’s word is replete with the work, power and necessity of examples:

- Elder’s are to lead the flock—by example. 1 Peter 5:4
- Woman convert their non-Christian husbands—by example. 1 Peter 3:1
- Jesus left us an example to follow. 1 Peter 2:21
- Disciples are followers, looking to be like their master. Luke 6:40
- Sons do what they see their father’s do. John 5:19

The Lord condemned the Pharisees for not leading by example: “**but do not ye after their works: for they say, and do not” - Matthew 23:3** Read the whole chapter!

Paul commanded Timothy to be an example; not in dress, or grooming, or table manners, but in things that each and every Christian **must** possess: “... **be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.**” - 1 Timothy 4:12 These are things we must do for ourselves—and for others!

I got the below list at a local preacher elder meeting (a meeting where men influence others by their example, thanks Mickey!). Ask yourself these questions and see if you are happy* with the answers. **What if everyone in the church:**

- **Loved** as I love?
- **Prayed** as I pray?
- **Sang** as I sang?
- **Studied** the Bible as I study?
- **Attended** as I attend?
- **Gave** to the Lord’s work as I gave?
- **Ministered** as I do?
- **Lived** as I live?

Would it be a church pleasing to God? Do you see your role in leading the church by doing what the Lord commanded? Are you fulfilling it? If not, why not?

What can be more compelling, more forceful in producing obedience to the Lord’s command to minister to others than the example of our Lord and Master washing the disciple’s feet. He said as much: “**For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you. ... If ye know these things, happy* are ye if ye do them.**” - John 13:15 Be happy! Be a good example, and a leader in the church!

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

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Sun 6 PM Assembly: 53
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SERMONS 2/25/2007

AM: Jerry Manning
THANK YOU GOD
PM: Jerry Manning
JEREMIAH

**"IF ANY MAN OFFEND NOT IN WORD,
THE SAME IS A PERFECT MAN" - JAMES 3:2**

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, 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).
- We have many who have been out sick the last few weeks. Gerald and then Janet Boyd are the latest victims of the stomach virus that's been going around.
- Also remember Judy Walker (back), Paul Dillard (shoulder), Ron and Margie Banks (assortment of ills), Anna Porter (who is doing some better), Marilyn Brooks (eye problems) and Trish Kelly (medicine problems).
- Judy Walker's dad, Grover Whidden in Orlando, passed away last Sunday.
- Don Klieves had surgery Wednesday 2/21 for a badly torn rotator cuff in his shoulder. The doctor said it went well. He'll be out of work for at least 6 weeks.
- Phyllis Nelson, a dear friend of Don and Nancy Fields who has a recurrence of cancer.
- Bobby Hutchinson is in Guyana and his mom, Mrs. Hutchinson, is out of the hospital, but not doing too well.
- Robert Ray, a MSOP classmate of Jerry's had a lung collapse and needs our prayers. He is preaching in Muncie, IN. He and Jerry were very close in school.
- Cedrick Anderson came forward requesting the prayers of the church that he might control his tongue and keep from getting upset.

"My flesh and my heart faileth: but God is the strength of my heart,
and my portion forever." - Psalm 73:26

“REJOICE WITH THEM THAT DO REJOICE!” - Romans 12:15

- Rejoice with Jan and Ed Kelleher as we praise our holy Father for hearing our prayers. Jan, a 5 year breast cancer survivor, found some more lumps but after tests the doctors said they were perfectly normal tissue. We continue to pray and give Him all the glory for our lives together.

"There is none holy as the Lord: for there is none beside thee:
neither is there any rock like our God." - 1 Samuel 2:2

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

- We have an **activity fund** to help members that have need participate in some of the group activities. Members are invited to contribute to this fund individually.
- Pray for the **Bible Bowl teams** that are diligently studying the book of Acts.
- **Bible bowl practice** for all teams 7PM Fridays, 5PM Sundays, 5PM Saturday at the building. The SC Statewide Bible Bowl is Sat. 3/4 at St. Andrew's Road.
- The **Work Team A** meeting has been **postponed** because Team Captain Gerald Boyd, and then Janet came down with that debilitating stomach flu.

"They that trust in the Lord shall be as mount Zion, which cannot be removed,
but abideth forever." - Psalm 125:1

Strive to get **CLOSER TO HEAVEN IN 2007!**

“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:42

- **Carolina Men's Fellowship**, Saturday **March 10** 9AM-3PM at Charlotte Ave Church of Christ in Rock Hill. **David Pharr, James Meadows** and others will speak at this 9th annual meeting. If you're interested in going see **Don Klieves**.
- Remember sister **Anne Louise Gordon** in Lexington County Detention Center in your prayers. Pray for the work at LCDC. Brother Manning has been able to teach regularly and many want to obey and be baptized into Christ but there are obstacles that hinder them that need to be overcome.

"THEY THAT SOW IN TEARS SHALL REAP IN JOY" - PSALM 126:5

“BE THOU AN EXAMPLE OF THE BELIEVERS” - 1 Tim 4:12

- Last year, through many member's special contributions, we were able to pay off our auxiliary loan. We had set the goal of \$28,000 not really expecting to meet it. Oh we of little faith—we met and exceeded the goal by November of last year. In the Elder's meeting with the men of the church this Sunday afternoon, it was suggested we adopt a similar goal in reducing the mortgage on the church building, which is over \$300,000. The elders decided to set the goal at **\$30,000**. This will substantially reduce the mortgage and our interest payments. One family has already donated \$5000 to help in this.

"Moreover, brethren, we do you to wit of the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia; How that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality." - 2 Corinthians 8:1,2

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

We received the following email: At 11:22 PM 2/21/2007, Pat Mongan wrote: My niece was recently in a car accident and is now a quadriplegic. She and I attend Plainview Church of Christ in Fulton, MS with Tom House as our preacher. Cristie is 16 and is currently at a rehab center in Georgia. The highlight of her day is to get mail. I am trying to enlist other Churches of Christ to send her mail from every single state. We have all the southern states except for South Carolina. Would your congregation consider sending her a card? Her address is

**Cristie Williams, Room 217D, Shepherd Center
2020 Peachtree Rd. NW, Atlanta, GA 30309**

Thank you, Pat Mongan

"I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

- Matthew 25:36-40