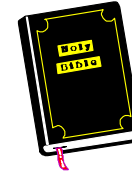


WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

ASK YOURSELF

Some questions for the Christian who's planning on marrying a non-Christian:

- 1) Am I willing to accept the possibility that my mate may never become a Christian?
- 2) Am I prepared to keep on going ALONE whenever the church meets, if my mate refuses to come with me? Will my mate resent my being gone during these times?
- 3) Am I sure I want to place myself in the position of being unable to "share the most important thing in my life with the most important person in my life?"
- 4) Will my mate understand my desire to put the Lord first in all things, including the budget?
- 5) What about the children? Is it fair to them to grow up in a religiously divided family? Will they turn out to be strong, faithful Christians, when one of their parents is NOT a Christian?
- 6) However fine a person my marriage partner may be, am I prepared to face the fact that we are going in different directions, on different roads, toward different destinations?
- 7) Am I letting myself be swept along by my emotions? Have I considered what the Lord would want me to do?
- 8) Am I **sure** this is the right person for me?

Please realize and count the cost, now, before you have to pay.

"For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down FIRST, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to FINISH it?" - Luke 14:28

Read the account of Jephthah (Judges 11), a man of faith (Hebrews 11:32). Remember that in your wedding you also make a vow, "For RICHER or POORER, in SICKNESS or in HEALTH, for BETTER or for WORSE, as LONG as you both shall LIVE." Then remember the God before whom you make this vow:

"When thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it; for he hath no pleasure in fools: pay that which thou hast vowed.

Better it is not to vow, then to vow and not pay." - Ecclesiastes 5:4,5

- (adapted by) Ed Kelleher, elder, West Columbia church of Christ

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"But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us; ... so making peace." - Ephesians 2:13-15
Are you IN Christ? (there's only 1 way: Galatians 3:27, Romans 6:3)

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, Nina Ruth Meadows (Marcella Klieves' mother), Jack and Elma Berrier, Nathaniel Manning (Jerry and Lynn's grandson) and our shut-ins Zudora Clegg, and Phyllis Johnson.
- Sister Brooks wasn't well last Sunday.
- Betty Mathis is at Heartland Rehab on 378, room 107.
- Tommy White was out last Sunday with upset stomach.
- Ron and Margie Banks are in Florida for their grand daughter's facial reconstruction surgery after being bit by dog.
- Dawn Gamble was able to be here last Sunday.
- Debbie Sheppard was down with a migraine last Sunday.
- Jan Kelleher was also out after starting some new cancer medicine.
- Jason Parks' surgery went well Monday.

"That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another. And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honored, all the members rejoice with it." - 1 Corinthians 12:25,26

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

This is the 1st Anniversary of the Manning family being with us here at West Columbia. What a good year of growth in love and encouragement it has been. We all thank our God for our being together as a family in Christ.

“For we have great joy and consolation in thy love, because the bowels of the saints are refreshed by thee, brother.” - Philemon 1:7

“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:42

- Remember the work at LCDC in your prayers. Brother Manning is experiencing **much persecution** from some in authority there for effectively teaching the truth. Many prisoners want, and **need**, to obey God and be baptized into Christ for the forgiveness of their sins, but are prevented from doing so. Also remember William Horan, an inmate in Pod G, who is teaching others the truth and wants to be baptized himself, but is hindered by the authorities. Send a card or letter to him at: **PO Box 2019, PG-5 Lexington, SC 29071**

"What shall we say then to these things?
If God be for us, who can be against us?" - Romans 8:31

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

- Anne Louise Gordon has been moved to Greenwood. It will be difficult, but not impossible for us to visit her there. She'll be eligible to return to the Columbia area in 6 months. Let's pray for this. Her new address is:

**Anne Louise Gordon, #323003
Leath Correctional Institute
2809 Airport Road
Greenwood, SC, 29649**

- The **elders** will be meeting with the **men** of the congregation at 1:30 pm and with the ladies at 5 pm. All members are encouraged to attend. Visitors are welcome also. We'll discuss the work of the church, including our upcoming Gospel meeting.
- If you'd like an audio copy of Sunday sermons, deacon **Ken Parks** asks that you please put a note in **The Box**.
- Don't forget **our Gospel Meeting** starting Sunday September 30 and going through Wednesday October 3 with **Keith A. Mosher, Sr.**, Dean of Academics at Memphis School of Preaching (MSOP). Each weekday we'll also be meeting at 10 am to discuss the book of Romans.

"So shall my **WORD** be that goeth forth out of my mouth; it shall not return unto me void; but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it." - Isaiah 55:12

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

In a bit over a month our **Gospel Meeting** will start ... and then quickly be over (if the Lord wills). At the conclusion of that meeting how will you feel? Will you regret not having invited someone you care about: a friend, a neighbor, a family member? We hope not. When you remember that **eternity** is long and **judgment** is sure it will be a heavy load, because there are no good excuses not to have done so. We're reminding you now, so you won't regret it later. The Lord bless you according to your efforts:

"Who will render to every man according to his deeds:" - Romans 2:6

"My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue;
but in deed and in truth." -1 John 3:18

- Elders, West Columbia church of Christ

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