

WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

TRUTH MAKES CHRISTIANS

A perverted gospel cannot save. Jesus declared that it is the knowledge of truth, not the belief of error, that makes men free. (John 8:32). Though a perverted gospel may have in it all the elements of the true gospel, its power to save is lost in perversion. Bread is God's power to quell the hunger, but the admixture of a poisonous element — a spoonful of arsenic, for instance, in a loaf of bread — would destroy its power. Water is God's power to quench the thirst, but the admixture of salt will destroy the quenching power of water.

The gospel is God's power to save the soul, but its admixture with error — the doctrines and commandments of men, when heard and believed — destroys its saving power. Hence, Paul's alarm concerning the perverters at Galatia:

“I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ.” - Galatians 1:6-7

Error preached, error heard, and error believed cannot result in the truth obeyed. No man can accidentally obey God. The truth preached, the truth believed, and the truth obeyed makes a Christian. Nothing else does. How careful then men should be in their handling of it!

- Foy E. Wallace, Jr., 1896-1979, Gospel Preacher

“Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free” - John 8:31,32

**Seeking the truth, from God's Word is one way to ...
Choose the Straight Gate in 2008**

“These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.” - Acts 17:11

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Sun 10 AM Bible Study: 56
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Sun 6 PM Assembly: 49
Weds 7 PM Bible Study: 58
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I HEARD A VOICE CRYING IN THE WILDERNESS
PM: Jerry Manning
THE MASTER'S MIGHTY MEN

“Exhort one another daily, while it is called today; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end;” - Hebrews 3:13,14

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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), Lynn Drago (Jerry's sister) and Phyllis Johnson.
- Lamar Reeves is in some pretty severe pain with a debilitating illness, but was able to make the assembly Wed. night. Were you there to meet him?
- Doris Sheppard requests prayers for her cousin, who she says is more like a sister to her, Dorothy Brazzel, in Gainesville Florida who is recovering from emergency open heart surgery after a heart attack last week.
- Donald and Marcella Klieves have both been down with the flu bug.
- Sister Carolyn Lee is doing better and is in good spirits, as is our new brother Darius Sibalwe, continue to remember them in your prayers.
- Jamie Sheppard is doing better, but will be having additional treatments.
- Michael Stoyk requests prayers for his dad's health, William Stoyk in Virginia.
- Megan Stoyk requests prayers for her grand mother who is fighting skin cancer.
- Remember all these and Ron Banks and Eddie Sheppard as they all continue to fight illness, and brother Manning and his bible studies at LCDC and Heartland assisted living center, in your prayers.

"Know ye that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made and not we ourselves; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture." - Psalms 100:3

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

- We are all greatly saddened by the passing of our dear brother, Paul Dillard Monday as he was undergoing open heart surgery. A memorial service was held at the building, Thursday at 7:30. He was a great encouragement to all who knew him. He will be missed. Remember his wife Dianne, and children, Tiffany and Jamey in your prayers as they, and we all, adjust to the loss of our beloved husband, father and brother.
- We also regret to announce the passing of John Berrier, Wed. around 5 pm after a long illness. He was the son of Jack and Elma Berrier, members of the church who attend at St. Andrews Road, neighbors to sister Anna Porter.

"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

**Concern and feeling for others, is a one way to ...
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“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:42

- Sister Ruth Raines needs folks to visit her at home on a regular basis.
- **WORK TEAM A—Meet at the building 5:30 pm Sunday.**
- **WORK TEAM C—Meet at the Gamble's home, 7pm Sunday, 3/23/2008.**
- Ladies work on the **visual aids** every **Tuesday** 7:00 pm, at the building.
- **SAVE THE DATE!** Our **Fall Gospel Meeting** is scheduled Sun-Wed, **Sep 14-17, 2008** with **Billy Bland**, well known Gospel preacher and instructor at MSOP.
- **SAVE THE DATE!** **Ladies Day at West Columbia, Saturday April 12, 2008.**
- **Gospel Meeting**, St. Andrews Road, Sun-Wed **3/9-12** with Richard McWilliams.
- Our thanks to **Evan Manning** for fixing the carport eaves at the building.

"And He said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me." - Luke 9:23

“DIVISIONS MUST COME”

Division in the churches is painful. It wrings the heart with anguish. But God asked, "Can two walk together except they be agreed?" (Amos 3:3). This is a strong declaration that they cannot. It is true as applied to both God and man. Can you walk with God unless you agree with Him? He claims to be the Lord, the only Ruler of the universe. Can you walk with Him while you insist on making laws and changing His order? It also applied to man. Can two walk together when one insists on going another way?

Often, those we love must force us to the choice as to whether we will cling to God or go with them. If we love God better than we love them, we will cling to God and His ways. If division must come, let it come along the lines of love and loyalty to God. If we separate from others and do not walk with God, another separation must come. Separation after separation must come until the lines of cleavage run with the line of loyalty to God. Until division along this line is reached, divisions must continue and multiply. As soon as, and not until, divisions along this line is reached, the union with God and those true to Him will be permanent.

God is directing these things and does all things well. All we have to do is to stand true and firm to God and His word all along the line, and leave results with Him. We can do nothing else. We are poor and foolish and weak; God is wise and strong. Our only hope is to walk with and be true to God in all things. "For there must be also heresies (divisions) among you, that they which are approved may be made manifest among you" (1 Corinthians 11:19). Divisions must come until we are all willing to be led by God.

- David Lipscomb, 1831-1917, Nashville Tennessee

“Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment” - 1 Corinthians 1:10