

# WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

## SECOND ANNUAL LADIES DAY

*West Columbia church of Christ  
1701 Augusta Road*

*Saturday, April 25, 2009  
9:00 am to 2:30 pm*

*THEME:*

*JUST HOW MUCH  
CAN WE BEAR?*



*KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Sister Cynthia Burleson  
(from St. Andrew's Road church of Christ)*

*Please RSVP by April 15, 2009  
Call Stephanie Rinehart at (803)665-6879  
Or email: Stefaleer@aol.com*

*We look forward to seeing you there!*

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Sun 10 AM Bible Study: 78  
Sun 11 AM Assembly: 53  
Sun 6 PM Assembly: 49  
Weds 7 PM Bible Study: \$1864  
CONTRIBUTION:

AM: Jerry Manning  
PM: Jerry Manning

"Thou hast loved righteousness and HATED iniquity" - Hebrews 2:9

"The fear of the Lord is to HATE evil" - Proverbs 8:13

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

Sunday 10 AM Bible Study  
Sunday 11 AM, 6 PM Assembly  
Wednesday 7 PM Bible Study  
Office Phone (803) 794-5320  
*Nursery provided*  
*Bible Classes for all ages*

### *LADIES CLASS*

2nd Tuesday of month 7-9 PM

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## **“PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER” - James 5:16**

- **REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** Lamar Reeves, Beryl Parks, Nina Ruth Meadows (Marcella Klieves' mother), Jack and Elma Berrier, Lynn Drago (Jerry's sister) and Phyllis Johnson.
- **Anna Porter** isn't doing well and couldn't get out Wed. night.
- Remember our brother **Darius Silbawa** who has not been with us.
- Remember all these, those that are grieving and recovering from loss, and brother **Manning** and those he studies the Bible with, in your prayers.

**"Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God." - Philippians 4:6**

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

- **Fellowship luncheon** this Sunday, **Lord's business meeting** at 1:30 All men are asked to attend. **Work Team A** meeting after luncheon also.
- **TEEN CAMPING TRIP! 4/17-18**, signup sheet in the foyer.
- **Foundation Class**, Saturdays 11 am at the building. All are invited.
- **Visual Aids** help needed for VBS, see brother Manning.
- **65th Annual Carolina Lectureship**, April 4-9 at Gold Hill Road, Fort Mill SC.
- **Homecoming**, 20th year, **Twin City church**, 4/26 with **Mike Hinrichs** preaching.
- **Gospel Meeting** in Walterboro with **David Pharr**, 4/26-4/30.
- **Contributions** are needed to help our sister **Anne Louise Gordon**.

**"God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which you have shown toward his name, in that you have ministered to the saints, and do minister." - Hebrews 6:10**

**Let Your Light Shine in 2009!**

## **“... PEOPLE, ZEALOUS OF GOOD WORKS.” - Titus 2:14**

**WORK TEAM SCHEDULE: 4/5—A 4/12—B 4/19—C 4/26—D**

**All members in the congregation are assigned to a Work Team**

**Check your Work Team assignment—your participation is vital!**

**Work Team A will meet at the Building Sunday PM**

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## **JESUS: OUR PERFECT STANDARD**

**"And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men." (Luke 2:52)**

There are many outstanding traits that Jesus possessed that would be good for all of us to have as part of our basic character. As a child, he was subject to His parents (Luke 2:51; Eph. 6:1; Col. 3:20). He was about His Father's business at an early age, i.e., He was interested in spiritual things while just a youth (Luke 2:49; Eccl. 12:1). He lived, not selfishly, but for others (Mark 10:45; Phil. 2:4). He accomplished God's will in His life (John 6:38). He left an example that all can follow (1 Pet. 2:21).

In this article, though, we want to look at His development that is related in Luke 2:52. The four areas in which Jesus grew that are revealed in that passage -- wisdom, stature, favor with men, and favor with God -- are those areas we must emphasize as we look to our own lives.

**WISDOM**—To advance in wisdom is to grow intellectually or mentally. Wisdom is "the quality of being wise; the power of judging rightly and following the soundest course of action, based on knowledge, experience, understanding." Wisdom's importance is emphasized by Solomon in Proverbs 3:13-26.

While one should give attention, especially when young, to his education, he should "give diligence" (2 Tim. 2:15) to gain knowledge of the Bible. A good understanding of its teachings is far more valuable than an education at the finest academic institutions.

**STATURE**—To advance in stature is to develop physically. Jesus developed a strong, healthy body. Our bodies are to be instruments of our service (Rom. 12:1; 6:12-13), temples of God (1 Cor. 6:18-20).

There are three essentials to a strong body: eat proper food, exercise moderately (1 Tim. 4:8) and keep it free from diseases.

**FAVOR WITH MEN**—This is to develop socially. It has to do with human beings living together as a group in a situation which requires they have dealings with one another. Man is created a social being: to live one with the other. It is not in man's nature to live alone (Gen. 2:18). He is to be a gregarious being.

We need to learn to love people. It makes it easy to live with them. Jesus associated with all kinds of people -- publicans, sinners, Samaritans -- because He loved them (John 3:16). Jesus always tried to influence those with whom He associated to be better people setting the proper example of behavior before them.

**FAVOR WITH GOD**—This is the spiritual development that ought to characterize every child of God. The importance and value of the soul is seen in Matthew 16:26 where it is shown to be of greater value than all the amassed wealth to be found in the world.

Basically, the essentials for spiritual development are the same as those for physical growth: proper food, exercise and freedom from disease. The correct spiritual food is the Bible (Acts 20:32; 1 Pet. 2:1-2). Spiritual exercise is the application of the word of God to one's life which results in proper character development and worthwhile service to the Lord and others. Freedom from disease is being pure and "unspotted from the world" (Jas. 1:27) by keeping one's lusts in check.

**- Gene Taylor, elder, evangelist, Centerville Road Church of Christ, Tallahassee, Florida**

**“Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:” - Ephesians 4:13**

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