

# WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

## RESOLUTIONS

The day called “New Year’s Day” has no religious significance, being just another mark of time on the calendar. However, many in the world look at the day, and think of “beginnings,” and on that note plan some renewal, some change, some correction, which they hope they’ll be able to carry forth on throughout the new year and beyond. Such is nothing new to the child of God, since he is constantly to obey:

**“Examine yourselves whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves.” - 2 Cor 13:5**

In that spirit of self-examination, ongoing and constant for all of God’s children, making of resolutions is a worthwhile activity. Surely the most urgent considerations for the Christian is that he/she will:

1. Participate even more fully in the congregation’s work,
2. Make time for frequent prayer,
3. Make time for frequent Bible study,
4. Be in each and every Bible class,
5. Be in each and every worship service,
6. Participate in the work of the visitation,
7. Be prompt at each and every meeting, and
8. Take the time to meet and welcome newcomers and visitors at our services.

All such activities as these should be the very minimum service the child of God should be rendering. Along with these, there is the need, always present, to examine our **giving**, and to make corrections needed so that we can truly be obedient to God’s command:

**“Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come.” - 1 Corinthians 16:2**

**“But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.” - 2 Corinthians 9:6,7**

-Adapted – original author **Bill Jackson**, late preacher, church of Christ

**God’s word in you will help you ... OUT WITH SIN IN 2010!**

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**RECORDS 12/27/2009**  
Sun 10 AM Bible Study: 51  
Sun 11 AM Assembly: 78  
Sun 6 PM Assembly: 47  
Weds 7 PM Bible Study: 53  
CONTRIBUTION: \$2155

**SERMONS 1/3/2010**  
AM: Jerry Manning  
**A NEW WALK, A NEW WORK, AND A NEW WORD**  
PM: Jerry Manning  
**REVELATION**

**“We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is meet, because that your faith groweth exceedingly, and the charity of every one of you all toward each other aboundeth.” - 2 Thessalonians 1:3**

***A Warm Welcome awaits you at all our services. Come see!***  
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Sunday 11 AM, 6 PM Assembly  
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*Bible Classes for all ages*

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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** requests prayers for her neighbor, **Elma Berrier**. Let's keep Anna in our prayers as well and **Amy Wintermute** and Zach and Cassidy.
- **Brandon Hurley** is having ear and upper respiratory problems.
- **Keith Carter** is to be an uncle and requests prayers for his sister who is expecting.
- Also, **Jimmy Gist** is not doing well as he undergoes chemo for lung cancer.
- **Beryl and Trevia Parks** are under the weather.
- Sister **Jean Boyd** has been having severe leg pains
- **Brother Manning** has many Bible studies during the week, remember these, those that are recovering from loss, in your prayers.

"Some trust in chariots, and some in horses:  
but we will remember the name of the Lord our God." - Psalms 20:7

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

- It was good to have **Kenya Harley** back Sunday. She recently graduated from university in Alabama. She was joined by her sister **Queniea (and Landon and Lindsay)** who were visiting from Baltimore.
- **College age Bible study now on TUESDAYS at 8 pm.**
- Volunteers needed to **clean building** in 2010.
- **Transportation** needed for sisters **Betty Mathis, Jean Boyd and Marilyn Brooks.**
- **Pantry items** to bring to the church building. Remember, pop-tops are best.

1/03 Campbell's Chunky Bean Ham Soup 12/27 Chef Boyardee Spaghetti & Meatballs

"For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labor of love,  
which ye have showed toward his name,  
in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister." - Hebrews 6:10

**Filling ourselves with the things of God will help us ...**

## **OUT WITH SIN IN 2010!**

“And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;  
And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;  
And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.  
For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that  
*ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.*”  
- 2 Peter 1:5-8

## **WHY DO THEY EVANGELIZE?**

Many individuals are involved with the work of evangelism. There are those who travel abroad, others are involved in campaigns in the States, many write materials to be used in tracts, many distribute tracts and teach through Bible correspondence courses, others are active in teaching Bible studies in their homes — the list could go on and on. Each of these activities takes time and commitment. The question comes, “Why? Why do such people labor so actively in evangelism?” The Bible gives us many “motivations” for such labors. Let's notice just a few of these in this brief article.

**People Evangelize...Because They Love God.** In Matthew 28:18-20 and Mark 16:15-16, we have recorded the Christian's “marching orders” — the great commission from our Lord and Savior Jesus to “go” and “teach.” When we look to the commands of Jesus, we have an option. We can either do them or not. But Jesus said, “If ye love me, keep my commandments” (John 14:15). Thus, those who love Jesus are active in evangelistic efforts.

**People Evangelize...Because They Realize the Judgment to Come.** Paul said in 2 Corinthians 5:10 that “we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ” to “receive the things done...whether it be good or bad.” He further noted that “Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men...” (verse 11). If we truly believe the fate of those who are still in sin on the day of judgment, we will be involved in evangelism.

**People Evangelize...Because They Stand in Awe of the Love of Christ.** “For the love of Christ constraineth us...” (2 Corinthians 5:14). One cannot stand at the foot of the cross and gaze upon the suffering Savior, realizing the great love for mankind that held Him there and remain uninvolved in reaching those for whom Jesus died! Such love demands action on our part.

**People Evangelize...Because They Experience the Joy of Salvation.** The Psalmist proclaimed, “Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit. Then will I **teach** transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee” (Psalm 51:12-13)

As we realize the immeasurable blessing of being free from the guilt and penalty of sin, of having a home eternal in the heavens, we cannot but cry out the message of salvation to a lost and dying world! God's Word is filled with the “motivation” for one to evangelize. As one looks upon these the question soon changes from “Why do they evangelize?” to “How can I **not** evangelize?” What are **you** doing?

- **Jack H. Williams**, elder 39th Street church of Christ, Independence Missouri

“The Lord ... is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish,  
but that all should come to repentance.” - 2 Peter 3:9

**It's up to you! To ... OUT WITH SIN IN 2010**