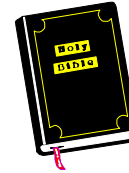


WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

WHY PAUL?

The apostle Paul wrote much of the New Testament. Have you ever wondered *why* God chose **Paul** to record so much of **His** word? There were other apostles, and some we don't even have words recorded. The Lord could have used them. Why did God choose Paul so often?

One reason may have been because Paul **knew**, more than the others whose words they were, where the **power** was; they weren't **his** words—they were **God's**:

"And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: that your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God." - 1 Corinthians 2:4,5

Paul also was **concerned** about God's people. He was zealous for them. He **wanted** them to be saved—just as God and Jesus did. Not for Paul's sake but for **their** sakes and also that **God** might be glorified for his grace and mercy. Read the first chapter of any of Paul's letters and you'll see this. For example:

"without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers;" Romans 1:9

But you know, above all, Paul **acknowledged God**, that it was God who was **first, last and always**. Paul craved God's blessing, not man's (read **2 Tim 4:8**). David did, Jesus did, so did Abraham, Sara, Job, Moses etc.—all those mentioned in **Hebrews 11**. Paul didn't think anything of himself and was thankful **to God** for everything he had, even the comfort of his brethren:

"And from thence, when the brethren heard of us, they came to meet us as far as Appiiforum, and the three taverns: whom when Paul saw, he thanked God and took courage." - Acts 28:15

Do we want to **accomplish** good things for the Lord? Would we like God to **choose** us? Let's follow Paul's example then. Let us believe and demonstrate **by our actions** our faith: That God's word is the power to salvation (**Romans 1:16**), not ours; That we are concerned for men's souls (**Philippians 2:4,5**), not ourselves; and That it is God that gives the increase (**1 Corinthians 3:6**) and give Him the glory, honor, praise and thanks. **Do** these things and we'll be faithful **servants**, ones God will be pleased to use: **"Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord." - Matthew 25:21**

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

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SERMONS 2/14/2010

Sun 10 AM Bible Study: 49
Sun 11 AM Assembly: 83
Sun 6 PM Assembly: 55
Weds 7 PM Bible Study: 51
CONTRIBUTION: \$2272

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THE THREE LIVES OF MOSES
PM: John Manning
IT TAKES ONE TO KNOW ONE

"The ear that heareth the reproof of life
abideth among the wise." - Proverbs 15:31

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:** Lamar Reeves, Nina Ruth Meadows (Marcella Klieves' mother), Jack and Elma Berrier, Lynn Drago (Jerry's sister) and Phyllis Johnson.
- Zach broke his wrist and arm.
- Judy Walker was in a serious car accident but we're thankful God is merciful and she suffered no injuries.
- Donald Klieves was out last Sunday, in bed with a flu like bug.
- Jean Godley has been diagnosed with what might be extensive cancer.
- Trevia Parks has incipient pneumonia. Marilyn Brooks just had a liver biopsy.
- Ron Banks is recovering from a fall. Also, Vernicia Matthews, Margaret Herring, Jean Boyd, Anna Porter, Sue Eiland, Anna Porter, Craig Robinson, Carolyn Lee, and Margie DeYoung, continue to need our prayers. Remember all these in your prayers. Write them a card, give them a call, let them know you're praying for them and see if they'd like a visit:
- Brother Manning has many Bible studies during the week, remember these, those that are recovering from loss, in your prayers.

"Our soul waiteth for the Lord; he is our help and our shield." - Psalm 33:20

"AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY" - Acts 2:42

- College age Bible study now on TUESDAYS at 7 pm.
 - Pantry items to bring to the church building. Remember, pop-tops are best.
- 2/14 Campbells Chunky Beef&Dumpling 2/7 Chef Boyardee ABC/123 w/Meatballs

"Every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labor" - 1 Corinthians 2:8

"REJOICE WITH THEM THAT DO REJOICE!" - Romans 12:15

- We rejoice with the angels in heaven that Marshall Mancuso was baptized into Christ. He had been attending for quite awhile with his wife Sharon. After studying with our evangelist, Marshall made the good confession, was baptized and added to the church by our Lord. Pray for him and the family as they grow together in Christ.
- Lorraine Porter wishes to be indentified with the congregation here. She's a member of the church, but was feeling very lonely since she just moved here and doesn't have a car. She was very happy to learn of the church here from our Evangelist who met her. The central phone where you can reach her is: 794-7561. Her address is:
Lorraine Porter, C/O Twilite Manor, 2306 Forrest Rd, Room 8, Cayce, SC 29033
- Amy Wintermute has started a new job and is very happy about it.

"Better it is to be of an humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud." - Proverbs 16:19

OUT WITH SIN IN 2010!

"PROVOKE TO LOVE AND GOOD WORKS" - Hebrews 10:21

- **POSTPONED!** The Valentine's Day Lonely Hearts Lunch at Jan Kelleher's home has been postponed due to an illness in Jan's family. Her aunt Ruth isn't well and Jan is going to Ridgeland to visit.
- **Carolina Men's Fellowship, 12th Annual, Sat. March 13, 2010** at Rock Hill. 9 AM—3 PM at the Gold Hill Road church of Christ, Fort Mill, SC. If you're interested in going, see Ed, hopefully we'll have a van load going up.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!

It is important for **ALL** to attend **Sunday Morning bible study!** If you feel you're missing something, Bible class is a good place to go and find it.

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." - 2 Timothy 2:15

The example we set others, in everything we **do**, or **don't do**, is important. The Lord was able to use Paul to encourage other brethren, even when he was in prison:

"And many of the brethren in the Lord, waxing confident by my bonds, are much more bold to speak the word without fear." - Philippians 1:14

The Lord wasn't just talking of the "Worship Service" here:

"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another:" - Hebrews 10:25

No, God wants you in ALL assemblies of the saints that He has ordained. Look what He has ordained here. If you don't make it to Bible class, you will not achieve what the Lord says here:

"And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: 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: That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;" - Ephesians 4:11-14

We have great classes on Evangelism for the teens and adults using the *Searching for Truth* DVD and book.

Be sure to attend Sunday 10am and Wed. 7pm each week!

Think you'll make heaven without Bible class? Guess again! Remember ...

"Every one of us shall give account of himself to God" - Romans 14:10

Study! So you can ... OUT WITH SIN IN 2010!