

WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

I LOVE BURNT BISCUITS

Mom liked to make breakfast food for dinner every now and then, and one night she had made breakfast after a long, hard day at work.

Mom placed a plate of eggs, sausage and extremely burned biscuits in front of my dad. I remember waiting to see if anyone noticed! Yet all my dad did was reach for his biscuit, smile at my Mom and ask me how my day was at school. I don't remember what I told him that night, but I do remember watching him smear butter and jelly on that biscuit and eat every bite!

When I got up from the table that evening, I remember hearing my Mom apologize to my dad for burning the biscuits. And I'll never forget what he said: "Honey, I love burned biscuits."

Later that night, I went to kiss Daddy good night and I asked him if he really liked his biscuits burned. He wrapped me in his arms and said, "Your Momma put in a hard day at work today and she's real tired. And besides, a little burned biscuit never hurt anyone!"

Life is full of imperfect things and imperfect people. I'm the best at hardly anything, and I forget birthdays and anniversaries just like everyone else. But what I've learned over the years is that learning to accept each others faults - and choosing to celebrate each others differences - is one of the most important keys to creating a healthy, growing, and lasting relationship.

"Don't put the key to your happiness in another person's pocket - keep it in your own." So please pass me a biscuit, and, yes, the burned one will do just fine.

—Author unknown

I rarely publish unattributed articles in the bulletin. But this one struck a chord in me. My wife doesn't burn the biscuits, but she does snore, a little. Being a 10 year cancer and severe chemo and radiation survivor, and caring very much for others, sleep often doesn't come easy to my wife. I always think, and often tell her, "I love to hear you snore, because then I know you are sleeping well."

The story above illustrates agape—a self sacrificing love. A love that we give to others; that we **must** give to others, else we're just tinkling cymbals (**1 Cor 13:1**).

Read the passage from **Philippians 2** on page 3 to finish this thought from the best writer of all—God.
- Ed K.

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GLAD YOU DON'T HAVE TO JUDGE? THINK AGAIN.

A PREACHER, ABOVE ALL ELSE, IS THE SERVANT OF THE LORD

“And the servant of the Lord must not strive;

but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient,

In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure

will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth;” - 2 Timothy 2:24,25

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:** Margaret Herring, Jean Godley, Amy Wintermute, Lamar Reeves, and Phyllis Johnson.
- Many are hurt, and a bit confused, by the departure of our minister. Pray for them, that we'll all work together and build one another up in love as the Lord intends.

“Let every one of us please *his* neighbour for *his* good to edification.” - Romans 15:2

“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:42

- There will be a brief **meeting of the men** of the congregation after the morning assembly to discuss the work of the church here and how to move forward, preparatory to next weeks business meeting.
- **BIBLE BOWL 2011**—BOOK OF **MATTHEW**—Sign up sheets in the foyer for youth and adult teams. We need people to write out practice questions.
- **Building Cleanup** volunteers needed for January
- What do think would be a good theme for 2011? What of these below?
- **New Years Eve** get together at the building Friday and **First Sunday luncheon** and **Men's business meeting**. Please plan on attending!

"But it is good to be zealously affected always in a good thing" -Galatians 4:18

**CLOSER TO HEAVEN IN 2011
ON TO PERFECTION IN 2011**

MINISTER MOVES ON

Jerry Manning announced Sunday that he and his family will be moving to Fayetteville, Georgia (just south of Atlanta) where he has accepted a position as minister. They are moving immediately and Jerry will start preaching there January 2.

The Lord has a purpose in these things. The Fayetteville church was needing a minister and the budget situation here at West Columbia had deteriorated to the point we were forced to cut back our support for Jerry and his family quite a bit.

We're happy for Jerry and hope this will be a good move for him and the family. The Fayetteville congregation is large and active with 4 elders and 20 deacons. They will provide the oversight, instruction and support an evangelist needs. And Fayetteville is much closer to one of their grand children also. ☺

This is also a good thing for West Columbia. It has brought us closer together already as a family, with a fresh sense of urgency and necessity for the Lords work here. More will participate and everyone's participation will increase. We pray the Manning family will be blessed as they strive to do God's work.

We pray the work here at West Columbia will prosper; that we'll continue to grow in love for God, each other, and the lost.

“Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every *branch* that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.” - John 15:2

HOW TO HAVE A GOOD NEW YEAR

It's the time of year when we look at the old year; regret in some ways it's passing, and promise to do better in the next. One thing we all should resolve to do is grow closer to God, through prayer and study of His word. Here are a few reasons why:

"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." - Matthew 6:33

"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." - Philippians 4:13

"Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:" - Matthew 7:7

"Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life." - John 6:68

"Abraham believed God and it was counted unto him for righteousness" - Romans 4:3

"Without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." - Romans 11:6

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

"That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men but in the power of God." - 1 Cor
Corinthians 2:5

“But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, ... For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.” - Matthew 6:19-21

Show God where your treasure really is by studying His word and going to him in prayer often, every day of the New Year. Take part and participate in the work of the church, and you will have a good year.

“... whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap ...
he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.” - Galatians 6:7,8

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

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“If *there be* therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies, Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, *being* of one accord, of one mind. *Let nothing be done* through strife or vain-glory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:” - Philippians 2:1-5

“Let no man seek his own, but every man another's *wealth*.” - 1 Corinthians 10:24

“Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.” - Galatians 6:2

“And Abraham drew near, and said, Wilt thou also destroy the righteous with the wicked?
... And God said, I will not destroy it for ten's sake.” - Genesis 18:23,32