

# WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

## FEAR OF THE LORD

The word **fear** is used often in the bible. There's a reason for that. It's an important word and one that must apply to each of us. There mustn't be any confusion or misunderstanding. Just about always, to fear means, very simply, **to be afraid**. It comes from the Greek word **phobos** (like phobia) it doesn't usually mean “respect”. For example, would you say a claustrophobic person **respects** a closet or elevator? No, you'd say they were AFRAID of it.

Fear has a reason and **purpose** and if we don't acknowledge that, or think of it in the wrong way, it won't do what it has to in us and we'll suffer for it. Consider these five points about fear:

- 1) **Who** should we fear? Fear GOD (Heb 10:31), **not** men (Heb 13:6).
- 2) What **causes** fear? A power greater than ours, that we can neither explain or resist. The account of Ananias and Sapphira (Acts 5:11) shows **“great fear came upon all the church”**. Also read: Matthew 1:20, 14:26, Luke 1:30, 7:16.
- 3) Do we **need** to fear? Yes! The Lord tells us to **“Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling”** (Philippians 2:12).
- 4) Is there a **purpose** to fear? Yes! Fear is the **beginning** of wisdom (Proverbs 1:7). It's to get our attention, it keeps us on the path when we **first** start out: **“and walking in the fear of the Lord”** (Acts 9:31).
- 5) Is there an **end** to fear? Yes! At the end fear **must** and will be eliminated. But first we need to get there. As children, God wants us to grow (1 Peter 2:2). And as with all children, fear has an important role to play in that growth. But when we have grown to maturity, to completeness, I.e., perfection, fear is to be put aside.

**“Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.” - 1 John 4:17,18**

There is no fear in love, but that's something we must grow to understand and accomplish. Let's all properly understand the fear of the Lord, and grow **with** it, and ultimately **out** of it, as the Lord intended.

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

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Sun 11 AM Assembly: 112  
Sun 6 PM Assembly: 61  
Weds 7 PM Bible Study: 58  
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### SERMONS 8/13/2006

AM Ed Kelleher  
- Comfort  
PM Chris Crabh

**“In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.” - 1 Thessalonians 5:18**

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

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**“THE PRAYER OF FAITH SHALL SAVE THE SICK” - James 5:15**

- **REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** Beryl Parks, Hagood Godley, Margaret Herring, and our shut-ins Jessica Herring, Zudora Clegg, and Phyllis Johnson. Also, Nina Ruth Meadows (Marcella Klieves’ mother), Jack Edwards (Melissa Parks’ father) and Jack and Elma Berrier.
- **Marcella Klieves** has discovered a lump in her breast. They’re doing tests now to determine if it malignant or benign. Let’s remember **Marcella and Don** in our prayers during this trying time, that the Lord will be merciful and comfort them.
- **Rob Roy Honeycutt** is still in Lexington Medical Center Critical Care unit on a respirator and not doing at all well. Remember him, **Patty** and the family.
- **Ted Stidham’s** condition continues to worsen. He fell Wednesday. Family members were called in Thursday as the hospice nurses determined there likely wasn’t much time left.
- **Julia Kelleher** is to have her wisdom teeth removed Thursday, August 10.
- Let’s remember all these in our prayers and **Frank Allen and Paul Dillard** also who have been struggling, and continue to struggle, with some health problems.

"Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing."  
- Matthew 24:46

**“PROVOKE TO LOVE AND GOOD WORKS” - Hebrews 10:24**

- **Thankfully**, many recent contributions have helped pay the **parking lot loan** down to \$2000 (from \$28,000). Please consider making a **special donation** to help us **pay this off completely** before our new evangelist, Jerry Manning arrives later this month with his family.
- **Christian Block Party**—Saturday August 19, 2006, **9AM** at the building. We’ll pick up material to pass out in the neighborhood. It’s the **Easiest Evangelism there is**. If you can’t make it Saturday, we’ll need help the preceding Weds, Thursday and Friday to bag up material to be passed out Saturday.
- The **Mannings** are making plans to move here the last week in August. They’ll likely be staying in the church residence till they can find a larger place. Let’s pray for their safe journey, and thank God for His great mercy and grace.

“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. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work” - 2 Corinthians 9:11

**WHAT ARE WEARING?**

“When the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment: And he said to him, Friend, how came thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless. Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. For many are called, but few are chosen.” - Matt 22:11-

**“ELDERS ... FEED THE FLOCK OF GOD” - 1 Peter 5:1,2**

“When I became a man I put away childish things...” (1 Corinthians 13:11) is a passage familiar to all of us, **but pay attention to it!** It reminds us that we're on a journey; and that on that journey, we must *grow* in Christ. God doesn’t want spiritual **babies** in heaven. Let's remember that the behavior we see in children is **not** appropriate in adults—and God thinks so also. Let’s strive to put away from ourselves childish things like: **Selfishness**—**communicate** your love by your actions. **Lack of care for others**—participate in the **Christian Block Party** and other evangelistic works of the church. **Irresponsibility**—make all the assemblies for bible study and worship the elders have appointed. Show up early and talk with your brothers and sisters in Christ. **Lack of care for yourself**—study your bible, look at yourself in the mirror of God’s word and take care that your spiritual robes are clean and white—a suitable **wedding garment** for the bride of Christ.

-Elders, West Columbia church of Christ, South Carolina

**COMMUNICATING OUR LOVE**

Do you love others? We need to; remember, it’s one of the greatest commands God has given us (Matthew 22:19). We can communicate with our words or our actions. Which speak louder? How do these sound to you?

1. Suffer together (1 Corinthians 12:26)
2. Rejoice together (Romans 12:15)
3. Carry each others' burdens (Galatians 6:2)
4. Restore each other (Galatians 6:1)
5. Pray for one another (Romans 15:30)
6. Teach & admonish one another (Col 3:16)
7. Refresh one another (Romans 15:32)
8. Encourage each other (Acts 28:15)

9. Forgive one another (Ephesians 4:32)
10. Confess to one another (James 5:16)
11. Be truthful with each other (Eph 4:25)
12. Provoke to love&good works (Heb 10:24)
13. Give to each other (Philippians 4:14,15)
14. Comfort one another (1 Thess 4:18)

God tells us what communicates best:

“**But whoso hath this world’s good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him? My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.**” - 1 John 3:17,18

Are you listening?

**SIGN ON US #1**

**YOU BELIEVE ME NOT, BECAUSE YOU ARE NOT MY SHEEP—JOHN 10:26**

**MY SHEEP HEAR MY VOICE I KNOW THEM AND THEY FOLLOW ME—JOHN 10:27**