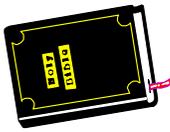


WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

Our Public Enemy #1

Our #1 enemy is Satan. His main objective is to cause each of us to lose our soul in the burning fires of Hell. We are warned in 1 Peter 5:8, "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour." We must constantly watch out for Satan. He is very dangerous! Satan is real. He is not a fictitious character in a red suit, horns, and a tail and carrying a pitchfork. Satan can appear in many different forms. Paul says in 2 Corinthians 11:14-15, "For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness." Satan is a master of disguise. He and his ministers can appear to us so innocently.

Satan's main weapon is the lie. Jesus says concerning Satan in John 8:44, "When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it." Satan knows all of our weaknesses and how to tempt and deceive us. In Genesis 2:16-17 God told Adam and Eve not to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil or they would die. But in Genesis 3:4 Satan told Eve, "You shall not surely die." Satan only added the word "not" to what God said and changed it into a lie.

Satan will get what is due him. Revelation 20:10 says, "The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone....and they shall be tormented day and night forever and ever." But also notice verse 15, "And anyone not found in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire." We must always be prepared in fighting Satan. In our preparation Paul says in Ephesians 6:11 to "Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the Devil." In our fight with Satan we are told in James 4:7-8, "Resist the Devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you." God will help us.

- Ron Boatwright, elder, Robinson & Center Church of Christ, Conway Arkansas

“Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:” 1 Peter 5:6-8

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"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." - Romans 8:28

(Comforting, but does it apply to you?)

“If ye love me, keep my commandments. “ - John 14:15

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:** 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.
- Brother Bobby Giles came forward last Sunday morning, pleading for the prayers of the church as he struggles to deal with life at the Babcock center.
- Marcella Klieves is back in West Virginia to be with her sister, **Norah Meadows** who is having surgery, also her mother was back in the hospital after surgery.
- Donald will be going to West Virginia September 19 for a few days while his sister, **Sharon Jackson**, has open heart surgery.
- Doris Sheppard requests prayers for her long time dear friend, **Pat Masticola** who has been diagnosed with breast cancer.
- Keith Carter requests prayers for **Mrs. Raines**.
- Sister Carolyn Lee is recovering from successful Cataract surgery.
- Arthur Gill, an evangelist in Bishopville, has to work a secular job to help support his work, but he has been laid off due to arthritis. He is zealous and faithful and has a good report. If you'd like to help him in doing the Lord's work, it would be a blessing for him—and for you. Please see Ed Kelleher.
- Lets remember **Jason and Melissa Parks** in our prayers as Jason is working very hard, which is a good thing, but tough on the family.

“If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, you shall ask what you will, and it shall be done unto you.” - John 15:7

“REJOICE WITH THEM THAT DO REJOICE!” - Romans 12:15

The Mannings arrived safely last Thursday afternoon. Unfortunately, the trailer with all their worldly possessions (including pots, pans, dishes, towels, sheets, air mattresses etc. etc.) didn't arrive until the following Tuesday! They gamely made do with Jerry preaching his first lessons Sunday. **Sunday was a wonderful day!** However, they were glad to be able to unload the trailer Tuesday and Wednesday. They are very appreciative and thankful and frankly quite amazed and pleased at all who've helped them move, provided food and helped in other ways. The church residence is a little small for them with 3 active boys and associated paraphernalia for studies, pets, hobbies etc. and they're looking at homes in the area.

“But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly, that now at the last your care of me hath flourished again; wherein ye were also careful, but ye lacked opportunity. Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content. I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: every where and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.” - Philippians 4:10-14

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

The Lord, speaking to the evangelist Timothy through the apostle Paul, warned that **sound doctrine** was something that the people needed to **endure**:

“For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine” - 2 Timothy 4:3
It wasn't “easy listening”. People would react to it. In the same vein, the Lord told another evangelist, Titus, to not hold back, regardless of the opposition:

“These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee..” - Titus 2:15

He's talking about us!—those that need to hear the word of God. The Lord told Titus in verse 7 to show **“thyself a pattern of good works:”** - a pattern for us to follow! This isn't easy, but it's what the Lord **expects** from us. And reasonably so as He gave His son to **die** for our salvation. Look what He told us to do and note the word underlined below:

“For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.” - Titus 2:11-14

We need to **purify** ourselves. This will hurt some but we must endure it. **We must!** The Lord **expects** this from us. Let's not shirk our duties in order to be comfortable. Let us work the works of God and follow the good example of those around us.

-Elders, West Columbia church of Christ, South Carolina

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

- The **Ladies Class** has resumed meeting 10AM Tuesdays (except the 1st).
- The **50+ group** is planning to get together 6PM Friday evening, September 22 at the **Texas Roadhouse Grill** in Harbison.
- We need people to **volunteer** to help **clean the building** in October, November and December! If you can help in **any** way, please see **Billy or Gerald**.
- The **Windsor Lake church** is planning to have a **homecoming and Gospel Meeting** Friday-Sunday **October 27-29th, 2006** on the occasion of their 30th anniversary as a congregation of the Lord's church. **Wallace Beasley**, their first minister will be preaching. Hope you'll plan on going.
- **Change cans** for the SE Children's home are in the foyer if you'd care to help. They'll be collected and counted, Lord willing, in November.

“Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.” - Matthew 4:4