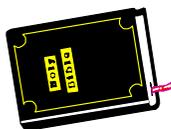


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“every disciple that is perfect, shall be as his master.” Luke 6:40

WHY STUDY THE WORD OF GOD

- 1) The Word of God will not pass away, it will last forever. “Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.” - Matthew 24:35 (also John 12:47,48)
 - 2) The Word of God makes one wise to salvation: “And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.” - 2 Timothy 3:15 (also James 1:21, John 17:17)
 - 3) The Word of God is necessary to prove or test all things: “Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.” - 1 Thessalonians 5:21 (also Hebrews 4:12)
 - 4) The Word of God makes one approved to God: “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 (also John 12:42 and Hebrews 12:9)
 - 5) The Word of God makes one grow spiritually: “As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:” - 1 Peter 2:2 (also 2 Peter 3:18)
 - 6) The Word of God is what we need to teach others: “And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.” - 2 Timothy 2:2 (also Hebrews 5:12)
 - 7) The Word of God lets us detect error: “Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.” - 1 John 4:1 (also Matthew 7:15, 16, Hebrews 4:12)
- From Gospel meeting sermon at Orangeburg church of Christ, South Carolina by **Mel Futrell**, Gospel preacher, Shades Mountain church of Christ, Birmingham, Al.
- “Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus:” - 2 Timothy 1:13

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“Taking Our Faith to the Next Level”
PM: Jerry Manning
“Dealing with Bitterness”

“And if any man hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not:
for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world.

He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him:
the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.” - John 12:47,48

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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.
- **Courtney Gamble** isn't well, it might be mono. **Ethel Smith** is feeling poorly too.
- **Patricia Kelly** is on some new (and stronger) pain medication.
- **Eddie Sheppard** is breathing better, but still isn't able to get out.
- Remember **Robbie Sheppard** and send him a card also if you can.
- **Judy Walker** was diagnosed with acute sinusitis but is doing better.
- **Jimmy Lee**, Carolyn's husband, is doing much better after a virus attack.
- **Nathaniel Manning**, grandson of **Lynn and Jerry Manning** is a year and a half old but having some possible developmental difficulties.
- **Bobby Giles** came forward Sunday morning requesting the prayers of the church that his mother and sister do better and that his father's health improve.
- Let's remember all these in our prayers, daily.

“Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.” - 1 Thessalonians 5:17.18

“BE THOU AN EXAMPLE OF THE BELIEVERS” - 1 Tim 4:12

- Remember our sister **Debbie Sheppard** who is still plagued with severe headaches, but doesn't let that stop her from making the assemblies of the saints.
- We're glad also that our sister **Margaret Herring** was able to get out to the assembly Sunday evening though suffering greatly from incurable neck pain.
- **Anna Porter** is doing better and was able to get out Wednesday along with **Jan Kelleher** (as they do almost every week) to visit our sister **Anne Louise Gordon** who is in **Lexington County Detention Center**. Anna reports Anne Louise is having difficulties (she is zealous for God's word and doing good work) but she's able to cope (as we all are) through faith in God and His word.
- Are you doing all you can? If so, be happy for God knows! If not ... God knows!

But, beloved, we are persuaded better things of you, and things that accompany salvation, though we thus speak. 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 6:9,10

“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:4

- **Day Light Savings Time** ends this Sunday, turn your clocks back an hour.
- The **Orangeburg church** greatly appreciated the support of West Columbia. Many went (and were blessed) every day of their Gospel Meeting with **Mel Futrell**.
- Try to attend the **Windsor Lake church meeting** Sunday at 3PM.

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

- Our dear brother and elder **Donald Klieves** has found a much better secular job.

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

We all want the church to grow in number. But, **Spiritual** growth must precede physical growth! This is God's plan. This point was brought out by **Mel Futrell** at the recent gospel meeting in Orangeburg. Look what preceded physical growth:

“Then had the churches rest throughout all Judaea and Galilee and Samaria, and were edified; and walking in the fear of the Lord, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, were multiplied.” - Acts 9:31

“And so were the churches established in the faith, and increased in number daily.” - Acts 16:5

If we want to grow numerically, we must first grow **spiritually**. And to do that, we **all** must be studying God's word (read front page article). **All** of us are in God's church, **all** of us must do our part to make the church grow, starting with ourselves. Study—to show yourself approved to God (2 Timothy 2:15).

-Elders, West Columbia church of Christ, South Carolina

THE BOX

We've put up a box in the foyer of the church building to help us communicate and better do the work of the church here at West Columbia.

PLEASE PUT A CARD IN THE BOX as appropriate:

- To let us know you'll be **ABSENT** from Bible class or an assembly
- To tell us of people who might like a **BIBLE STUDY** or **VISIT**
- To note a **SONG** or **SERMON** you'd like to hear
- To **SUGGEST** something to be done or improved
- To **COMMENT** on lessons and classes
- To ask **QUESTIONS** to be answered by the preacher or elders
- For **VISITOR'S** Cards
- For items to be included in the **BULLETIN**
- For **REQUESTS** for teaching material, Bibles, tapes etc.
- To **VOLUNTEER** to help in some work
- To note something **BROKEN**, not working right, or needs fixing

Please put your name on your cards in case something isn't clear or we need further information. - ELDERS, WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

- The **Ladies Class** has resumed meeting 10AM Tuesdays (except the 1st).
- **Volunteers** needed to help **clean the building** in December!
- **Ladie's Day, St. Andrews Road, Sat 11/11**, with Cindi Burleson
- **Santee Ladie's Retreat** in Myrtle Beach Fri 11/17 – Sat 11/19. **Jan Kelleher** will be one of the speakers. Registrations sheets are in the foyer.

“And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.” - Galatians 6:9