

# WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

## GIVE ME A CHANCE

Have you ever asked the Lord to open a door for you? To give you a chance to serve him? It's a good thing to pray for. In Matthew 7:7 the Lord promised us **"Knock, and it shall be opened unto you"**.

How many of us, though, **believe** that promise? How many of us **keep** asking, and asking, and asking? But maybe we never seem to get the chance we're looking for. Maybe that's the problem—we're not **seeing** the chances or opportunities to do good the Lord is giving us. Maybe we're being too picky or choosy: "Not that one Lord, I want a **really** good work to do!"

Let's remember that it is the **Lord's work** we're about, not ours. It's He who gives us the opportunities we have. It's He that gives the increase (1 Cor 3:6, 2 Tim 2:25). Let's trust Him, that He'll give us what we need, because He **has**—His Word, the gospel! Let's take advantage then of the opportunities we have, no matter how small they might seem to us. Let's open our eyes and hearts to them:

**"He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much." - Luke 16:10**

Maybe when we want to do some great thing, what we're **really** wanting is to say: "Look what **I** did." **We** want the recognition for the deed; from people instead of from God. But the real power and strength we have can only come from God:

**"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me"—Philp 4:13**

He wants us to know this and **act** like we know it. He'll be pleased with us if we do—if we trust in His power and strength, just as He was pleased with the church in Philadelphia. Look at what the Lord praised about them:

**"I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name." - Revelation 3:8**

They didn't **deny** the name of Christ by seeking to please themselves and trusting in their **own** power or wisdom. They humbly **did** what the Lord put in front of them, trusting in Him and His word - looking to please God and not themselves. Let's do the same, so our Lord will say the same—of **us**.

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

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### RECORDS 11/19/2006

Sun 10 AM Bible Study: 58  
Sun 11 AM Assembly: 88  
Sun 6 PM Assembly: 65  
Weds 7 PM Bible Study: 55  
CONTRIBUTION: \$2125

### SERMONS 11/26/2006

AM: Joshua Manning  
PM: Jerry Manning

“Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable,  
always abounding in the work of the Lord,  
forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.” - 1 Corinthians 15:58

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

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Sunday 11 AM, 6 PM Assembly  
Wednesday 7 PM Bible Study  
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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), Jack and Elma Berrier, Nathaniel Manning (Jerry and Lynn's g'son).
- Sister Ethel Smith came forward Sunday morning requesting the prayers of the church that she be strengthened to deal with the things of this life, that she not give in to frustration and anger.
- Remember Tricia Kelly, Debbie Sheppard, Craig Robinson, Bobby Giles, Paul Dillard, Gwen Pittman, Marilyn Brooks, Caroline Lee and Eddie Sheppard who all especially need our prayers for physical and other difficulties.
- Bunny Baroody is at Heartland of Lexington, 2416 Sunset Blvd in West Columbia, opposite the MacDonalds. She would enjoy a visit or card.
- Paul Dillard was at the hospital briefly Wednesday for a very high potassium level. They got it under control and he was able make the Wed. evening Bible Study. Remember him, and Dianne and Tiffany for their faithfulness.
- Jimmy Lee, Carolyn's husband, is in Lexington Medical center with a growth on his brain. Your prayers for them and a card would be appreciated.
- Jean Glott, of the North Columbia congregation, fell and broke her knee.

“I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting.” - 1 Timothy 2:8

### “BE KINDLY AFFECTIONED ONE TO ANOTHER WITH BROTHERLY LOVE” - Romans 12:10

- Pray for our brothers and sisters who we've been missing recently at the assemblies of the church for worship and Bible study. Visit them; give them a call; write them a card; let them know they are loved and missed and wanted.

Tom and Jackie Adkins    Robert and Michelle Laffoday  
Barbara Berry    Patricia Kelly    Ed Johnson

“Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted. Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.” - Galatians 6:1,2

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

- Ladies Class will meet the Tuesday 11/28 for an important planning meeting.
- Work Team C will meet Sunday 11/26 immediately after the evening assembly at Team Captain Ken Parks' (and Faye's too) home. Please make every effort to attend, you'll be glad you did!
- Work Team D will meet Sunday 12/3 immediately after the evening assembly at Team Captain Jones Gambles, and Dawn's home. Please plan on attending.

“Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.” - Philippians 1:6

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

How do you thank someone? You might shake their hand, or give them a kiss and tell them so, or you might write them a note. But the best way is to **show** them you're thankful for what you've received. God hasn't left us hanging here. In 1 Peter 1:3 God said He would give us “all things that pertain unto life and godliness” and He has done so in giving us a way we can **show** Him we are thankful for the gift of life, hope and peace He has given us through His Son:

“And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins. Use hospitality one to another without grudging. As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.” - 1 Peter 4:8-10

The gifts (manifold grace) we have received He wants us to give to others. As good stewards He doesn't want us to lock up and guard what we've received, instead He wants us to minister, give, the same to others. Show Him you're thankful.— “freely ye have received, freely give” - Matthew 10:8

God gave us His word, to **keep** us from sin, so we might live and be with Him—STUDY IT! This little snippet tells us **what** we should do (walk, even as He walked) and a good reason **why** (he is the propitiation).

“My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him. He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.” - 1 John 2:1-6

- Elders, West Columbia church of Christ

### “AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:42

- Over 50 group will meet Friday December 1, 6 PM, at Harbor Inn Lexington.
- Change Cans for SE Children's home, that members have contributed to, will be counted this Sunday.
- Joshua Manning, Jerry and Lynn's oldest son, will preach for us Sunday AM and their next son Ryan will teach the adult Bible class.
- Bro. Manning's cell phone number is 429-3738, please make a note of it.
- Bro. Manning will be taking pictures for our pictorial directory after the morning worship assembly. Hopefully you won't want to dress any better for the picture than you do for the assembly of the saints—when the Lord is in our midst!

“For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” - Matthew 18:20