

# WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

## WHY'D YOU DO THAT?

What we do is important, but **why** we do what we do is even **more** important. That's because the **why** has to do with our HEARTS and MINDS—the spiritual, eternal part of us. In fact, if our reason for doing something isn't right, the Lord says there's no benefit to us in doing it—no matter how good it might be:

**"And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profits me nothing." - 1 Corinthians 13:3**

Our **reason** for doing something can make all the difference in the world. Consider the difference between jumping into a swimming pool or lake, and being baptized. In either case you're totally immersed. Are we baptized then every time we jump into a pool? **No!** What's the difference? It's our mind—**why** we do it. We have to have the right reason in our mind **before** we're immersed to make that immersion a baptism. If we don't, we've just gotten wet:

**"... even baptism doth also now save us, not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good CONSCIENCE towards God," - 1 Peter 3:21**

This scripture points out the right "**why**" for our actions—conscience towards God. In Acts chapter 10, the Lord tells us of Cornelius, a righteous man who God thought so much of, that he expressly sent the apostle Peter to him. Why?

**"But in every nation, he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him." - Acts 10:35**

Good works, done with conscience towards God, made Cornelius **acceptable** in God's sight. Good works without thought of God do us no good. Look at the Pharisees. The Lord told us how they did everything to be seen of **men** (Matt. 23:5); how they compassed land and sea to make a proselyte (Matt 23:15) but in **vain** because they weren't thinking of God—they were doing it for MAN'S praise.

In doing God's work, let's ignore the opinions of men: their praise or reproach. Instead, let's think of our God and how He thinks of us. Let's work for Him only:

**"So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me." - Hebrews 13:6**

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

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"Two Choices"  
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"God's Promises, Yes And Amen"

**"The like figure wherunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:" 1 Peter 3:21**  
(Editors note: Ran out of room in this bulletin—VBS wrap up in next edition)

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

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Sunday 11 AM, 6 PM Assembly  
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## “PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER” - James 5:16

- **REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** Beryl Parks, Margaret Herring, Nina Ruth Meadows (Marcella Klieves' mother), Jack and Elma Berrier, Nathaniel Manning (Jerry and Lynn's grandson) and our shut-ins Zudora Clegg, and Phyllis Johnson.
- Anna Porter is not at all well and not able to get out.
- Margaret Herring is not well at this time either.
- Jerry Manning fell and hit his head, which could have been very serious in light of his past neck surgery. He's slowly recovering.
- John Berrier is losing much weight in his fight with cancer.
- Elder Donald Klieves has recovered well from his shoulder surgery and is working, but his job as a construction electrician takes a lot out of him.
- Garland Matthews is still in Lexington Medical Center fighting a blood infection. So many have been visiting and calling our beloved brother, that he's not been able to get much rest so the family requests that you remember him in your prayers, but please refrain temporarily from visiting and calling the hospital.
- Brothers Paul Dillard and Ron Banks continue to suffer ill health but are able to come to the assembly of the saints.
- Our faithful brother, Craig Robinson, a long distance truck driver, was able to make the Wed. evening Bible study after being on the road for several weeks. He is thankful for our prayers and requests prayers for Frank Bovain who has some special needs at this time and also that he obey the Gospel.
- Ed Kelleher was out Sunday evening with a neck and shoulder strain that now might turn out to be due to a pinched nerve.
- Jones Gamble requests prayers for Betty Worthlin who is in ill health.
- Lynn Manning and the boys are visiting Lynn's mom in New York. They hope to be back Friday August 10. John Manning has finished his summer courses at MSOP and will be traveling with his brother Ryan up to New York to visit also.

“Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.” - Romans 13:9

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

- All are invited to stay and share a meal and fellowship after the morning assembly.
- Remember the work at LCDC in your prayers. Brother Manning is experiencing much persecution from some in authority there for effectively teaching the truth. Many prisoners want, and need, to obey God and be baptized into Christ for the forgiveness of their sins, but are prevented from doing so. Also remember William Horan, an inmate in Pod G, who is teaching others the truth and wants to be baptized himself, but is hindered by the authorities. Send a card or letter to him at: PO Box 2019, PG-5 Lexington, SC 29071

“That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God” - Colossians 1:10

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

Our cup continues to run over! Yet another precious soul heard the Gospel, believed, repented and was buried with Christ in baptism. Janette Reeves, Lamar Reeves' mother, came forward during the invitation extended after our Wednesday evening Bible study. She had been studying the Bible with our evangelist. She made the good confession before all and was baptized by one of the elders for the remission of her sins and was added by God to His church. Her son, Lamar has been attending and studying faithfully since his recent baptism but was away on family business at the time. Remember Janette in your prayers. God is so good to us and continues to bless our efforts. Praise His Holy name, that He remembers us and has provided us such a great hope and such faithful servants.

Pray for our new brothers and sister in Christ, Alton Elledge, Richard Smith, Stephanie Westfall, Lamar Reeves, Rosa Smith, Ivette Watkins, Billy Carter, Michael Hutchinson, Kaitlyn Sheppard, Brian Stanhope and Janette Reeves.

“And who is he that will harm you, if ye be followers of that which is good?” - 1 Peter 3:13

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

- **Gospel Meeting**, North Columbia church of Christ, Sun-Thu, 8/12-8/16/2007. We'll be going out door knocking in the neighborhood Saturday to find those who would like to study the Bible and invite all to attend the meeting. The theme will be the 7 churches in Asia. Brother Manning will be speaking Monday night. The North Columbia congregation faithfully supported our VBS. Let us show our appreciation and love for their zeal by supporting their meeting! It will be good for all!
- Don't forget our Gospel Meeting starting Sunday September 30 and going through Wednesday October 3 with Keith A. Mosher, Sr., Dean of Academics at Memphis School of Preaching (MSOP). Each weekday we'll also be meeting at 10 am to discuss the book of Romans.

“For here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come.” - Hebrews 13:14

## “WEEP WITH THEM THAT WEEP” - Romans 12:15

Lynn Branum died from injuries suffered in an automobile accident. He was close to our brothers Billy and Keith Carter.

“Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort;” - 2 Corinthians 1:3

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

- The elders will meet with the men at 1:30 pm and the ladies at 5 pm to discuss the work of the church here at West Columbia. All men and women of the congregation and visitors are encouraged to attend the appropriate meeting. Among other things, we'll be discussing our recent VBS to see how we might improve for next year. Also, we'll discuss the upcoming Gospel Meetings and things we need to do to prepare and maximize their success.