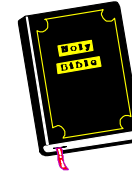


WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

Dishes, Pots, Pans and US

Choosing a dish, a pot or a container isn't something we think much about. If asked, I'd bet you'd say, "Well, I just look for one **large** enough to hold what I want to put in it". But there are other things we consider without even being aware of it.

For example, does it **leak**? A dish with a crack might be alright to hold candy in, but we wouldn't use it for soup. Is it **strong**? Something strong enough to hold popcorn might break if loaded with sand or rocks from the garden. Is it **clean**? A glass with a lipstick stain will likely go back in the sink. Is it **appropriate**? A dish the dogs have eaten from probably won't find it's way to the table when company comes for dinner. No, when we look for a container to use, there's actually quite a bit we look for.

It's the same with **us** and the Lord you know. The Lord thinks of **us** as **vessels**, things He can use in different ways—or not at all. Do we **leak** and lose what the Lord has given us, or do we hold fast the faithful word? Are we **strong** and able to bear up under heavy loads or do we fail at the mildest of temptations? Are we **clean** or have we soiled ourselves with the cares and things of this world? Are we appropriate—**are we holy**, or have we fallen back to sinful ways as pigs returning to wallow in the mire? The Lord has much work he wants done. He's not willing that any perish, but all should come to repentance (2 Peter 3:9). Who will he choose to **help** with that work? If we want Him to use **us**, we have to remember that we've repented from dead works and want to serve God instead. The Lord chose Paul to write much of the New Testament. There was a reason. He can choose us also, or not, to accomplish His will. Are you getting ready?

"But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth, and some to honor and some to dishonor. If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honor, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work." - 2 Timothy 2:20,21

Let's be faithful, and hold fast what the Lord has given us: His **word** and the **hope of glory** with Him in heaven. Let's **purge** ourselves of the things of this world and not dirty ourselves with them. If we do, God will be pleased to use **us** as vessels of honor to His eternal glory.

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

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“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

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“PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER” - James 5:16

- **REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** **Beryl Parks, 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.**
- Keep **Margaret Herring** in your prayers as she is being tried.
- **Brothers Frank Allen** came forward Sunday morning, and **Craig Robinson** came forward Wednesday evening, both requesting the prayers of the church.
- **Jason Parks** is to have surgery to remove a cyst under his one good eye and there is some danger that he might lose his sight completely.
- **Dawn Gamble** is having surgery Thursday to repair her broken leg and ankle.
- **Steve Matthews** requests prayers for his next door neighbor who has been diagnosed with very serious cancer.
- **Eddie Sheppard** went to the ER after the Wed. evening bible study with a hernia that was acting up. He's home resting but will have to visit his surgeon.
- **Tom Rinehart** is to go to Charleston for treatment of some neck problems.
- **Keith Carter** is traveling back and forth to North Carolina. He's staying with some faithful members of the church in Kannapolis. Keith requests prayers for his West Columbia room mate, **Vick**, who is suffering sciatic nerve problems.
- **Also remember: Nick Matthews, and Paula and Kelly Kennedy** and family after the recent passing of Garland; **Carolyn Lee** who wasn't well Wednesday; **Billy Carter** who's been having some kidney problems; **Beryl Parks** whose health is declining; and **Travis Capron** as he is to deploy to **Iraq** shortly.
- **Jan Kelleher** and **Merrie Christmus** are in Nashville with Julia and Chris.
- **Carolyn Stidham** remains in Baptist hospital for rehab after knee surgery.
- Let's be **thankful** that: **Evalina Lowe** returned safely from Arkansas; **Ann Kennedy** made it safely to Boston to start her new job; **Ashley Bedenbaugh** had a healthy baby girl; and that **Trevia Parks, Grant Parks, Anna Porter, and Jerry Manning** are all doing better.

“Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing.” - 1 Thessalonians 5:16,17

“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:42

- 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**

“In every thing give thanks:

for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.” - 1 Thessalonians 5:18

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

- If you'd like an audio copy of Sunday sermons, deacon Ken Parks asks that you please put a note in **The Box.**
- We had an excellent turnout Sunday evening when we all met at the North Columbia church of Christ for the first evening of their Gospel Meeting. Brother **Matthew Johnson** brought an excellent, spiritually edifying lesson on the church at **Pergamos** (Rev 2:12-17). Bro. **Manning** spoke powerfully and with great insight Monday night on the church at **Thyatira**. Tuesday we were all warned by the lesson of the church at **Sardis** brought thoroughly and ably by **Jon Macon**. We've had excellent attendance every evening and all were greatly built up in faith. We look forward to hearing Brother **Macon** speak Thursday night on the church at **Philadelphia**. Thursday afternoon the youth from North Columbia and West Columbia got together at the Manning home for a time of prayer, singing and bible study with lessons by **John Manning** and **Matthew Macon** and hamburgers afterward.
- 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.

“Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy.” - Revelation 3:4

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

We thank God on hearing that young **Nathaniel Manning** shows no more brain deterioration in a recent MRI. He'll be going to developmental classes for autistic children. Pray that the Lord will be merciful and bless his progress.

“O praise the LORD, all ye nations: praise him, all ye people.

For his merciful kindness is great toward us: and the truth of the LORD endureth for ever. Praise ye the LORD.” - Psalm 117

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

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.** We are missing several who are being sorely tempted by Satan and encouraged by the faithfulness of the others.

- Elders, West Columbia church of Christ, South Carolina

“Let love be without dissimulation.

Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good.
Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love;
in honour preferring one another;” - Romans 12:10