

WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

SINGING to WHOM?

The Lord has reasons for what He asks us to do. Trying to discern those reasons will help us better **do** what He wants. Take singing for instance. Who do we sing to? Why? Here are some things the Lord has said:

"Speaking to YOURSELVES in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your hearts to the LORD;" - Ephesians 5:19

"Teaching and admonishing ONE ANOTHER in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the LORD." - Colossians 3:16

Here, the Lord tells us there are **two** parts to our singing. First, there's a **physical** part, the actual words we **speak** with our mouths that others around us can **hear**. These words are to **teach** and **admonish**. Therefore, they **must** be **good** words, true and upright, able and fit to teach and admonish. They can't be vain or empty words, or teach **contrary** to the scripture. That's another reason to not **hum or whistle, clap our hands**, or use an **organ or piano**—they don't teach or admonish. **We** do—with our **words** and **voices**. And we must speak with our voices to be obedient to God's command. If we remain **silent**, we **aren't** singing as God commanded. He won't be happy if we don't obey (read **1 Samuel 15:22**).

The second part of our singing is **spiritual**. It's the part you and I can **not** hear—the melody and grace in our **hearts!** The Lord however **can hear** and know our **hearts**, that part is for Him. An **organ or piano** doesn't have a heart; it won't last for eternity; the Lord isn't interested in them. He's interested in **us** and our **eternal** hearts and the **melody of love and faith and grace** that must be in them.

Just as our worship must be in spirit and in truth, so must our singing be in spirit to the Lord, and in truth (God's Word, **John 17:17**) to one another.

Let's think about **how, why and what** we sing, to make sure we're doing what the Lord wants us to do. It will make Him happy with us, and that's a **good** thing!

"I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also." - 1 Cor. 14:15

- Ed Kelleher, elder, West Columbia church of Christ

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**“Be not deceived; God is not mocked;
for whatsoever a man soweth,
that shall he also reap.” - Galatians 6:7**

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, 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.
- Remember **Melissa and Jason Parks in your prayers** as Jason is facing eye surgery and his work is keeping him away from home. It's difficult for them both.
- Keep **Margaret Herring** in your prayers as she is being tried.
- **Betty Mathis** went to the hospital last Sunday with a rapid heartbeat. She's to have a defibrillator implanted to help with this.
- **Glenda Porter, Anna Porter's** daughter-in-law, has breast cancer.
- **Gwen Pittman's** back was acting up Wednesday and she was unable to get out.
- **Paula Kennedy** requests prayers for her friend **Becky Wishart** who is a 3 year cancer survivor, but has to have a biopsy of another suspicious lump.
- **Dawn Gamble** is home after surgery to repair her broken leg and ankle. The discomfort is subsiding and she is able to sleep and get around the house some.
- **Caroline Lee** requests prayers for her son-in-law's (**Scott Jared**) aunt, **Ann Rose** who was in critical condition after a car accident.
- Remember brothers **Keith Carter** and **Craig Robinson**; they are traveling much.
- **Billy Carter** is home recovering from outpatient surgery. Let's pray for his relief.
- **Eddie Sheppard** came forward Sunday requesting the prayers of the church.

"Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and God of all comfort; Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God." - 2 Corinthians 1:3,4

“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**

And David said unto Saul, Thy servant kept his father's sheep, and there came a lion, and a bear, and took a lamb out of the flock: And I went out after him, and smote him, and delivered it out of his mouth: and when he arose against me, I caught him by his beard, and smote him, and slew him. Thy servant slew both the lion and the bear: and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be as one of them, seeing he hath defied the armies of the living God. David said moreover, The LORD that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, he will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine." - 1 Samuel 17:34-37

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

- **Anne Kennedy's** new address is: **74 Waverly St, Everett, Mass, 02149**
- If you'd like an audio copy of Sunday sermons, deacon **Ken Parks** asks that you please put a note in **The Box**.
- 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 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." - Heb. 6:10

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

Brother **Manning's** laptop computer was stolen from the church building last Saturday. It had all his sermons, Bible study programs, class notes from MSOP, etc. on it. The police are hopeful of a recovery. Jerry said it was a small thing and went on to preach 2 powerful sermons Sunday (though all his notes were on the computer).

"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." - Philippians 4:13

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

Holly and Ray Wilson were blessed with a new addition to their family. **Michael Ethan Wilson** (9 lbs. 1 oz) was born last Sunday about 11:30 am. All are fine!

"Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, *be* unto our God for ever and ever. Amen." - Revelation 7:12

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

A Gospel Meeting involves a lot of people working together, but let's remember **who** is the most important worker of all:

"I have planted, Apollos watered; but **GOD** gave the increase.
So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth;
but **GOD** that giveth the increase." - 1 Corinthians#3:6,7

Remember to **PRAY** to **GOD** for our meeting, and especially for those who haven't heard God's word. Let's pray that **WE'LL** be strengthened and encouraged to **TELL** and **SHOW** people that there is a **GOD** and that he's given us the **BIBLE** so that we might know His will. Remember our Gospel Meeting. Tell someone. Give them a call, give them some hope! **Pray** about it!

- Elders, West Columbia church of Christ

"The Lord is ... longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance" - 2 Peter 3:9

"freely ye have received, freely give." - Matthew 10:8