

# WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

## THE HEARTS OF GOD’S PEOPLE

The **hearts** of people have always been important to God. Not that physical blood pump in our chest, but that *spiritual* heart that moves us. This is more important to God than the physical, or outward, man. After all, it's our heart (the spiritual one) that we'll take with us to eternity, not our bodies.

The Lord had these words for Samuel when he had been sent to choose a new king (David) to replace Saul:

**“Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature;... for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart.” - 1 Samuel 16:7**

Seeing then that we want to spend eternity with our God, it would be wise for us to be looking at our **own hearts**, to see how we can better **form** them. But, it's a hard thing to do, to see our own heart and how to change it:

**“The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it? I the Lord search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doing.” - Jeremiah 17:9-10**

The way for us then to learn about hearts is from God's Word. He's recorded for us there many different **people** and types of hearts, some good, some not so good, and some bad - and a way for us to see and understand them.

**"For out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaketh." - Matthew 12:43**

As you read in your Bible then, especially in the book of Acts, look for the **people** and ask yourself these questions:

- What did this person (or people) **say**, what did they **do**?
- Was it good or bad? Did God approve or not? **Who** benefited?
- **Why** do we have their example recorded? What can we learn from it?
- What made them do it? What reward could they expect? If a physical reward, were they doing right?

Trying to search out the hearts of people in the scripture **won't be easy**. But it will be rewarding (“Seek and ye shall find”, Matt 7:7) and will help us come to a better understanding of **our hearts** and of **Godliness**.

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

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RECORDS 10/21/2007

SERMONS 10/28/2007

Sun 10 AM Bible Study: 54  
Sun 11 AM Assembly: 87  
Sun 6 PM Assembly: 62  
Weds 7 PM Bible Study: 53  
CONTRIBUTION: \$1903

AM: Jerry Manning  
JOSHUA'S FAREWELL ADDRESS  
PM: Jerry Manning  
THE CYCLE OF APOSTASY

**“Let us consider one another to provoke unto love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together” - Hebrews 10:24,25**

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

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### SERVICES

Sunday 10 AM Bible Study  
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, Nina Ruth Meadows (Marcella Klieves' mother), Jack and Elma Berrier, Nathaniel Manning (Jerry and Lynn's grandson) and Phyllis Johnson.
- Lamar Reeves has been ill and not able to make the assembly.
- Jean Boyd was in urgent care Sunday with a serious infection.
- Keith Carter's sister, Susan, might have Lyme's disease.
- Don Klieves has been out of work for 3 weeks and is seeking employment.
- Jerry Manning's sister, Lynn Drago, is fighting colon cancer.
- Judy Walker's son was in a car accident, but escaped serious injury.
- Lynn Manning's brother and sister-in-law, John and Heidi Welsh, are in California and threatened by the fires.
- Remember brother Manning and his bible studies at LCDC.
- Remember all these, and Craig Robinson who is on the road a lot as a truck driver, in your prayers and also remember to thank our God that Eddie Sheppard, Anna Porter, Gerald Boyd and Paul Dillard continue to improve.

"This is my comfort in my affliction: for thy word hath quickened me"- Psalm 119:50

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

- We need volunteers to clean the building in November and December.
- Ken Parks asks that people requesting CD's, for themselves or others, please put **THEIR** names on the request so he can know who to contact.
- Work Team B met at the Kelleher home after the evening assembly last Sunday for a brief devotional.
- Work Team C will meet this Sunday after the morning assembly at the Manning's.
- Scrap-booking Saturday November 10, 2-5 pm at the building.
- Turn your clocks back next Sunday, November 4.

"Let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap if we faint not. As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men." - Galatians 6:9,10

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

- We rejoice that Benjamin Brown came forward confessing he had been too long gone from God's church and wanted to be restored to Christ. Benjamin recently moved here from Greenville.
- Margie Banks' biopsy results came back negative—no cancer.

"But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear."

- 1 Peter 3:15

Strive to get **CLOSER TO HEAVEN IN 2007!**

## **The Facts of the Gospel**

**1 Cor. 15:1-8** — Whatever else the Christian system unfolds in the New Testament, it is first of all a record of historical facts. It is a divine revelation, an unveiling of man, a body of ethical precepts — it became a religious system. In these scriptures a story of fundamental, primary facts are found.

**“That Christ died.”** This is recorded by Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. The fact of His death, like the fact of His life, is universally conceded. The apostle Paul takes us back to the saddest scene ever enacted upon the earth, to the darkest day in the world's history. But, the greatest blessing ever offered mankind became available because of what happened that day.

(a) As a sacrificial victim: “For our sins.” Jesus did not die merely as a martyr, but also as an expiatory offering on account of our sins. John 1:29; 1 John 3:5; Gal. 1:4; Titus 2:14.

(b) As a fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy: “According to the Scriptures.” It was not just the will of wicked men, but also in fulfillment of God's divine plan for saving man from our sins, that Christ died, Isa. 53:1-8

**“That He was buried.”** Jesus Christ, being human as well as divine, touched life at every point. He began as an infant at Bethlehem, and ended in a tomb just outside of Jerusalem. He was buried in a borrowed tomb — another point in His humiliation.

(a) In a place of beauty. The tomb was in a garden, a lovely spot fashioned by the hands of a rich man. John 19:38-42.

(b) In a place of purity. It was "in a new tomb wherein was never man yet laid." Matt. 27:60. He who came to resurrection and life, even his body did not see corruption. Psalm 16:10.

**“That He has been raised.”** Jesus' resurrection is declared in Matt. 28; Mark 16; Luke 24; John 20. (a) "On the third day". Jesus foretold this in Matt. 16:21. On the first day of the week, which became the day of worship for Christians. Acts 20:7, I Cor. 16:1-2

**“That He was seen.”** By Cephas, by the twelve – by over 500 brethren, by James, by all the apostles, and the last by Paul. All of these were eye-witnesses to His resurrection.

These facts are enough to compel us to:

- **Believe in Christ, John 8:24;**
- **Repent Acts 2:38;**
- **Confess Christ publicly, Matt. 10:32;**
- **Be baptized into Christ, Acts 2:38; Rom. 6:3-5.**
- **Live faithfully Rev. 2:10.**

And then enjoy the blessings of eternal life ...

- Jerry Blount, elder, Pleasant Valley church of Christ, Wichita, Kansas