

WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

Night Church

A Bible class teacher urged her young class to come back for the night-time service. One of the children replied, “My mommy and daddy just won’t go to *night* church.” Many times children “tell all,” and I’m sure this was one of those times. The child was probably expressing, word for word, what the parent had verbalized on various occasions. Unfortunately, this is a problem that is entirely too prevalent in the church today.

But...what about those who “won’t go” to the night services? Well, first of all, they ignore great Bible examples of night-time learning. Nicodemus went to Jesus at night for the great lesson on new birth (*John 3:3-5*). The Philippians jailor was converted at night (*Acts 16*). Peter was delivered from prison at night (*Acts 12:6-10*). The “day service only” brethren would have missed all these blessings!

Second, the “day only” brethren miss two thirds of all regular services of the church when they miss Sunday and Wednesday nights! Could a student pass in school by attending only one-third of the time? Is the success of the church less important than these?

Third, the “day only” brethren show that they do not believe such services are necessary, that they are not interested in the lost at those services, and that they will work harder for material things than for spiritual things.

Do you attend the night-time services? If not—why not?

- Kirk Talley, minister, Livingston church of Christ, Livingston, TN

“And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.” - Hebrews 10:24,25

This is one way to ...

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RECORDS 1/6/2008

Sun 10 AM Bible Study: 46
Sun 11 AM Assembly: 90
Sun 6 PM Assembly: 56
Weds 7 PM Bible Study: 43
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SERMONS 1/13/2008

AM: Jerry Manning
CONFESSION OF FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST, Part 1
PM: Jerry Manning
CONFESSION OF FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST, Part 2

“Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart,
and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.
This is the first and great commandment.” - Matthew 22:36,37

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), Lynn Drago (Jerry's sister) and Phyllis Johnson.
- **Elleen Lester, Janet Boyd's** mother, is in Lexington Hospital with a kidney and blood infection, but is improving, much to everyone's relief..
- **Jennifer Falstidge, Don and Nancy Field's** daughter had a seizure and is still troubled by complications from child birth.
- **Ron Banks** is down with a bad case of the flu.
- The **Dillards** are down also, but doing better, as is **Eddie Sheppard**.
- Prayers are requested for **Lindy Lucas, Katrina Freeman's** mother-in-law who is recovering from surgery for breast cancer.
- **Marilyn Brooks** requests prayers for her uncle **Herman Oliver** who is on life support in Michigan, that he will have strength to pull through.
- **Jerry** requests prayers for his sister, **Lynn Drago** who is gravely ill with cancer, that she obey the Gospel.
- Remember all these and brother **Manning** and his bible studies at LCDC and Heartland assisted living center in your prayers.

"And Jesus answering said: Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine?"

There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger."

- Luke 17:17,18

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

- **Brian Parks** was recognized as an Eagle Scout last Saturday. This is a great honor for which he worked long and hard.
- **Wanda Manning, Jerry and Lynn's** daughter-in-law has good news. The fast growing tumor in her neck was benign. Surgery is still planned for the 28th because the tumor is growing quickly and the surgery will be very difficult. Thank God for His abundant mercy and pray Wendy will recover quickly and fully.

“... and all the people rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by him.”

- Luke 13:17

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

- **Jamie McCue**, a friend of **Steve Matthews** succumbed to his cancer. Remember the family in your prayers.

"Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." -Galatians 6:2

Prayer is a good way to ...

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“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:42

- **Youth Rally** at St. Andrews Road, Saturday 1/26/2008.
- Area wide **singing** at the **Twin City church** in Batesburg, Sunday 1/27/2008.
- New, up to date, **directories** are printed and available in the foyer.

"And let ours also learn to maintain good works for necessary uses, that they be not unfruitful" - Titus 3:14

SITTING ON TWO CHAIRS

Luciano Pavarotti, the famous tenor, once told this story:

“When I was a boy, my father (a baker) introduced me to the wonders of song. He urged me to work very hard to develop my voice. Arrigo Pola, a professional tenor in my hometown of Modena, Italy, took me as a pupil. I also enrolled in a teachers college.

“On graduating, I asked my father, ‘Shall I be a teacher or a singer?’ “Luciana,’ my father replied, ‘if you try to sit on two chairs, you will fall between them. For life, you must choose one chair.’”

“I chose one. It took seven years of study and frustration before I made my first professional appearance. It took another seven to reach the Metropolitan Opera. And now, I think whether it's laying bricks, writing a book—whatever we choose—we should give ourselves to it. Commitment—that's the key. Choose one chair.”

Pavarotti's words are not only good advice in choosing a career but also good spiritual advice. Too often, the mistake we make is that we are too divided. We want to focus on both the things of this world and the things of God—but it's not possible.

Pavarotti explained it this way: “If you try to sit on two chairs, you will fall between them.”

Jesus explained it like this:

“No man can serve two masters.

**For either he will hate the one and love the other,
or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other.
Ye cannot serve God and mammon” (Matt. 6:24).**

- Alan Smith, minister, Helen Street church of Christ, Fayetteville, NC

Don't halt between two opinions ...

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