

WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

I NEVER INTENDED TO QUIT!

A man who had not attended one service of the church in four years told me he had never thought of “quitting” the church. I reminded him that he had:

1. Withdrawn his presence from the worship services. He had failed to sing, to pray with fellow-Christians, to partake of the Lord’s memorial supper and the fellowship of the saints.
2. He had refused to give his moral support to the activities of the congregation.
3. He had withdrawn his financial support, for he had not given one dime to help carry on the Lord’s work.

Then I asked, “What else would you have to do in order to ‘quit’ the church? In case you ever decide that you no longer desire to be a member, what other steps will be necessary to ‘quit’ the church?”

As the true status dawned upon him, his expression reflected his sober thoughts. He replied, “Why, Brother Nichols, I have quit already, haven’t I? Well, I surely didn’t mean to! And I don’t know when I did it...but I’ve quit the Lord and His church! I’ll tell you right now...I’m coming back.” He did, too. At the next service, he was restored and three years later, he was still faithful.

Dear reader, how about you? Have you quit the Lord and His church without resolving to do so? Perhaps no one deliberately decides to quit, but many carelessly drift into backsliding.

If you quit attending services, quit boosting the program of activities planned by the elders and quit giving as God has prospered you to enable the congregation to meet its budget, you need to be restored.

— Gus Nichols (1892-1975), Gospel Preacher

“Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.” - Romans 1:21

But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?” - James 2:20

DON'T QUIT... OUT WITH SIN IN 2010!

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RECORDS 4/4/2010

Sun 10 AM Bible Study: 56
Sun 11 AM Assembly: 89
Sun 6 PM Assembly: 45
Weds 7 PM Bible Study: 50
CONTRIBUTION: \$2190

SERMONS 4/11/2010

AM: Jerry Manning
WHEN WE ALL GET TO HEAVEN
PM: John Manning
EACH IN HIS OWN WAY

DON'T FORGET GOD—OUT WITH SIN IN 2010

“Lest when thou hast eaten and art full, and hast built goodly houses, ... and all that thou hast is multiplied; then thine heart be lifted up, and thou forget the Lord thy God, which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage;” - Deuteronomy 8:12-14

A Warm Welcome awaits you at all our services. Come see!
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Wednesday 7 PM Bible Study
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Nursery provided

Bible Classes for all ages

LADIES CLASS

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“PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER” - James 5:16

- **REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** Lamar Reeves, Nina Ruth Meadows (Marcella Klieves' mother), Jack and Elma Berrier, Lynn Drago (Jerry's sister) and Phyllis Johnson.
- **Vernicia Matthews** has contracted pneumonia in the hospital. She moved to hospice care Wed. afternoon. Fortunately, Katy was able to make it home, which made Vernicia happy. Pray for her and the family.
- **Chris Parks** is in France till April 14, with other French exchange students.
- **Don Klieves** requests prayers as he looks for new work; his old job is finished.
- **Dianne Manz** requests prayers for her daughter **Lisa Zeruth** who was very ill but is home from the hospital now. Pray that she will recover and she and her husband will be receptive to the Gospel; they're studying with our evangelist.
- **Eddie Sheppard** was able to make it to our assembly last Sunday.
- **We have many that are ill: Vernicia Matthews, Marilyn Brooks, Ron Banks, Margaret Herring, Jean Boyd, Anna Porter, Sue Eiland, Craig Robinson, Carolyn Lee, and Margie DeYoung.**
- Remember all these in your prayers. Write them a card, give them a call, let them know you're praying for them and see if they'd like a visit:
- **Brother Manning** has many Bible studies during the week, remember them.

"Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love;
in honor preferring one another;" - Romans 12:10

“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:42

- **First Sunday** luncheon and business meeting are **this week**.
- We need a teacher for the **Pre School** class, also teachers for **VBS** needed.
- **Youth Camping** trip, Fri-Sat, April 9-10.
- **Youth Devo SATURDAYS 7 pm, College age Bible study TUESDAYS 7 pm.**
- **Any of the men of the congregation** with a desire to teach are encouraged to see brother **Manning** to prepare some Wednesday night devotionals/invitations. We were all encouraged by our brother **Lamar Reeves** who gave a devotional and invitation again, last Wednesday.
- **Pantry items** to bring to the church building. Remember, pop-tops are best.

4/11 Chef Boyardee Spaghetti & Meatballs 4/4 Delmonte Sliced Pears

“Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.” - James 5:20

OUT WITH SIN IN 2010!

“REBUKE A WISE MAN AND HE WILL LOVE THEE” Pr 9:8

HAVE YOU NAMED THE NAME OF CHRIST?

“Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity. 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 honour, and some to dishonour. If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work.” - 2 Timothy 2:19-21

The Lord knows us by our works—not our intentions. Are you striving to put away, or purge, the things of the world so you might be an honorable vessel, one God will be pleased with? If so, **rejoice** for God knows it. If not, **repent**, for God knows that too.

A FEW OTHER THINGS TO CONSIDER:

Those who make the Sunday 11AM worship assembly, **should** be able to make the **Sunday AM Bible Study as well!** There are good bible classes being taught Sunday AM. We **all** need them. The church **will not grow in faith and love** as the Lord wants if **you** don't attend. Make the effort to attend **all** our meetings—**it's important!** Don't forsake the assembly by missing classes!

“God loves a cheerful giver.” So says the **Holy Spirit** as recorded by Paul in **2 Corinthians 9:7**. That's good! But, what will God think if instead of giving cheerfully, **you** give grudgingly, or give a pittance, or nothing at all?? If you're spending more on **hobbies** or **recreation** than God—**don't!** **God says give** as you've been prospered! Many are giving sacrificially—some are **not**. Examine yourself. Remember what God sacrificed for you. Does it hurt you to give? Remember the agony Christ suffered on that cross for you. What are you telling God you think of the sacrifice of His son, the one you claim as your savior, with your contribution? He **is** watching—and waiting for you to do the right thing! Give cheerfully and liberally.

Does your **hectic schedule** prevent you making the bible classes? Does **limited income** leave you little to give? You're not up to door knocking and inviting people to visit us? You don't feel you're able to teach a class? You need to work on those things, and the best way is to get **more involved?** Here's how: **Grab a copy of the directory and call the other members to see how they're doing! Volunteers** are needed to **clean the building** in upcoming months. Set your own schedule, work alone if you wish, the church provides all the material. This is a good way **you** can **participate** in and support the **good work** going on here at West Columbia. If you're willing to team up with others, sign up and we'll put teams together. Many are working very hard. This is a good way **you** can join in and encourage them! Don't wait, sign up now! And these things will help you learn to do others. If you can't do even that ...

“I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.” - Revelation 3:16,17

— Ed Kelleher, West Columbia church of Christ.