

WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

WHY DO YOU TROUBLE HER?

Have you ever done something good and had others laugh or mock or criticize you for it? How did you feel about it? Did it make you want to do more? No, something like that tends to discourage us from doing more. That's too bad because that's **exactly** what Satan wants.

In the Bible (**Mark 14:3-6**) is the account of a woman that gave a tremendous gift to our Lord Jesus by anointing him with very precious ointment. (If a man worked a whole day for a penny back then, then 300 pennies worth of ointment would be worth at least a year's salary, very conservatively at least \$10,000.)

The Lord was pleased, but others criticized her and said "What a waste, this could have been sold and given to the poor". How do you think this woman might have felt at this. How would **you** have felt if you had just given \$10,000 to someone and were criticized for it?

This was a woman of great faith and understanding because she realized that Jesus was to die, something the other disciples hadn't quite grasped yet. Jesus spoke up for this woman, to encourage her (and us), saying, "Why do you trouble her?". He said that this thing she had done was a **good work**. One that would be remembered wherever the gospel was preached. And we know of it today. What a memorial, one that will never fade because she didn't let men trouble her.

The point is—we can have the same! **If** we don't let ourselves get discouraged in our good works and, in thinking of what others might say, not do them. Let's not consider the praise **or** the reproach of men. Instead, let's remember who our Master is, what He is like, and serve Him only:

"God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labor of love, which you have shown toward his name, in that you have ministered to the saints, and do minister." - Heb. 6:10

Men may forget what we do. Men may misunderstand us. Men may criticize us for showing them up. But God knows our hearts and will **never** miss or forget what we do in His name. Let's take courage from this and not be afraid to do what we think is right and good. Don't let people trouble you—look to God for your reward.

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

CONTINUE TO DO GOOD ... OUT WITH SIN IN 2010!

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RECORDS 8/29/2010

Sun 10 AM Bible Study: 42
Sun 11 AM Assembly: 65
Sun 6 PM Assembly: 39
Weds 7 PM Bible Study: 42
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SERMONS 9/5/2010

AM: Jerry Manning
WANDERING AWAY FROM GOD
PM: Jerry Manning
LABOR DAY

“And he said unto them,
Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.
He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved;” - Mark 16:15,16

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“PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER” - James 5:16

- **REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** Margaret Herring, Jimmy Gist, Jean Godley, Amy Wintermute, Lamar Reeves, Nina Ruth Meadows (Marcella Klieves' mother), Jack and Elma Berrier, Lynn Drago (Jerry's sister) and Phyllis Johnson.
- Marilyn Brooks is home and doing some better.
- Keep the **Stoyk's** in your prayers as they visit family in .
- We have many that are ill: **Jean Boyd, Eddie Sheppard, Margaret Herring, Marilyn Brooks, Ron Banks, Deborah Stoyk, 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.
- **Lamar Reeves** address while he is attending the Central Carolina school of preaching is: **1042 Marina Ln, Sumter, SC 29153** Phone: **(803) 414-4677**
- **Ryan Sheppard** is in Basic Training, he can get letters, but nothing else—no packages or news clippings etc. He'd be sure to appreciate a card though:
**PVT Ryan Sheppard, 2nd Platoon, BCO 1-46 Bldg 6546,
3576 Willson Road, Ft Knox, KY 40121**

"Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God." - Philippians 4:6

“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:42

- **Lord's Business meeting** 4:30 pm at the building, all men are encouraged to attend.
- **WORK DAY!** Next Saturday 9am at the building before our Gospel Meeting. We'll touch up and get to what we didn't the prior Saturday. We will also hand out flyers inviting people in the neighborhood to the meeting.
- **Encourage your brothers and sisters, for whom Christ died;** Get a copy of the **church directory** and give a call to those you've not seen or had a chance to talk much with recently.
- **REMEMBER! Gospel Meeting** with **David Pharr** coming up Sep 12-15!
- **Building Cleanup** volunteers needed!
- **Youth Devo SATURDAYS 7 pm.**
- **Ron Banks** needs some help mowing his lawn if you're able (it's not big).
- **GOSPEL MEETING**—1st Sunday **fellowship meal POSTPONED** till 2nd Sunday!
- **GOSPEL MEETING**—All are encouraged to stay after the evening meetings: Sun 6pm, Mon-Wed 7pm, to meet with visitors, each other, and discuss the sermon. Bring some finger foods and drinks to share. See **Marcella Klieves** to coordinate this if you'd like.

“Who will render to every man according to his deeds:

To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, eternal life” - Romans 2:6,7

SERVE GOD AND ... OUT WITH SIN IN 2010!

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

- We regret to announce the passing of our brother in Christ, **Jimmy Gist** last Wednesday evening after a long illness. Remember **Jaunize** and the family in your prayers.

“And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? If the LORD be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him.” - 1 Kings 18:21.

If you've made the choice to serve God—Good! Then watch out for this one:

"For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them. But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire." - 2 Peter 2:20-22

Remember, we need to take up our cross **daily**—to die to self daily. It isn't done all at once, baptism is the beginning, not the end. Do something for God **each day**, otherwise we'll windup as He says.

GOSPEL MEETING/GRANDPARENTS DAY/FELLOWSHIP MEAL: The September 1st Sunday **fellowship meal will be postponed** until the 2nd Sunday (9/12) as it will be the first day of our gospel meeting. As it is also Grandparents Day, we are encouraging you to invite your grandparents and great grandparents to the gospel meeting and stay for the fellowship meal after the morning worship service. If you do not have any grandparents able to come this day, then adopt some and grandparents if you do not have any grandchildren able to attend, then adopt some!

GO YE!

Remember our Gospel Meeting with **David Pharr**, 9/12-15. David will preach the Gospel. Those that hear will be mightily convinced—or condemned. **BUT!** They need to be there to hear—that's our job—to invite people to the meeting to hear the word of God.

“Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage.” - Matthew 22:9

“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, *even* unto the end of the world. Amen.” - Matthew 28:19,20

“Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.” - Mark 16:15

(Remember, we all must give account on judgment day—2 Cor 5:10)