

WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

SHOULD WE BURN THE KORAN?

A couple of years ago, Ralph Williams and I were left in a parked, older model SUV in downtown Chittagong, Bangladesh, while a couple of local Christians and the driver went to get us some luchi frybread and Coca-Colas for breakfast. It was morning rush hour, and the streets were filled with Muslims including not a few clerics and imams. I admit that the sight and experience was unsettling. I have heard the harrowing Muslim calls to prayer in such cities as Banderban, Nairobi, Arusha, and Dar es Salaam, and I cannot agree that it is either comforting or beautiful. Many of the world's trouble spots and areas of conflict center around at least one side adhering to Muslim ideology. In its fundamental form, Muslims who are true to their book will read encouragement to be violent and oppressive. For example, Qu'ran (8:12) says, "I will cast terror into the hearts of those who disbelieve. Therefore strike off their heads and strike off every fingertip of them." Later, one reads, "So when the sacred months have passed away, then slay the idolaters wherever you find them, and take them captives and besiege them and lie in wait for them in every ambush, then if they repent and keep up prayer and pay the poor-rate, leave their way free to them" (Qu'ran 9:5). Some (see www.religionofpeace.com) say at least 109 verses in the Koran call for Muslims to war against those they regard as infidels (unbelievers).

This Saturday, September 11, 2010, marks the ninth anniversary of the attack by Muslim terrorists on New York City, Washington, D.C., and another target thwarted in western Pennsylvania. To mark this infamous date, a community church pastor named Terry Jones is going to burn a few hundred copies of the Koran. Should we commend this response that has drawn international attention and caused many in Iraq and Afghanistan to burn this man in effigy? Is that courage and conviction, and is it that with which our Lord would be pleased?

While I certainly cannot speak for Him, I can look at His Words and follow His example (1 Pet. 2:21; see context). *(Continued on page 3)*

“For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps:” - 1 Peter 2:21

FOLLOW JESUS, AND ... OUT WITH SIN IN 2010!

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RECORDS 9/12/2010

SERMONS 9/19/2010

Sun 10 AM Bible Study: 32
Sun 11 AM Assembly: 65
Sun 6 PM Assembly: 53
Wed 7 PM Bible Study: 50
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AM: Jerry Manning

THE SPIRIT WITHIN US

PM: Jerry Manning

VOICES OF CALVARY - THE WORD OF JUDGMENT

"Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord,
shall enter into the kingdom of heaven;
but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven." - Matthew 7:13

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“PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER” - James 5:16

- **REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** Margaret Herring, Jean Godley, Amy Wintermute, Lamar Reeves, Nina Ruth Meadows (Marcella Klieves' mother), Jack and Elma Berrier, Lynn Drago (Jerry's sister) and Phyllis Johnson.
- Tom Rinehart is to have surgery the 21st at LMC.
- Marilyn Brooks is home, but not well and may need dialysis.
- Jean Boyd has an infection. As it's contagious, please don't visit for awhile.
- Amy Wintermute requests prayers for her niece.
- Wanda Pittman, Gwen's daughter, requests prayers.
- 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

“For indeed he was sick nigh unto death: but God had mercy on him; and not on him only, but on me also, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow.”
-Philippians 2:27

“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:42

- **YOUTH LOCKIN**—Friday the 24th, signup sheet in the foyer.
- **New Directories in foyer:** Encourage your brothers and sisters, for whom Christ died; Give a call to those you've not seen or had a chance to talk much with recently.
- **Check the bulletin boards** for prayer requests, needs of those in the congregation, and area wide events.
- **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).

“Love worketh no ill to his neighbor: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law”
- Romans 13:10

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

- Gene and Evalina Lowe celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary this Saturday.

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

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I can read the writings of His disciples whom the Holy Spirit inspired to record His will and teaching. I can see how John and Paul dealt with Judaism and proto-gnosticism, two of the most pervasive, troubling, and rival religions of the day. They attacked and addressed ideas and doctrines, but they did not burn their books or their idols. While Jesus turned over the money changers table, He did not do so as a member of a different world religion but rather as a practitioner of that religion correcting corruptions He saw within it (Matt. 21:12ff). When books were burned in Acts 19:19, it was done by people who were converted to Christianity and felt convicted in their repentance to graphically get rid of books they now knew should hold no sway over them. Paul did not burn those books in anger or in vengeance.

By the power of the gospel and providence of God, I have been able to sit down and study with Muslims in this country and overseas. Through His Word, I have had the joy of watching men and women leave that religion to follow Christ. Never have I found it effective to try to persuade someone or reach their heart by affronting, offending, and provoking them. We serve the Prince of Peace (cf. Isa. 9:6). He has shown us the way to mature, heavenly love (cf. 1 Cor. 13:4ff). We are to be wise as serpents, but harmless as doves (Matt. 10:16). Jones' action seems neither wise nor harmless. Nor will it advance the cause of Christ or implant the word of Christ in the hearts of the lost. We need to reach those outside of Christ, including those of the Muslim faith, but this is not the way to do it!

- Neal Pollard, Pulpit minister, Bear Valley church of Christ, Denver, Colorado

“For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;”
- 2 Corinthians 10:3,4

“And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all *men*, apt to teach, patient, In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth;” 2 Timothy 2:24,25

Books of the Old Testament—Good to memorize them!

Genesis	2 Samuel	Psalms	Hosea
Exodus	1 Kings	Proverbs	Joel
Leviticus	2 Kings	Ecclesiastes	Amos
Numbers	1 Chronicles	Song of Solomon	Obadiah
Deuteronomy	2 Chronicles	Isaiah	Jonah
Joshua	Ezra	Jeremiah	Micah
Judges	Nehemiah	Lamentations	Nahum
Ruth	Esther	Ezekiel	Habakkuk
1 Samuel	Job	Daniel	Zephaniah