

# WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

## little things are GREAT

Sometimes we're overwhelmed by the size of a job we have to do. We wonder **“where do I start?”** Sometimes we spend so much time wondering, getting ready, and looking for the best thing to do, that we never do anything at all. Nothing gets done, and then we get even more discouraged and quit all together.

But, that's a problem we've made for ourselves. The Lord didn't lay such a great burden on us. He didn't tell us we had to do it all at once! He gave us time: **“If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross DAILY, and follow me.”** - Luke 9:23

A little fruit, every once and awhile, is **so** much better than **no** fruit at all! Let's start right now. There are people we can call or visit. We can think and pray for one another. We can read a book, a chapter, a verse from the Bible. But if we don't plant the seed, how can we expect fruit to grow? If we don't sow, we can't reap. Seeds are little things that grow, so should our actions be.

Let's trust God. He didn't tell us **we** were responsible for the **increase**, that's His job. We're just to plant and water (1 Corinthians 3:6). Let's take care of the **little** things, and leave the GREAT things to God. Let's not be discouraged, remember what God told Paul: **“My grace is sufficient for thee: for MY strength is made perfect in WEAKNESS”** - 2 Corinthians 12:9

Heaven isn't something attained by just one action. The rich young ruler asked “What good thing shall I do, that I may inherit eternal life?”. He had the wrong idea. Do you? Why do you think our life here is “Three score years”? We have to develop, to grow, to build. We can't just do one GREAT thing and then quit. The temple of the Jews was made with many stones. Laid up one at a time. So are we. It takes time and effort. Let's not be discouraged, our **little** efforts will add up! A kind word here, a visit or call there, a mention of the church and the bible to a neighbor. These are good works which will bear eternal fruit:

**“To them who by patient CONTINUANCE in well doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, eternal life.”** - Romans 2:7

Let's start the new year, honoring our God by **doing** the **little** things He asks.

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

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“We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is meet,  
because that your FAITH groweth exceedingly,  
and the CHARITY of every one of you all TOWARD EACH OTHER aboundeth;”  
- 2 Thessalonians 1:3

COME JOIN US FOR  
THE NEW YEAR!

*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:** Margaret Herring, Jean Godley, Amy Wintermute, Lamar Reeves, and Phyllis Johnson.
- **Pearlie Gantt**, widow of brother **WG Gantt** passed away in Aiken. Brother Gantt had preached here in West Columbia, baptized **Janet Kelleher** and married **Ed and Jan**.
- **Gwen Pittman** wasn't well last Sunday, but is better now. Some of the ladies helped her celebrate her birthday.
- **Judy Walker** underwent a stress test, which she described as “an ordeal”. Let's pray she'll have good news and find some relief.
- **Sharon Blackwell, Faye Parks'** foster sister is doing well after surgery.
- **Anna Porter** requests prayers for Rick Porter who is to have surgery Jan 4 for a large mass on his kidney.

"Some trust in chariots, and some in horses:

but we will remember the name of the Lord our God." - Psalms 20:7

## **“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:42**

- **First Sunday Luncheon**— all are invited! Please stay to meet with your brethren.
- **Business meeting**, 1:30 pm, all men of the congregation are encouraged to attend.
- **BIBLE BOWL 2011**—BOOK OF **MATTHEW**—Sign up sheets in the foyer for youth and adult teams. The Bible Bowl Machine has been setup for practice.
- **Building Cleanup** volunteers needed for January.
- We had **37 members brave the snow** last Sunday morning for Bible class and worship. But we cancelled the evening assembly on threats of severe icing.
- **Twenty five** hardy souls turned up **New Year's eve** for a time of fellowship at the church building. A good, encouraging time was had by all.

"For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labor of love, which ye have showed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister." -

Hebrews 6:10

“Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.” —Matthew 5:13-16

If our eyes are on heaven and we are focused on seeking those things above, then truly our light will shine and glorify our Father which is in heaven.

**EYES ON HEAVEN IN 2011**

## **WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH SLOGAN FOR 2011**

Once again it's time to choose a slogan for the upcoming year. Previous years were:

**OUT WITH SIN IN 2010**

**LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE IN 2009**

**CHOOSE THE STRAIGHT GATE IN 2008**

Slogans aren't the word of God; they can't save us. However, they *can* serve to remind us and prod us, unconsciously, to observe important **spiritual** matters—if we'll keep them in mind! Which is why we make them short and sweet. ☺

**LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE IN 2009** - reminded us that we all preach to others by our example: that it needed to be good, and that we had a duty to do so.

**OUT WITH SIN IN 2010** – reminded us that purging sin from our lives and adding the holy, spiritual things of God should be our priority.

“And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity. ... 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

A slogan for 2011 should be one that will help the church (all of us) to grow in love and spirituality as God wants. This is just one way to help us do the Lord's will in regards to the church, which is:

“And He gave some ... For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:” – Ephesians 4:11,13

Good suggestions were: **CLOSER TO HEAVEN IN 2011**  
**ON TO PERFECTION IN 2011**

But the winner is: **EYES ON HEAVEN IN 2011** which is what God told us here:

“If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.” – Colossians 3:1,2

Which will help us all attain our goal, as it continues in that same passage:

“When Christ, *who is* our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.” – Colossians 3:4

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