

WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

A FEW SIMPLE POINTS ABOUT SPREADING THE WORD

If we're concerned about lost souls and if we desire to build up the local church, there are a few necessary matters to which we must give careful attention. Consider the following.

We must have a perception of the need. This includes understanding that Christ obligates us to take the gospel to those around us (Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-16), as well as simply observing that the local church must be perpetuated.

We must follow the pattern of God's Word. While reaching the lost is essential and building up the local church is vital, we must not go beyond the limits of God's Word to accomplish the tasks. Pragmatism says if it works, it must be right; the Bible says if it is authorized, it is right (cf. Colossians 3:17).

We must apply the principle of Acts 8:1,4. These two verses show the scattering of the saints and then the scattering of the seed. They indicate that every member was involved in the process of evangelism — not just those in leadership positions.

We must recognize the power of the gospel. While some shy away from personal work believing that they are not assertive or eloquent enough, the bible shows that the power to convert the sinner from the error of his way is in the message, not the messenger (cf. Romans 1:16; Hebrews 4:12).

We must understand that persistence is essential. Consider 1 Corinthians 15:58 in light of the subject at hand: "Therefore my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."

So, are we really concerned about lost souls and do we really care about building up the local church? Then let's get to work!

- Preston Silcox, minister, Bethel church of Christ, Martin, Tennessee

“For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?”
- Mark 8:36

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SERMONS THIS SUNDAY:

AM: ED KELLEHER

GRACE—OURS TO GIVE AS WELL AS RECEIVE (Part 1)

PM: ED KELLEHER

GRACE—OURS TO GIVE AS WELL AS RECEIVE (Part 2)

Praying us with much intreaty that we would receive the gift, and take upon us the fellowship of the ministering to the saints. ... Therefore, as ye abound in every thing, in faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and in all diligence, and in your love to us,

see that ye abound in this grace also. - 2 Corinthians 8:4-7

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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:** *Wilson Burton, Betty Mathis, Margaret Herring, Lamar Reeves, Elma Berrier and Phyllis Johnson.*
- **Pete Glott**, a member at North Columbia, and former member here at West Columbia, has been diagnosed with cancer. Surgery was scheduled to remove a kidney, but had to be postponed till he more fully recovered from his bout of pneumonia. The family requests our prayers. Also, Ferah Glott has gone to Charleston for tests involving her immune system, remember her also in your prayers.
- **Jones Gamble’s father** continues to get weaker. Jones and the rest of the family are spending quite a bit of time in Manning, with him.
- **Margaret Herring** also continues to suffer many health problems, including a problem with her bones. Pray for her relief.
- **Tommy White** requests prayers for **Agnus Wright** who has pneumonia.
- Give thanks to God for His mercy, and pray for all these, and the work of the Lord here at West Columbia.

"By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love, one to another"
- John 13:35

“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:42

- We appreciate brother **Jones Gamble** publishing a list each week of those we missed on Sunday. Give those folks a call, or send a card to see if their ok, and to encourage them and let them know we miss them.
- **Bible Study at Church Building, Saturdays 3 pm**, all are invited and please invite visitors to come! It’s a good way for people to learn more of us. An informal session around a table with everyone using their bibles and Strong’s Concordances.

“Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned:” - 1 Timothy 1:5

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<u>NT BOOKS (27):</u>	1 Corinthians	2 Thessalonians	1 Peter
Matthew	2 Corinthians	1 Timothy	2 Peter
Mark	Galatians	2 Timothy	1 John
Luke	Ephesians	Titus	2 John
John	Philippians	Philemon	3 John
Acts	Colossians	Hebrews	Jude
Romans	1 Thessalonians	James	Revelation

DO YOU HAVE AN ACCENT?

A few weeks ago, I had the opportunity go to Edmonton, Alberta, Canada and speak in a weekend seminar hosted by the Edmonton Church of Christ. It was such an encouragement to go so far away and find so many good people who are striving to conform their lives into the image of Jesus, just as we are here in Glasgow, Kentucky.

However, here's something that came to my mind as I spent some time with these good brethren. You know what? These people had an accent. I could tell I wasn't in Glasgow, KY anymore. Don't you suppose they were thinking the same thing? "Where's this guy from?" "He's certainly not from around here, that's for sure."

My point is, that from hearing one another speak, we were able to immediately learn something about each other. Now, here's my question. If you began speaking, how long would it take for someone listening to you to discover that you belonged to Jesus? In Acts 4:13, when the people heard Peter and John, they "perceived that they had been with Jesus."

My prayer is that my "Christian accent" will be as strong as my West Virginia/Kentucky accent, and that the "Christian accent" of my Canadian friends will be as strong as their Canadian accent. Eh?

- **Steve Higginbotham**, preacher, South Green Street Church of Christ, Glasgow, Kentucky

“Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time. Let your speech be alway with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.” - Colossians 4:5,6

SEE THAT YOU ABOUND IN THIS GRACE ALSO

“Moreover, brethren, we do you to wit of the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia; How that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality. For to their power, I bear record, yea, and beyond their power they were willing of themselves; Praying us with much intreaty that we would receive the gift, and take upon us the fellowship of the ministering to the saints. And this they did, not as we hoped, but first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God. Insomuch that we desired Titus, that as he had begun, so he would also finish in you the same grace also. Therefore, as ye abound in every thing, in faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and in all diligence, and in your love to us, see that ye abound in this grace also.” - 2 Corinthians 8:1-7