

WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

Night Church

A Bible class teacher urged her young class to come back for the night-time service. One of the children replied, “My mommy and daddy just won’t go to *night* church.” Many times children “tell all,” and I’m sure this was one of those times. The child was probably expressing, word for word, what the parent had verbalized on various occasions. Unfortunately, this is a problem that is entirely too prevalent in the church today.

But...what about those who “won’t go” to the night services? Well, first of all, they ignore great Bible examples of night-time learning. Nicodemus went to Jesus at night for the great lesson on new birth (*John 3:3-5*). The Philippians jailor was converted at night (*Acts 16*). Peter was delivered from prison at night (*Acts 12:6-10*). The “day service only” brethren would have missed all these blessings!

Second, the “day only” brethren miss two thirds of all regular services of the church when they miss Sunday and Wednesday nights! Could a student pass in school by attending only one-third of the time? Is the success of the church less important than these?

Third, the “day only” brethren show that they do not believe such services are necessary, that they are not interested in the lost at those services, and that they will work harder for material things than for spiritual things.

Do you attend the night-time services? If not—why not?

- Kirk Talley, minister, Livingston church of Christ, Livingston, TN

“And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.” - Hebrews 10:24,25

This is one way to ...

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SERMONS THIS SUNDAY:

AM: **ED KELLEHER**

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“Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart,
and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.
This is the first and great commandment.” - Matthew 22:36,37

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TODAY!**

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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. **Jones Gamble's father** continues to get weaker. **Margaret Herring** also continues to suffer many health problems, including a problem with her bones.
- Give thanks to God for His mercy, and pray for all these, and the work of the Lord here at West Columbia.

"And Jesus answering said: Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine? There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger."

- Luke 17:17,18

“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:42

- **Building Cleaning** signup for the New Year is posted in the Foyer.
- 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.

“... and all the people rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by him.”

- Luke 13:17

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

- **Jan Kelleher's** brother **George L. Sheppard, Jr.** passed away suddenly in Virginia. He was 15 years older than Janet, and in many ways a good father to her. Jan is still grieving his loss. She is thankful for the many expressions of love and sympathy; prayers and donations made in his behalf, and covets your continued prayers.

"Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." -Galatians 6:2

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(The Editor apologizes, he was out of town, there was no Bulletin for 1/8/2012 and 1/15/2012)

NT BOOKS (27):	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

SITTING ON TWO CHAIRS

Luciano Pavarotti, the famous tenor, once told this story:

“When I was a boy, my father (a baker) introduced me to the wonders of song. He urged me to work very hard to develop my voice. Arrigo Pola, a professional tenor in my hometown of Modena, Italy, took me as a pupil. I also enrolled in a teachers college.

“On graduating, I asked my father, ‘Shall I be a teacher or a singer?’
“‘Luciana,’ my father replied, ‘if you try to sit on two chairs, you will fall between them. For life, you must choose one chair.’”

“I chose one. It took seven years of study and frustration before I made my first professional appearance. It took another seven to reach the Metropolitan Opera. And now, I think whether it's laying bricks, writing a book—whatever we choose—we should give ourselves to it. Commitment—that's the key. Choose one chair.”

Pavarotti's words are not only good advice in choosing a career but also good spiritual advice. Too often, the mistake we make is that we are too divided. We want to focus on both the things of this world and the things of God—but it's not possible.

Pavarotti explained it this way: “If you try to sit on two chairs, you will fall between them.”

Jesus explained it like this:

“No man can serve two masters.

**For either he will hate the one and love the other,
or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other.**

Ye cannot serve God and mammon” (Matt. 6:24).

- Alan Smith, minister, Helen Street church of Christ, Fayetteville, NC

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Will be our theme for this year. *Delve*, besides rhyming with twelve, is a good word:

Delve—to dig or labor with or as if with a spade; to make a careful or detailed search for information; to examine a subject in detail.

Years ago, Cyndi Johnson drew one of my favorite scriptures in calligraphy for me, and I see it every day in my office:

“According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that *pertain* unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:”

- 2 Peter 1:3

The Bible is the manifestation of this passage. God said it has **ALL** things for life and Godliness, what else could we want or need? But, it's up to us to get these things out of it! Let's **delve** into it in 2012!