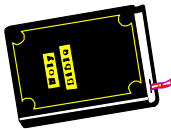


WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

UNWORTHY ISN'T UNWORTHILY

If the body doesn't get sufficient vitamin C, it will get scurvy, a deficiency disease, and possibly die. The Lord warned of a similar **spiritual** condition: “For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep.” (1 Corinthians 11:30)

Just as God has provided things to maintain our physical bodies, He has provided things we **must** take and do on a regular basis, in the proper manner, to maintain and grow our **spiritual** bodies. The Lord's Supper is one of these things. It was given to make us stronger, not to hurt or trap us. But some wrongly **don't partake** of the Lord's Supper when they should and as a result they are weak and sickly and can even die **spiritually** as a result.

The Lord warned that “whoever shall eat this bread, and drink *this* cup of the Lord, **unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.**” (1 Corinthians 11:27) We should heed this warning. But many wrongly understand **unworthily** as **unworthy**. They think it refers to their **personal fitness** rather than to the **manner** in which it is done. This misunderstanding is the work of **Satan**, the Father of lies. **Unworthily** is an **adverb**, it must modify or refer to a **verb** – an action. **Unworthy** is an **adjective**, it can only modify a **noun** – a person, place or thing. **Unworthily** must then refer to the **manner**, the action, of our observing the Lord's Supper, and not to **us**, or our personal fitness to partake of it.

None of us are **worthy** to approach the Lord's Table. John the Baptist said of his relation to Christ: “the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to stoop down and unloose.” – Mark 1:7. Yes, we **are** sinners but remember what God did for us in that estate: “But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.” – Romans 5:8. Do you want to wrongly **reject** His love? Satan wants us to - by **misunderstanding** this passage!

The Lord **does** tell us **how** we should take it: “For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till he come.” (1 Corinthians 11:28) We need to **show** the Lord's death. How so? By **our** death to sin: “How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?” (Romans 6:3) The Lord has called us to be holy, separate from the world, yet we are in the world every day. It's tough to do. The Lord knows that, so that's why he wants us **reminded** every week of Jesus' death for us. Without that reminder, we will grow weak and sickly and die. We need to see the Lord's body on that cross, and the blood he shed for our sins. We must see that he has called us out of the world to follow him. That is the **examination** we make of ourselves: Do we see Him on that Cross? Do we know that He died for our sins? Do we want to live for Him and not ourselves? If so, and we want to show His death by **our** death to the things of this world, **then we rightly can, and must, partake**, remembering as we do: “that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again.” - 2 Cor 5:15

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AM Ed Kelleher
- How the Holy Spirit Works Today
PM Chris Crabb

Who likes a long face?

"But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thine head, and wash thy face: That thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly." - Matthew 6:17,18

A Warm Welcome awaits you at all our services. Come see!

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“THE PRAYER OF FAITH SHALL SAVE THE SICK” - James 5:15

- **REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** Beryl Parks, Hagood Godley, Margaret Herring, and our shut-ins Jessica Herring, Zudora Clegg, and Phyllis Johnson. Also, Nina Ruth Meadows (Marcella Klieves' mother), Jack Edwards (Melissa Parks' father) and Jack and Elma Berrier.
- **Rob Roy Honeycutt** is still in Lexington Medical Center Critical Care unit on a respirator and not doing at all well. Remember him, **Patty** and the family.
- **Grant Parks** is taking very well to his new insulin pump. It's stabilized his blood sugar, which will really help him feel much, much better from now on.
- **Ted Stidham's** condition continues to worsen and he fears the end is near.
- **Julia Kelleher** is to have her wisdom teeth removed Thursday, August 10.
- Let's remember all these in our prayers and **Frank Allen** and **Paul Dillard** also who have been struggling, and continue to struggle, with some health problems.

"Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ" - Titus 2:13

“PROVOKE TO LOVE AND GOOD WORKS” - Hebrews 10:24

- **Bobby Giles** came forward requesting the prayers of the church to help with his patience as he has difficulties sometimes dealing with problems.
- **Thankfully**, many recent contributions have helped pay the **parking lot loan** down to \$2000 (from \$28,000). Please consider making a **special donation** to help us **pay this off completely** before our new evangelist, Jerry Manning arrives later this month with his family. There's no firm date yet on their arrival.
- **Easiest Evangelism there is**—We're planning to canvas another neighborhood, passing out material about the church. We'll need people who can walk to pass it out some Saturday morning, and others to help bag material before then.
- Five faithful **West Columbia** church members made the 30 mile trek to the **Twin City** congregation to support them in their mini-gospel meeting with prospective evangelist **Bob Horn**, last Saturday. Bob is a Memphis School of Preaching graduate and friend of our **new evangelist, Jerry Manning**.
- **Our thanks** to people who've volunteered to **clean the building**. We're still needing volunteers for November and December, and next year.
- For those who have some difficulty **hearing in the auditorium**, we'll shortly be connecting a Blue Tooth compatible **transmitter** to the sound system. **Blue Tooth compatible headphones** can then pick up what's being said.
- **Ron and Margie Banks** are moving into a new home and will need some help **Friday** August 11. If you can help, call them at 808-3527.
- The **carpet** in the church building is being **cleaned** Thursday.
- A member's **car oddly rolled** round the parking lot and ran into the parsonage backyard fence. Fortunately no one was hurt and damage was slight.

“that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.” - Titus 2:14

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

- **Ed Johnson** came forward last Sunday repenting of having missed the assembly for quite some time and desiring the prayers of the church that he might be stronger. We're **glad** for Ed's good **example of repentance**. Missing the assembly is a sin all can see, and public sin needs to be repented of publicly.
(Are you listening?)

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. - 1 John 1:9

VBS GREAT SUCCESS!

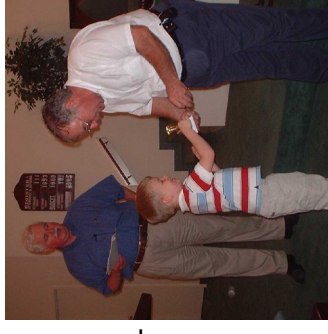
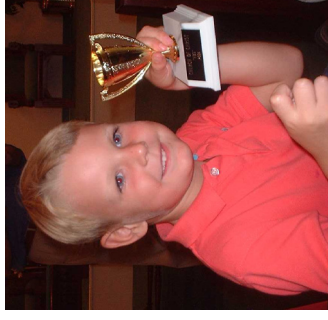
Our thanks to all who worked and prayed for our Vacation Bible School. Many sent out invitations, others helped provide refreshments and clean up. But a special thanks to our great **teachers** for doing such a good job in developing their own material. It saved the church quite a bit of money, but more importantly it was **much** better for the students—and the teachers! Here they are, thank them:

Pre-School—**Sarah and Julia Kelleher, Tiffany Dillard**
1-2 Grade—**Martha Geiger and Dawn Gamble**
3-4 Grades—**Gwen Pittman**
5-6 Grades—**Donald Klieves**
Teens—**Chris Crabb and Keith Carter**
Adult—**Ed Kelleher**

We had excellent attendance, averaging **86** each night, with **102** Friday night.

Our thanks to the **North Columbia** congregation also for their support. We've posted some pictures on our website and will be putting together a list of visitors to call and write and encourage to return.

Left, Brennan Laffoday did well. **Right**, elders Ed Kelleher and Don Klieves recognize Travis Macon.



CORINTHIANS TOOK LORD'S SUPPER UNWORTHILY

The Corinthians made no distinction between the Lord's Supper and a common meal. They **ate** it as a common meal. They'd taken a holy thing and **made** it common. They were **doing** so improperly. There were also **divisions** among them. Some were eating before others – some were filled, some were not. They were **divided** in their taking of the Lord's Supper. **BUT!** Christ died for our **UNITY!** We can not have this mind of division and take of the Lord's Supper in a **worthy manner**.
“For in eating every one taketh before *other* his own supper: and one is hungry, and another is drunken.” 1 Corinthians 11:28