

WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

WHEN HATE IS GOOD

We need to hate more. Does that disturb you? Do you think it's *wrong* for Christians ever to hate? Then carefully consider this lesson because hate is **essential** to our salvation! If we don't hate, as the Lord has told us, then verily it will be easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for us to enter heaven. The Lord told us this through the apostle Jude:

“And of some have compassion, making a difference: And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; **hating** even the garment spotted by the flesh.” - Jude 1:22,23

I was burning leaves one time in the back yard. My son was riding his bicycle around, and as boys do, managed to fall into the fire. The next thing we both knew, he was flying through the air. Without thinking I had snatched him from the fire and stripped his burning coat off him. We must treat **sin** the same way. We must **hate** it and **abhor** it *so much* that without thinking we thrust it from us, or reach out to others to snatch them from it. We must be so aware, with every bit of our being, of the evil and deadly nature of sin that we reflexively react to save ourselves and others from it.

This is essential for our salvation! We **must** hate sin. We must abhor evil (Rom. 12:9) . We **must** because God hates sin. Jesus told us this:

“But this thou hast, that thou hatest the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.” - Revelation 2:6

He didn't hate the Nicolaitans, but he **did hate** their sin! God can not have sin in his presence, and if we have sin He will not receive us. This is of such paramount importance, that Jesus had to **die** in order for us to be cleansed of our sins.

Sin necessitated Christ's cruel death on the cross. Can we then think so little of sin so as **not** to hate it? If we don't, then we'll find ourselves tolerating sin in our brothers and sisters—not **hating** the garment spotted by the flesh. And then, we'll find **ourselves** accepting sin in ourselves. And we'll die.

We must **know** that God hates sin so implacably—so we'll strive to keep sin out of our lives, and out of the lives of our brothers and sisters. That is why this hate is **essential**, for without it, we'll have a lackadaisical, not really important, tolerant attitude towards sin. We'll fool ourselves into thinking that God feels this way too. And this will kill us. We'll not work to pull our brothers and sisters from sin, as God has **commanded** us to do, and many in the church will die—if we don't **HATE SIN!!**

—Ed Kelleher, elder, West Columbia church of Christ, South Carolina

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Sun 10 AM Bible Study: 58
Sun 11 AM Assembly: 90
Sun 6 PM Assembly: 76
Weds 7 PM Bible Study: 48
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SERMONS 11/19/2006

AM: Jerry Manning
The Apostle Paul
PM: Jerry Manning
The Commander Joshua

“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

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“PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER” - James 5:16

- **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), Jack and Elma Berrier, Nathaniel Manning (Jerry and Lynn's g'son).
- Brother Daniel Manning came forward Sunday requesting the prayers of the church that he follow Christ more completely, a thing we all should aspire to.
- Remember Tricia Kelly, Debbie Sheppard, Craig Robinson, Bobby Giles, Paul Dillard, Gwen Pittman, Marilyn Brooks, Caroline Lee and Eddie Sheppard who all especially need our prayers for physical and other difficulties.
- Don Klieves was home Wed. PM with a shoulder that's causing much pain.
- Margie DeYoung's niece's daughter, Amy Ashcroft is pregnant with twins, one of whom is having troubles. They request the prayers of the church.
- Megan Stoyk's grandfather passed away suddenly in Indiana last week. Remember Michael and Megan in your prayers at this time and as they travel.

“Therefore I say unto you, What things so ever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.” - Mark 11:24

“BE KINDLY AFFECTIONED ONE TO ANOTHER WITH BROTHERLY LOVE” - Romans 12:10

- Pray for our brothers and sisters who we've been missing recently at the assemblies of the church for worship and Bible study. Visit them; give them a call; write them a card; let them know they are loved and missed and wanted.

Tom and Jackie Adkins Robert and Michelle Laffoday
Barbara Berry Patricia Kelly Ed Johnson

“Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted. Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.” - Galatians 6:1,2

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

- The Ladies Class will NOT meet the Tuesday before Thanksgiving, but they will meet the next Tuesday, 11/28 for an important Ladies Day planning meeting.
- The Youth Group has volunteered(?) to clean the building in December.
- Remember Lynn Manning, Merrie Chrismus and Jan and Sarah Kelleher as they travel to the Santee Ladies Retreat in Myrtle Beach this weekend.
- Work Team B will meet Sunday 11/19 immediately after the evening assembly at Team Captain Billy Geiger's (and Martha's too) home. Please make every effort to attend, you'll be glad you did!

“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.” - 1 Corinthians 15:58

“ELDERS ... FEED THE FLOCK OF GOD” - 1 Peter 5:1,2

The Work Team program is off to a good start. All active members of Team A met at Janet and Gerald Boyd's home last Monday. They sang, broke bread together, had prayer and a brief lesson from the scripture brought by Team Captain Gerald Boyd. Everyone was encouraged and built up, recognizing that they all were working together to the glory of God and our Lord. Good assignments were handed out and the brother and sisters took them on gladly, not as a matter of duty, but of love. While we don't have apostles anymore in the flesh, we have them in the Word. The Lord will be pleased as we build on their foundation and emulate the steadfastness and singleness of heart of the early church. And as back then, His church will grow today, both spirituality and in number, as we seek to do His will the best we can.

“And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles. And all that believed were together, and had all things common; And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need. And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, Praising God, and having favor with all the people.

And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.” - Acts 2:42-47

“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:42

- **Change Cans** for SE Children's home, that members have contributed to, will be collected this Sunday.
- **Carolyn Stidham** is staying with her daughter Leslie (and Doug) Ellison:
108 Cornish Way, Lexington, SC 29073, Cell: 807-0971, Home: 359-6279
- **Bro. Manning's cell phone** number is 429-3738, please make a note of it.
- **Bro. Manning** will be **taking pictures** for our pictorial directory after the morning worship assembly. Hopefully you won't want to dress any better for the picture than you do for the assembly of the saints—when the Lord is in our midst!

“For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” - Matthew 18:20

“BE THOU AN EXAMPLE OF THE BELIEVERS” - 1 Tim 4:12

Sister Marilyn Brooks, though recovering from major surgery, and never in the best of health anyway, nonetheless on getting out of the hospital, called her neighbors and family together for **Bible study** with evangelist **Jerry Manning**. Her house was packed! Jerry had to bring extra chairs from the church building. She **knows** the time is **now** to hear and obey the gospel! She doesn't want any to be able to say “you never mentioned him to me”. What a glorious example.

“Then said Jesus unto him, Go, and do thou likewise.” - Luke 10:37