

# WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

## PRAYER

Hopefully, you pray often. We want the Lord to be pleased with our prayers and to answer them. Have you ever stopped to consider **what** you pray for, and for **whose** benefit? You should. For a good example, look at **Solomon's** prayer: what he **didn't** ask for, how pleased the Lord was, and the result:

"And hast not asked for THYSELF long life; neither has asked riches for thyself, nor hast asked the life of thine enemies; but hast asked for thyself UNDERSTANDING to discern judgement; behold, I have done according to thy words:" - 1 Kings 3:11,12

We can pray to our heavenly Father about our **jobs**, our **health**, our **school work**, or our **finances**. These aren't bad things to pray about. It's certainly a lot better than **not** praying. But think! How many of these things will be with us 100 years from now? None! How important are they really then?

Remember also to pray for things that are **spiritual**. Things that we can keep **forever**. Things like: **love, mercy, humility, understanding, meekness, patience, honesty**. These are qualities of the heart. They are spiritual and will be with us **eternally!** **These** are the things that matter to God and that will truly help us reach heaven. These are things that matter in the long run—not our success in this world.

Remember too, Solomon didn't really ask for **himself**. He wanted to help others. Jesus didn't either, nor did Paul. Look at their prayers, **who** they were for and for **what**. Remember, "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35). If we pray for the benefit of others don't you think God, who gave his Son for us, is more likely to be pleased.

We all want to get to heaven. This should be our #1 goal. Let's make sure we're aiming at the right target — and asking for the **best** things to help us, and everyone else, get there!

"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." - Matthew 6:33

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

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### RECORDS 1/21/2007

Sun 10 AM Bible Study: 62  
Sun 11 AM Assembly: 97  
Sun 6 PM Assembly: 75  
Weds 7 PM Bible Study: 61  
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### SERMONS 1/28/2007

AM: Jerry Manning  
"Give And It Shall be Given Unto You"  
PM: Jerry Manning  
"How To Stop Faultfinding"

"Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." - Acts 2:38

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

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Sunday 11 AM, 6 PM Assembly  
Wednesday 7 PM Bible Study  
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### **“PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER” - James 5:16**

- **REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** Beryl Parks, 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 grandson).
- Jack Edwards, Melissa Parks' dad has started chemo. Also, Jason Parks, Melissa's husband, is still traveling weekly to Houston where he is working.
- Lynn Manning, accompanied by son's Evan and John, is traveling to Chattanooga to visit her older son Joshua and oldest son Kirby and family, including grandson, Nathaniel.
- Faye Parks was to have 4 teeth removed Thursday.
- Sister Marilyn Brooks' uncle Earl is staying with her now as he gets treatments on his leg. This is good as Marilyn fills her house up for bible studies with our evangelist, Jerry Manning.
- Anna Porter is still not doing well and Margaret Herring isn't either.

**"Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to Him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator." - 1 Peter 4:19**

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

- Jerry Manning is IN at the Lexington County Detention Center! After many months of patient effort and prayer, he finally received his orientation and badge as a chaplain for LCDC. This is where our sister Anne Louise Gordon is incarcerated. She has been doing much good, teaching among the women there. Several are wanting to be baptized. Thank God for his hearing our prayers and pray that he will keep the door open and that much good to his glory will be done.

**“For a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries.”  
- 1 Corinthians 16:9**

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

- Elgene Sanders has been patiently working to influence her neighbors. She requests prayers that her work will be blessed and fruitful.

**“Let every one of us please his neighbour for his good to edification.” - Romans 15:2**

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

- Work Team B will be the active Team starting Sunday 1/28/2007. They'll meet Sunday evening after the assembly at Ed and Jan Kelleher's home.
- Work Team A, remember to get your assignment cards in THE BOX!

**"Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do."  
- 1 Thessalonians 5:11**

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

- **SINGING!** At the Batesburg Leesville congregation, 2PM this Sunday.
- Anyone interested in quilting is invited to contact Evalina Lowe.
- Kevin Graves and Jimmie Hill will be coming Feb. 4 to present an informational discussion and sermon about **Truth For The World** and their mission work. The Graves family will be staying with the Manning's, but Jimmie Hill will need a hotel room or place to stay Saturday night, Feb. 3rd.
- A youth lock-in with the Thompson church of Christ youth group is scheduled for Friday, Feb.9. They will be staying in a hotel Saturday night (provided by the Thompson congregation), door knocking in the area Saturday and worshiping with us Sunday A.M. Their evangelist Matt Shelton will preach Sunday AM and Jerry will preach at their congregation that morning. The Thompson congregation is about an hour and a half away, just over the border in Georgia.
- **5th Tuesday Ladies activity:** All interested in helping to organize the Teacher's Resource room, please meet at the building 1/30/2007 from 10-12am. Bring pot luck for lunch. Contact Marcella Klieves if any questions.
- Pray for the Bible Bowl teams that are diligently studying the book of Acts.

**"But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved." - Matthew 24:13**

### **RESPONSIBILITY?**

The other evening, as I was thinking of the many who shirk their responsibilities and try to shift them to someone or something else; the question came to mind: "Who carries the most important responsibility of all?" Is it the elder, preacher, policeman, mayor, president, the school principal, etc,...or who?

The scriptures tell us in Titus 2 for the women to be keepers at home, to guide the house. She is spoken of in Proverbs as one who rises early, clothes and feeds her family, buys and sells a field...her hands are never idle. It has been said of yore that the "hand that rocks the cradle rules the world." Many a godly woman has reared her sons to be sound gospel preachers, song directors, elders, faithful men of God; and her daughters to be Christian mothers, dressing in chaste apparel, watching her manners, and to be in submission to her husband.

Yes, can there be anyone with more responsibility and influence for good than a truly godly woman? Therefore, let the older women teach the younger women that they may learn to teach their children, love their husbands, and guide their homes as God would have them, knowing that one day we must all give an account to God for the deeds done while on earth.

—Walter M. Bishop, Elder East End church of Christ, McMinnville, TN

**“She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness.”**

**- Proverbs 31:26**