

WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

WHEN SHOULD I HELP?

Many people, especially preachers, are often approached by strangers asking for help. It may be money that they are wanting, a night's lodging, food, gasoline, or bills paid (including cell phone and TV cable bills). Often times, people "make a living" traveling from church to church with a sad story that always ends with a request for help. So frequent are such encounters, it's sometimes difficult not to be cynical when someone comes by and requests help. So what should you do? Should you help them? My answer is a definite "Yes!" -- But read on.

Help does not mean that they receive the thing for which they have asked. Is one really helping a person by allowing them to evade personal responsibility? Of course not. Is one really helping a person when he enables him to continue to get by being lazy and refusing to work? Surely not. The apostle Paul wrote:

“For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat.” - 2 Thessalonians 3:10

In other words, if one will not work, let him go hungry. Sometimes, "helping" a person means making them face the consequences of their irresponsibility.

The challenge on our part is to avoid cynicism, to develop a heart of compassion, and wisdom to know how to truly help those who seek our assistance.

Should we help someone who is asking for help? Always! Does that mean we must grant every request for help in the way that it is made? Of course not.

- Steve Higginbotham, Minister, South Green St Church of Christ, Glasgow, Kentucky

“Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away.” - Matthew 5:42

“Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. And five of them were wise, and five were foolish. They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them: But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. ... the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out. But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves.” - Matthew 25:1-9

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Conclusion of the Whole Matter
PM: Jerry Manning
Wisdom in Proverbs

**“For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.
For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.” -
Galatians 3:26,27
(Editor's note: There was no bulletin last week, May 27, 2007)**

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

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Sunday 11 AM, 6 PM Assembly
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“PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER” - James 5:16

- **REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** Beryl Parks, Margaret Herring, Nina Ruth Meadows (Marcella Klieves' mother), Jack and Elma Berrier, Nathaniel Manning (Jerry and Lynn's grandson) and our shut-ins Zudora Clegg, and Phyllis Johnson
- Margie Banks is recovering from surgery and was able to get out Wednesday.
- Don and Nancy Fields will be going to the Mayo Clinic in Tallahassee next week for Nancy to have some tests. Their daughter Jennifer and her unborn baby are doing better. Donnie Fields is doing some better also.
- Richard Smith and his sister Stephanie Westfall, who were both recently baptized into Christ, were rear-ended in their car on the way to the assembly last Sunday morning. They're fine except Stephanie who had some muscle pain.
- Marilyn Brooks has been out several weeks with severe gout.
- John Berrier has been accepted into a trial program at Duke for experimental treatment of his pancreatic cancer. Other treatments offer no hope.
- Gary Mathis, Betty's son, will be having surgery to remove a brain tumor Tuesday, 6/5 at Baptist Hospital.
- Terry Lee, Margie DeYoung's daughter and Ruth Boggs' sister is fighting a viral infection involving her heart.
- Claudia Pinkston, a member of the church, is gravely ill with cancer.
- Also remember Tom Rinehart, who has some back problems, and Margaret and Jessica Herring who are having some difficult times, in your prayers.

"Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the Lord." -
Psalms 31:24

“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:42

- **First Sunday Luncheon** after the morning assembly this Sunday. The elders will meet with the men at **1:30 pm** and with the women of the church at **5 pm**.
- The **ladies** will meet briefly after lunch Sunday to decide the theme for the 2008 **Ladies Day** to be held next March or April.
- Remember our sister **Anne Louise Gordon** whose trial date set has been set for 7/9/2007 and the work at LCDC in your prayers. **Brother Manning** has been able to teach regularly and reach many who want to obey God and be baptized into Christ but are prevented from doing so. Also remember **William Horan**, an inmate in Pod G, who is teaching others the truth and wants to be baptized himself, but is hindered by the authorities. Send a card or letter to him at: **PO Box 2019, PG-5 Lexington, SC 29071**

"Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honor preferring one another ... Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer;" -
Romans 12:10,12

Strive to get **CLOSER TO HEAVEN IN 2007!**

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

Julia Kelleher and **Chris Crabb** were wed Saturday May 19 and spent a week in Hilton Head on their honeymoon. Last Sunday they were in Williamston SC where Chris preached at the morning and evening assemblies of the church there. They are now back in West Columbia for the summer. They plan to return to Nashville to start the Fall semester at Lipscomb University for Chris to finish his Senior year and Julia her Junior year.

"The LORD bless thee, and keep thee: The LORD make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: The LORD lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace." - Numbers 6:24,26

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

We were very pleased that the young men of the congregation conducted our last Sunday evening assembly in such a decent, orderly and spiritual fashion. Brother **Evan Manning** did an excellent job leading the congregational singing. Brother **Daniel Manning** led the opening prayer and introduced the evening's sermon on the plagues of Egypt. Our brothers **Chris Parks** and **Thomas Rinehart** continued the sermon on the plagues as described in the book of Exodus. Brother **John Manning** concluded the sermon by showing how the plagues were connected to the various gods worshipped by the Egyptians and that they showed that the one true God of heaven was all powerful and ruler of all. John finished with a fine exhortation for all to be faithful and humble themselves before the great God of heaven and to be obedient to the Gospel of our Lord Jesus. Brother **Brian Parks** officiated at the Lords' table for those who needed to partake. Brother **Ryan Sheppard** led the congregatino in an excellent closing prayer. The young brethren were all well prepared, spoke well and confidently and used the Power Point projector to good effect, showing us God's word to support the words of their sermon. The church was much encouraged and built up by their careful work. We are thankful also for the efforts of our evangelist **Jerry Manning** and deacon **Ken Parks** in guiding the young men in their preparation. Certainly this was in accordance with the Lord's will as recorded in the book of Ephesians:

"But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love." - Ephesians 4:15,16

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

- **Gospel Meeting**, Greer church of Christ with **Mel Futrell**, Friday-Sunday June 8-10, 2007, 7:30 pm.
- Our **Fall Gospel meeting** has moved up a week to **September 9-12**, Sun-Wed, with **Keith Mosher**, Dean of Academics at Memphis School of Preaching.

"and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labor."
- 1 Corinthians 3:8