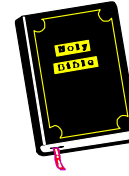


# WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

## HOW TO HAVE A GOOD NEW YEAR

It's the time of year when we look at the old year; regret in some ways it's passing, and promise to do better in the next. One thing we all should resolve to do is grow closer to God, through prayer and study of His word. Here are a few reasons why:

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

"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." - Philippians 4:13

"Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:" - Matthew 7:7

"Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life." - John 6:68

"Abraham believed God and it was counted unto him for righteousness" - Romans 4:3

"Without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." - Romans 11:6

"If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally" - James 1:5

"Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God." - Philippians 4:6

"That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men but in the power of God." - 1 Corinthians 2:5

“Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.” - Matthew 6:19-21

Tell God where your treasure really is by studying His word and going to him in prayer often, every day of the New Year and you'll have a good one.

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

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<u>RECORDS 12/23/2007</u>	<u>SERMONS 12/30/2007</u>
Sun 10 AM Bible Study: 51	AM: Jerry Manning
Sun 11 AM Assembly: 93	
Sun 6 PM Assembly: 63	PM: John Manning
Weds 7 PM Bible Study: 64	
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**“Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:” - 1 Peter 5:8**

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### **“PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER” - James 5:16**

- **REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** Beryl Parks, Nina Ruth Meadows (Marcella Klieves' mother), Jack and Elma Berrier, Nathaniel Manning (Jerry and Lynn's grandson), Lynn Drago (Jerry's sister) and Phyllis Johnson.
- Lamar Reeves requests prayer for his mother, sister Jeanette Reeves who has been absent from us a good while.
- Grant Parks is ok after hernia surgery and showed off his stitches Wed. night.
- Brother Craig Robinson requests the prayers of the church for strength.
- Paul and Dianne Dillard are both down with illness. Paul has a cold bordering on pneumonia. Eddie Sheppard hasn't been well either.
- Evan Manning had his foot broken at Karate practice.
- Sister Anna Porter requests prayers for John Berrier who is gravely ill with cancer, but is doing better than the doctor's expected. Also for the family of her brother-in-law Ed Kennedy who passed away suddenly in Fayetteville, NC.
- Marcella Klieves requests prayers for the family of her supervisor, Anne Ricard, who passed away suddenly last week.
- Kenya Harley will be traveling in Mexico and requests our prayers.
- Michael and Megan Stoyk will be traveling for several weeks visiting family.
- Jerry and Lynn request prayers for their daughter-in-law, Wendy Manning who is to have a biopsy on a lump behind her ear that has grown quite rapidly. We're thankful her son Nathaniel is doing much better in overcoming problems of autism. But the family is being sorely tried, so remember them in your prayers.
- Jamie McCue, a friend of Steve Matthews is being treated for cancer. Brother Manning has been talking with he and his wife. Pray that God will be merciful and that they will be receptive to the Gospel.
- Jerry requests prayers for his sister, Lynn Drago who is gravely ill with cancer, that she obey the Gospel.
- Remember all these and brother Manning and his bible studies at LCDC and Heartland assisted living center in your prayers.

**"For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us." - Romans 8:18**

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

- Keith Carter graduated with a BS in Sports Marketing from USC. He's a fine young Christian and we all hope he does well.

**"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." - Matthew 25:40**

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

- Work Team B meeting this Sunday.
- Area wide singing at the Twin City church in Batesburg, Sunday 1/27/2008.
- Darius M. Sibalwa, who was baptized recently is from Zambia, not Zimbabwe as was incorrectly reported in the last bulletin. The important thing: he is in Christ.
- All are invited to spend some time together at the church building **New Years Eve**. Among the various activities, we'll sing, pray, maybe work on the Bible Bowl books of Amos and Esther, and generally spend some time together starting around 7 pm. One thing we'll be doing is trying out new slogans for 2008, like: "Don't be late in 2008", or "Determine your fate in 2008", etc. Bring snacks to share if you'd like. And... you don't have to stay till Midnight, many don't. Hope to see you there. It will be a good time.

**"And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul; neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common." - Acts 4:32**

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

We'd like each member of the congregation to think of one person they would especially like to see obey the Gospel of Christ. Pray for them and write down their name, address, phone number and who they are and give this to one of the elders or our evangelist. We will pray for them also and get in touch with them and attempt to setup a Bible study.

**"But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name." - John 20:31**

### **“THE LURE OF THE GOOD ENOUGH”**

Someone has written, "There is no more insidious danger than the lure of the good enough." This is particularly true in the realm of the spiritual. Self-satisfaction is the mother of complacency. Complacency is the mother of sloth. And sloth brings condemnation. Well did Paul warn Christians, "For if anyone thinks himself to be something when he is nothing, he deceives himself" (Galatians 6:3). One who thinks he knows enough will cease to study. One who thinks he gives enough will not increase his giving. One who thinks he does enough will cease from doing. The feeling that we are "good enough" is the grave of growth. Growth is the law of life. Like Paul of old, we should rather say, "I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:13-14). Like an old Scots preacher, we should pray: "Lord, keep me alive as long as I live." Let us not be seduced by "the lure of the good enough."

- James W. Adams, preacher, church of Christ