

WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

ONLY THE CONVINCED CAN CONVERT

It is impossible to teach something to someone that you do not really believe. If you are going to be successful reaching the lost, you must be a true believer. You must understand what is at stake. When you understand what is at stake, you will be willing to say what needs to be said, you will understand how careful you need to be, and you will take your responsibility and the salvation of others far more seriously.

There are at least a couple of things that you must be convinced of before you can teach anyone. You must truly be convinced that the gospel is the power of God unto salvation (Rom. 1:16). You must be convinced that the person you are talking to is lost (Rom. 3:10-11). You also must understand how difficult it might be. Sadly, some of our evangelistic successes in the past have caused people in the world to pull back, because many people think they know what we believe and why. They honestly think we believe in water salvation or works salvation. They will attack quickly with the line, "You think you're the only ones going to heaven." They know that we have "a funny view about music." And that's a lot to overcome. Therefore, we must be convinced going in about their need, so that we can talk passionately - not about why they are wrong, but about how the Bible is right!

Also, someone who is truly convinced is going to offer something else to the subject - enthusiasm. There will be a backdrop to everything the person says about Jesus Christ that shows how much He means to us personally. People need to see that. You are not going to convince people by dryly going over a few verses of scripture. After all, most people approach the Bible emotionally in the first place. For the people we are trying to reach to value the truth, we first must show them that we value it.

- Kevin W. Rhodes, preacher, Granbury Street Church of Christ, Cleburne Texas

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.” - Romans 1:16

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RECORDS 8/24/2008

SERMONS 8/31/2008

Sun 10 AM Bible Study: 54
Sun 11 AM Assembly: 107
Sun 6 PM Assembly: 81
Wed 7 PM Bible Study: 68
CONTRIBUTION: \$2483

AM: Jerry Manning
ARGUING FOR CHRIST
PM: Ryan Manning
LIVING FOR CHRIST

“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations,” - Matthew 28:19

“Am I my brother’s keeper?” - Genesis 4:9

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

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SERVICES

Sunday 10 AM Bible Study
Sunday 11 AM, 6 PM Assembly
Wednesday 7 PM Bible Study
Office Phone (803) 794-5320
Nursery provided

Bible Classes for all ages

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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.
- Anna Porter requests prayers for Janie Spence in West Virginia who is ill.
- Holly Wilson requests prayers for a co-worker, Kay Scott, who is ill also.
- Remember Ron and Margie Banks, Judy Walker and Michael and Megan Stoyk as they are all away visiting family.
- Remember Dianne and Tiffany Dillard in your prayers.
- Jeanette Reeves continues to struggle with sin. Pray for her repentance.
- Remember all these, our new brothers and sisters in Christ, and brother Manning and those he studies the Bible with, 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

- Ryan Sheppard earned his Brown belt in Tae Kwon Do.
- Eddie and Doris Sheppard have a new great grandchild, their 3rd. Jenna Lee Sheppard, daughter to Joey and Kristen, weighed 7 lbs 13 oz.

“WEEP WITH THEM THAT WEEP” - Romans 12:15

- We are all deeply saddened by the passing of Gail Linder last Saturday after a long illness. The funeral was Tuesday. Johnny Melton spoke. Remember Bruce, Brian and the family in your prayers.

"Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and God of all comfort; Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God." -2 Corinthians 1:3,4

“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:42

- **PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED!** Small cans or packages with pop-top lids are good.
- This Sunday starts our new quarter of Bible classes on Jesus.
- The Young Ladies Class, Thursdays, 7 pm at Jamie and Debbie Sheppard's home. Lynn Manning will be teaching. Just for the girls, teens to young adults.
- **New Convert Class** Saturdays 11 am at the building, for all who are interested.

"I have planted, Apollos watered; but GOD gave the increase. So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but GOD that giveth the increase." - 1 Corinthians 3:6,7

WORK TEAM SCHEDULE: 8/31—B 9/7—C 9/15—D 9/22—A

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Have you found Christ? Are you like Andrew?

“ ... Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messiah, which is, being interpreted, the Christ. And he brought him to Jesus.”- John 1:41,42

Andrew believed, and that belief produced action on his part. He went and told his brother Peter and brought him also to hear Jesus. You know the rest of the story about Peter and how he preached the first Gospel sermon on Pentecost. But what of Andrew? We have no recorded writings of his. But God has told us, and this we know—that he brought his brother to Christ. That is enough to know. We can't all be like Peter, but we certainly all can be like Andrew. Do you believe? Like Andrew?

People believe in God, but they have not obeyed the Gospel, because they have not heard the whole counsel of God preached. They will hear it at our Gospel meeting! Tell them of it! Work at it! Follow up with them, to see they come hear! They, and you (for God will remember), will be blessed as a result. - The elders

REMEMBER OUR GOSPEL MEETING!

Sunday September 14 – Wednesday September 17

With Billy Bland, Evangelist, of the Memphis School of Preaching

YOU CAN BE SURE!

Sunday	10 am	THE BIBLE IS FROM GOD
Sunday	11 am	ABOUT THE WORSHIP THAT PLEASES GOD
Sunday	7:30 pm	WHETHER OR NOT YOU ARE CALLED OF GOD
Monday	7 pm	THAT GOD REALLY FORGIVES
Tuesday	7 pm	WHICH CHURCH IS THE LORD'S CHURCH
Wed.	7 pm	ABOUT YOUR ETERNAL DESTINY

“And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God.” - John 6:69

ALSO! SPECIAL 10 am BIBLE STUDY MEETINGS MONDAY-WEDNESDAY!

BRING A NON-MEMBER GUEST – BRING A SOUL! BRING SEVERAL!!

The elders want all members to commit and make a special effort to have at least one non-member attend our meeting. Not just invite them – but work to make sure they attend! Maybe a family member, a friend, a co-worker, or a neighbor. Personally invite them! Give them the Gospel Meeting sheet and a Personal Invitation Card. Then **CALL THEM** and follow-up! Tell them, several times, how much you'd like to see them at our meeting. Tell them you'll be there too and how much it would mean to you to have them there. You'd tell them if a movie theatre was giving away free tickets—please tell them of our Gospel Meeting.