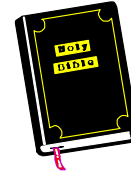


# WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

## The New Testament — Our Guide

When the church was established and began to work, Paul wrote 14 letters to churches and preachers telling them how to live. James wrote one letter, Peter two, John three, and Jude one. These are all letters of church discipline and government, telling church members how to live.

The last book in the New Testament was written by John. The Revelation not only tells of the past and the present in the first century, but crosses the river of death and tells us of the future home God has prepared for those who love Him and do His commandments. He tells us that on the other side of the river of death there is no night, but one eternal day; no sickness, sorrow, pain, or death. The river of life and the tree of life are found there. So the New Testament — properly divided, read, understood, and obeyed — is a safe guide to lead us into the city whose Builder and Maker is God.

In summary, there are 27 books in the New Testament. The first four, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John tell me what I must believe in order to be saved. Acts of Apostles tells me what I must do to be saved. The 21 letters of Christian instruction that follow tell me how I must live and work after I am saved in order to finally reach the heavenly home we read about in the last book of the Bible.

My brethren are often condemned for preaching so much in Acts of Apostles, but this will be our leading book as long as we teach salvation to a dying world, for this is where we find the plan of salvation first taught by the apostles after they had Holy Ghost baptism which qualified them to preach the gospel to all the world. As long as we teach the same things the apostles taught them to do, we are sure we are teaching the word of God, and we are also sure we will be rewarded at the last day for so doing. So, let all be satisfied with the simple word of God, to teach and fight it out along that line, knowing that if we do this, heaven will be our home.

- J. D. (Jefferson Davis) Tant, 1861-1941, Gospel Preacher

“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.” - 2 Timothy 3:16,17

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WHEN JESUS RETURNS

PM: Jerry Manning

OUR RESURRECTION

“For as the body without the spirit is dead,  
so faith without works is dead also.” - James 2:26

*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  
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*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, Lynn Drago (Jerry's sister) and Phyllis Johnson.
- **Betty Mathis** fell and broke her hip Tuesday. She is in Providence NE Hospital room 2204, recovering from surgery which went well.
- **Marilyn Brooks** requests prayers for her brother-in-law **James Jefferies** who is very ill.
- **Brian Parks** was to have 4 wisdom teeth extracted Friday.
- **Remember Jean Boyd** and **Phyllis Johnson** as they recover from surgery .
- **Doris** and **Eddie Sheppard** are safely back from vacation.
- **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.

"Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory: Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls." - 1 Peter 1:8,9

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

- We rejoice that **Herbert Wilson** was baptized into Christ Wed. evening. He had been attending and studying with our evangelist for some time. Thank God for his mercy, and the power of His word that is able to overcome all obstacles.

**“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth” - Romans 1:16**

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

- **Ladies Bible** class is now meeting Tuesday evenings at 7 pm.
- **MISSION TRIP:** Remember brother **Manning**, and Lynn and the boys, in your prayers as Jerry prepares to go to India on a mission trip with Billy Bland. This opportunity opened up at the last moment and we're thankful to God that he was able to get his passport and visa taken care of in the short time available. Lord willing, he'll be leaving November 17 and returning December 4. Pray that a door will be opened for them and much fruit born to the Lord's glory, and that they return safely. Men of the congregation will be preaching in his absence.

"This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men." - Titus 3:8

**WORK TEAM SCHEDULE: 11/16—A 11/23—B 11/30—C 12/7—D**

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## **The Indestructible Bible**

The Bible is the oldest book the world has. It antedates the Chinese bible. It has come down to us through the ages. Its enemies have sought to destroy it. Its pages are stained with the blood of martyrs. Empires, kingdoms and states have crumbled around it. How do you account for the Bible surviving the wreck of time? The answer is that God is with it and in it.

It was Mears who said, *"The lyric poetry of the Hebrews was in its golden age nearly a thousand years before the birth of Horace. Deborah sang a model of a triumphant song full five hundred years before Sappho was born. The book of Esther was a venerable fragment of biography, more strange than fiction, at least twelve hundred years old at the dawn of the romantic literature of Europe. The proverbs of Solomon are by eight hundred years more ancient than the writings of Seneca."*

Though it has been exploded, demolished, and made ready for the grave countless times, it goes on its triumphant way, giving light, hope, and salvation to unnumbered millions in many lands and many tongues.

The Bible lives in spite of men. False theories of religion profess to be built upon it. A relentless war is waged upon it by those who hate it, and friends to it have become lukewarm. Yet the Bible is here. It is the deathless book. It is as eternal as God.

**- A. G. (Arvy Glenn) Freed, 1863-1931,  
Gospel preacher and teacher**

**“For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away:**

**But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.”**

**- 1 Peter 1:25,26**

## **The Little Chap Who Follows Me**

A careful man I ought to be,  
A little fellow follows me,  
I do not dare to go astray  
For fear he'll go the selfsame way.

I cannot once escape his eyes,  
Whate'er he sees me do, he tries;  
Like me, he says, he's going to be,  
The little chap who follows me.

He thinks that I am good and fine,  
Believes in every word of mine  
The base in me he must not see,  
The little chap who follows me.

I must remember as I go,  
Through summer's fun  
and winter's snow,  
I'm building for the years to be  
The little chap who follows me!

- Author unknown

**“... be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.” - 1 Timothy 4:12**