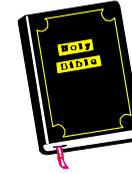


# WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST



“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 He says you will do well.

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

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OUT WITH THE OLD, IN WITH THE NEW  
PM: Jerry Manning

“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, Lynn Drago (Jerry's sister) and Phyllis Johnson.
- **Lamar Reeves** is still in Lexington hospital, (Room 499 North Tower) for a perforated colon due to his Crohn's disease. They are working to combat the very serious infection and surgery might be needed. Pray for Lamar's relief.
- **Ron Banks** had back surgery 12/31/2008 and is home now recovering.
- **Carolyn Stidham** is expected to go home soon after knee replacement surgery which went very well.
- **Remember the Banks and Stoyk families, and Marilyn Brooks** as they are traveling.
- **Betty Mathis** is back in her assisted living center, doing very well after hip surgery. All reports are she is looking very well and in very good spirits.
- **Ruth Raine** is in Minnesota for eye surgery.
- **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**

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

- **Ladies Bible** class now meets monthly, **Second** Tuesday evenings, 7-9 pm.
- **SINGING! SAVE THE DATE!** At the Twin City church in Batesburg Leesville, last Sunday in January (25th) 2-4 pm

**"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**

**WORK TEAM SCHEDULE: 1/4—D 1/11—A 1/18—B 1/25—C**

**“And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.” - Romans 12:2**

**How?**

**“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom ... ” - Colossians 3:16**

**So! Read the book, and  
Let Your Light Shine in 2009!**

## **OVERCOMING HUMAN TRADITION**

Many times a person will have difficulty accepting the truth taught in God's Word because it goes against what was formerly believed by the individual, and perhaps contradicts what he was always taught. This very thing happened to Alexander Campbell, who set out to restore New Testament Christianity in the 19th century. Campbell's family had always practiced infant baptism, and Campbell himself had been sprinkled. But when a child was born to Campbell and his wife in March of 1812, he determined to study the subject in light of the Bible alone.

Throwing aside the Presbyterian tradition in which he had been raised, Campbell was convinced through a study of the Bible that only penitent believers were appropriate subjects for baptism. He studied further and looked at the original language, and discovered that baptism was actually immersion.

Alexander related these conclusions to his father, Thomas Campbell, who agreed with his study. They realized that they had never been baptized into Christ. On June 12, 1812, Alexander Campbell and six others — his wife, sister, father, mother, and James Halen and his wife — were all baptized into Christ for the remission of sins.

The gospel is the power of God to save (Romans 1:16), but when men pervert the gospel it loses its power. This is the reason there are such stern warnings against changing what is revealed. **"As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed"** (Galatians 1:9). Adding to and taking away from the message is strictly forbidden **"For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: 19And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book."** (Revelation 22:18-19).

The Campbells recognized and respected the Lord's authority on the question of baptism by immersion by penitent believers, as well as other points. While Alexander Campbell is not the founder of the church of Christ, nor is he our authority in religious matters, he serves as a good example on this point that we would all do well to imitate. Search the Scriptures for the answers to religious questions, and submit to the ordinances of God.

**- Jason T. Carter**, minister, Mt. Vernon Church of Christ, Park City, Kentucky

**“These [Bereans] were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.” - Acts 17:11**

**Be a Berean and overcome human tradition, and so  
Let Your Light Shine in 2009!**