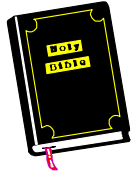


# WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

## THE MECHANIC

A MECHANIC WENT to hear a visiting evangelist in a little town...

The preacher preached that night on money, and presented the sermon under three points. First point: "Make all you can." The mechanic nudged his wife and said, "That man is the best I've ever heard. He is no nitwit. He knows what it's all about. He is one smart man." Second point: "Save all you can." This excited the mechanic and he whispered again, "This beats anything I've ever heard. He's smart enough to be President. This town has never had a preacher that could hold a candle to him." The preacher commended hard work and thrift, denouncing laziness and waste. The mechanic couldn't keep quiet. He whispered, "I've believed this all my life." Third point: "Give all you can." "Oh my," exclaimed the mechanic, "now he's gone crazy. He has quit preaching and gone to meddling."

THOUGHT: Isn't it strange that some people's conception of great preaching is a sermon that compliments them and rebukes others? Remember -- your preacher didn't write the Bible. He is not responsible for any word in it, but he is definitely responsible for preaching every word in it. And when it is preached, people judge themselves by their reaction to it.

- Leroy Brownlow, 1914-2002, Gospel Preacher,

Jesus has told us what to do through His word.

Preachers must preach that word:

“Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.” - 2 Timothy 4:2

We must listen and obey Jesus' word:

“Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. “ - John 15:14

Are you Jesus' friend?

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Sun 11 AM Assembly: 86  
Sun 6 PM Assembly: 56  
Weds 7 PM Bible Study: 49  
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SERMONS 1/25/2009

AM: Jerry Manning  
**THE BOOK OF HEBREWS TELLS US WHAT WE HAVE**  
PM: Jerry Manning  
**CRUCIFYING CHRIST AFRESH**

“Say not thou, I will recompense evil;  
but wait on the Lord, and he shall save thee.” - Proverbs 20:22

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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.
- **Carolyn Lee** will have cataract surgery 1/29 and needs a ride.
- **Jean Boyd** is to have surgery on her other shoulder some time in February.
- We have many that are ill and especially need our prayers: **Ron Banks** (whose back surgery was less successful than hoped for), **Marilyn Brooks** (who was in the hospital but is home now), **Dianne and Tiffany Dillard**, **Margaret Herring**, **Carolyn Lee**, **Beryl Parks**, **Anna Porter**, **Ruth Raines**, **Lamar Reeves**, **Carolyn Stidham**.
- **Jones Gamble** has been under the weather recently also. Remember his dad, who fell and broke an ankle.
- **Jeanette Reeves** continues to struggle with sin. Pray for her repentance.
- Remember all these and brother **Manning** and those he studies the Bible with, in your prayers.

"What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee" - Psalms 56:3

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

- **Kenya Harley's** school address is: 5801 E. Shirley Ln #806, Montgomery, AL 36117. Her phone number hasn't changed.
- **Pantry Items needed!** We regularly give quite a bit away to those in need. Pop top lids are good, as are things that don't need cooking or preparation, such as Lance cracker/cookie packs, canned fruit, Vienna sausages, beanie-weenies, etc.
- **SINGING!** At the Twin City church in Batesburg Leesville, this Sunday 2-4 pm.
- Our thanks to all who turned out to help **Margaret Herring**. The yard looks **great!**

"For God has not given us the spirit of fear;  
but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." - 2 Timothy 1:7

**WORK TEAM SCHEDULE: 1/25—C 2/1—D 2/8—A 2/15—B**

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**DEBATE!** COLUMBIA, S.C. - A gospel preacher will debate a former Assemblies of God pastor turned atheist at the University of South Carolina. **Kyle Butt**, gospel preacher and staff member of Apologetics Press, and Dan Barker, co-president of Freedom from Religion Foundation, will debate the existence of God Feb. 12, 2009. The discussion will be held in the university's Russell House Ballroom at 7 p.m. Barker will affirm, "I know the God of the Bible does not exist," and Butt will argue, "I know the God of the Bible exists."

"The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God." - Psalm 53:1

## **TEACHERS: MAKE YOUR CLASSROOM A SEEDBED FOR MISSIONARIES - BEGINNING MISSIONARY TRAINING IN THE CLASSROOM**

We are desperately in need of missionaries around the world. But where are we to find them? By the time most young men and women get out of college, having reached an age where they might think seriously about going to the mission field, they are married, beginning their family, and are burdened down with car and house payments. Then there are the parents to think about, as well as the challenge of finding a sponsor and the necessary support. Putting all of these things together, the majority simply do not have the strength and the will power to overcome the obstacles.

We must therefore begin to work on preparing our young men and women for the mission field long before they get to college. Where should that preparation begin? The first teaching on mission work, of course, should be done in the home but in all probability this will not happen. So the next best thing would be for strong sustained teaching to be done in the classroom.

Take a godly Christian woman with a group of boys and girls in a class situation, a woman who believes in mission work and who regularly teaches her students the great commission of our Lord by focusing attention on the missionary journeys of Paul and acquainting them with the missionary work of today, she can do wonders in preparing these young hearts to go to the mission field some day.

Many of our Bible class teachers have emphasized mission work over the years, but we need to have more who will deliberately and intentionally plan their classes with the goal of producing missionaries. With these kids having love and respect for their teacher, and with their eagerness to learn, and with the ability of the teacher to influence and to mold them, there is every possibility that some of them will become missionaries. By beginning to work with them as such an early age and planting the desire in their hearts, as they grow up they will continue their training and preparation to go to the mission field. Since they will have had an early start, they will not burden themselves down with a lot of things that many older ones do.

I would like to encourage you Bible School teachers to do more of this type of thing. Much depends on what you do now as to the kind of missionary force we will have in the years to come. With your help we can evangelize the world. Without it we will continue to hobble along as in recent years. In other words, your help can make all the difference. That is how important you are to world evangelism.

- **J.C. Choate**, Gospel preacher, long-time missionary to Asia, passed away last year.

"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." - Mark 16:15

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