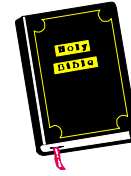


WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

WHICH IS MORE IMPORTANT?

To help you set and keep your priorities straight, take the following personal inventory:

1. Which is more important to you? Making sure your dog (or cat) gets fed every day or making sure that your child gets daily spiritual nourishment?
2. Which is more important to you? Watching television or taking time for prayer and Bible study every day?
3. Which is more important to you? Speaking out on current political issues or speaking out to help someone understand Bible truth?
4. Which is more important to you? The time you spend playing sports, hunting, or fishing or the time you spend with your children?
5. Which is more important to you? The time you spend adorning your body or the time you spend improving the inner man?
6. Which is more important to you? What you think of last Sunday's sermon or what God thinks of your response to the sermon?
7. Which is more important to you? The condition and appearance of your house or what goes on inside your house?
8. Which is more important to you? The preacher speaking to you at the door after worship or the preacher speaking to you through the sermon?
9. Which is more important to you? The temperature in the church building or the spiritual temperature of the church which meets in the building?
10. Which is more important to you? The number of people who show an interest in you or the number of people in whom you show an interest?
11. Which is more important to you? The number of people who speak to you at church or the number of people to whom you speak?

- **David Sain**, Gospel preacher, West Fayetteville Church of Christ, TN

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

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SERMONS 10/4/2009

Sun 10 AM Bible Study: 49
Sun 11 AM Assembly: 91
Sun 6 PM Assembly: 44
Weds 7 PM Bible Study: 45
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**“Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.
No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please
him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.” - 2 Timothy 2:3,4**

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“PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER” - James 5:16

- **REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** Lamar Reeves, Beryl Parks, Nina Ruth Meadows (Marcella Klieves' mother), Jack and Elma Berrier, Lynn Drago (Jerry's sister) and Phyllis Johnson.
- **Margaret Herring** is home now, recovering from serious abdominal surgery. She would very much appreciate your cards, calls and prayers. Her address is:
1146 Pinecroft Dr, W Columbia, SC 29170 Phone: 796-2131
- **Megan Stoyk** is back from Virginia. **Michael** will be down next week with his parents who will be staying with them. Pray for them all.
- **Natalie Cobb** requests prayers from a friend Al Kimble who is in LMC. Also, remember **Natalie and Landis** in your prayers also.
- **Anna Porter** requests prayers for **Bobbie Hutchinson** who is in Africa on a mission trip.
- **Donald Klieves** has been fighting his diabetes and very long work hours as well.
- **Brother Manning** has many Bible studies during the week, remember these, those that are recovering from loss, in your prayers.

"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth." - Psalms 121:1,2

“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:42

- There was a great turnout last Saturday to help put **Amy Wintermute's** new place in order. Remember her and the family in your prayers.
- **Senior Rally**, Sat 10/10, Monroe NC with **Jeff Trotter**.
- **Ladies Day**, Sat 10/17, St. Andrew's Road with **Casandra Martin** of Texas.
- **Transportation** needed for sisters **Betty Mathis, Jean Boyd and Marilyn Brooks**.
- **Pantry items** to bring to the church building. Remember, pop-tops are best.

10/4—Chef Boyardee Mac & Cheese 9/27—Dole Mandarin Oranges

**"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."
 - Psalms 133:1**

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

- **Gene and Evalina Lowe** are now great grandparents. **Isabella Elisabeth Nix** was born 9/24, weighing 7lbs 1 oz. Momma and baby are doing fine.

NT BOOKS (27):	1 Corinthians	2 Thessalonians	1 Peter
Matthew	2 Corinthians	1 Timothy	2 Peter
Mark	Galatians	2 Timothy	1 John
Luke	Ephesians	Titus	2 John
John	Philippians	Philemon	3 John
Acts	Colossians	Hebrews	Jude
Romans	1 Thessalonians	James	Revelation

ARE BIBLE CLASSES A WASTER OF TIME?

In the minds of some people, Bible classes are not important. They may even consider them just "a waste of time." What should our attitude be toward them?

Why do we have Bible classes on Sunday and Wednesday? Do we have classes just because others have them? Do we have classes just so we can say that we are at least doing something? Until we come to learn the significance of them, we will not appreciate them as we should. If we appreciate them, then and only then will attitudes and attendance change for the better.

Bible classes are significant because they help promote the work of the church. The Bible classes are one avenue through which the Word of God can be taught. We certainly want to take advantage of every opportunity to teach and study from the Bible (2 Tim. 2:15; Psa. 1:1-3).

Bible classes are significant because they help provide a way for the elders "to feed" the flock. The apostle Paul, in speaking to the Ephesian elders, said, "**Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood**" (Acts 20:28). Peter declared to the elders, "**Feed the flock of God which is among you**" (1 Pet. 5:2). Through our Bible classes, we are helping the elders carry out their work.

Bible classes are significant because they help produce tomorrow's elders, deacons, preachers, and teachers. We want to encourage our young people to grow up being servants of God. In our Bible classes, we are training potential soldiers in the Lord's Army. The Bible classes are helping to train the young in the way they should go (Pro. 22:6)..

Bible classes are significant because they help prevent unfaithfulness in the church. We all need encouragement in living the Christian life. Through our Bible classes, we can encourage and edify one another (Heb. 3:13; 10:24-25) to be strong in the Lord.

Bible classes are significant because they help prepare one for eternity. Who is it that has doubts about the importance of studying the Bible? We must come to understand and know God's will (John 8:32; 1 Tim. 2:4). The time we spend in studying the Bible in our classes is helping us to be prepared for eternity to come.

Are Bible classes a waste of time? I think not!

- Jerry Jospheh, elder, Charbo & Karen church of Christ, St. Charles, MO

“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.” - 2 Timothy 2:15

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