

# WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

## WHAT CAN I DO?

Have you ever felt left out? That you weren't important and thus not worth anything? That you couldn't make some great contribution. Maybe you've felt that way in the church: "Oh, I wish I could speak like that man..." or "Oh, I wish I could quote scripture like so and so ..." or "Oh, I wish I was a leader in the church like what's his name ...". Have you ever felt like that? **WELL DON'T!!!**

It's the **Lord** we want to be pleased with us; not other people. If the Lord is pleased with us, we ought to be pleased also. If He is pleased with us, what then does it matter what other people think of us? And the other way around too. If the Lord is **not** pleased with us, we better not be pleased with ourselves. If He is not happy with us, it doesn't matter how popular or respected we are.

Let's all aim to please the Lord. We can! He tells us how in his Word. The things He delights in are things that each and every one of us, without exception, can possess:

"Thus saith the Lord,

Let **NOT** the wise man glory in his **WISDOM**,  
NEITHER let the mighty man glory in his **MIGHT**,  
Let **NOT** the rich man glory in his **RICHES**:

But let him that glorieth glory in this,  
That he **UNDERSTANDETH** and **KNOWETH** me,  
That I am the Lord, which exercise  
**LOVINGKINDNESS, JUDGEMENT, and RIGHTEOUSNESS,**  
in the earth:

For in **THESE** things I **DELIGHT**, saith the Lord." - Jeremiah 9:23,24

Young or old, rich or poor, great or small, man or woman, let's **all** strive and hunger for knowledge and understanding of God and His ways—the spiritual ways of Mercy, Love, Judgment and Righteousness. Study God's word—the Bible.

“for if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.” - 2 Peter 1:8

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

**DO GOD'S WILL AND ... OUT WITH SIN IN 2010!**

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RECORDS 3/21/2010

SERMONS 3/28/2010

Sun 10 AM Bible Study: 47  
Sun 11 AM Assembly: 68  
Sun 6 PM Assembly: 41  
Weds 7 PM Bible Study: 51  
CONTRIBUTION: \$1794

AM: Ed Kelleher

HONOR

PM: Don Klieves

**GOD'S FAITHFULNESS—AND OURS**

“But God commendeth his love toward us,  
in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.” - Romans 5:8

### 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*

### LADIES CLASS

2nd Tuesday of month 7-9 PM

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## “PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER” - James 5:16

- **REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** Lamar Reeves, Nina Ruth Meadows (Marcella Klieves' mother), Jack and Elma Berrier, Lynn Drago (Jerry's sister) and Phyllis Johnson.
- Vernicia Matthews isn't eating well, pray for her relief.
- Amy Wintermute should be able to have the children back real soon, it's been 4 months. Remember them in your prayers.
- Jean Boyd had surgery and is recovering, but not well.
- Brandon Hurley requests the prayers for the church, and Carolyn Lee also.
- The Manning family is at the MSOP Lectureship in Memphis.
- Janet Boyd is travelling to Missouri. Chris Parks will be travelling to France April 1-14 with other French exchange students.
- Don Klieves requests prayers as he looks for new work; his old job is finished.
- Dianne Manz requests prayers for her daughter Lisa Zeruth who was very ill but should be home from the hospital now. Pray that she will recover and she and her husband will be receptive to the Gospel, they're studying with our evangelist.
- Eddie Sheppard was able to make it to our assembly last Sunday.
- Anna Kennedy reminds us to pray for: Betty Smith, a preachers wife in W. Va.; Jean Godley who has an aggressive cancer and is starting chemo; Elma Berrier's brother Jimmy Welch who has leukemia; and Thomas Tuten, 17, who has lymphoma cancer.
- We have many that are ill: Vernecia Matthews, Marilyn Brooks, Ron Banks, Margaret Herring, Jean Boyd, Anna Porter, Sue Eiland, Craig Robinson, Carolyn Lee, and Margie DeYoung.
- Remember all these in your prayers. Write them a card, give them a call, let them know you're praying for them and see if they'd like a visit:
- Brother Manning has many Bible studies during the week, remember them.

O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt." - Matthew 26:39

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

- We need a teacher for the Pre School class. Next Sunday is the 1st Sunday.
- Youth Devo SATURDAYS 7 pm, College age Bible study TUESDAYS 7 pm.
- Any of the men of the congregation with a desire to teach are encouraged to see brother Manning to prepare some Wednesday night devotionals/invitations. We were all encouraged by our brother Lamar Reeves who gave a devotional and invitation last Wednesday.
- Pantry items to bring to the church building. Remember, pop-tops are best.

3/21 Chef Boyardee Ravioli      3/28 Campbell's Chunky Beef Vegetable Soup

"But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him." - 1 Corinthians 12:18.

**OUT WITH SIN IN 2010!**

## **WOULD YOU DIE...FOR CHOCOLATE PIE?**

I "love" chocolate cake (not "pie" as the title suggests, since "die" rhymes with "pie" and not "cake" -- but I digress). I always have. I also love God. I "love" them both. What's the problem? Well, I know there's a difference in loving food, and loving God, so the problem is not my *heart*. The problem is my *language*. The word "love" in our language has basically been diluted, to the point that it has almost totally lost its original meaning. What other conclusion can you come to when one word can, to most people, encompass both food, and deity?

Obviously when I say "I love God," I *mean* something different than when I say "I love cake." The word is the same, but the meaning is clearly different, when you look at the context.

In the Greek language (commonly recognized as the language of the first century) when Christ asked Peter if he loved Him (John 21), he wasn't asking if he loved Him the same way he loved his favorite food. He wasn't asking if he loved Him the same way he loved his favorite pair of sandals. He was asking if he loved Him ("agapa" = in the original language) Him so much that he would *die* for Him. Peter wouldn't die for his favorite pair of sandals. I wouldn't die for chocolate cake (or "pie" if you're in a rhyming mood). And yet I say I "love" it?

It seems as though the word "love" has been used so flippantly, that its original meaning is hard to be discerned. A man may tell his significant other that he loves her, having just known her for a couple of weeks. Would he die for her? I think not. Eventually they may get married, and raise a family. Would he die for them then? Yes he would. Because now he truly "loves" them. The word has meaning to him now. Recall what Paul said about the sacrifice of Christ: **"For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. But God commended his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us"** (Romans 5:6-8).

Christ died because He "loved" us. Would Christ have died for His favorite food (He was human, I'm sure He had a favorite food)? No. Would He have even said He "loved" his favorite food. Probably not. Consider what Paul said concerning the Christian's love for Christ: **"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?... As it is written, For Thy sake we are killed all the day long..."** (Romans 8:36). Would a Christian die for Christ? Yes. Why? Because he **loves** Christ. Would he die for...chocolate pie? No. Now tell me why... Let's make sure, then, that we're careful about the words we use.

- Matthew Martin, Assistant Minister, Forest Hill church of Christ, Memphis, Tenn.

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