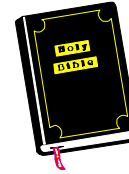


# WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

## ONLY THE CONVINCED CAN CONVERT

It is impossible to teach something to someone that you do not really believe. If you are going to be successful reaching the lost, you must be a true believer. You must understand what is at stake. When you understand what is at stake, you will be willing to say what needs to be said, you will understand how careful you need to be, and you will take your responsibility and the salvation of others far more seriously.

There are at least a couple of things that you must be convinced of before you can teach anyone. You must truly be convinced that the gospel is the power of God unto salvation (Rom. 1:16). You must be convinced that the person you are talking to is lost (Rom. 3:10-11). You also must understand how difficult it might be. Sadly, some of our evangelistic successes in the past have caused people in the world to pull back, because many people think they know what we believe and why. They honestly think we believe in water salvation or works salvation. They will attack quickly with the line, "You think you're the only ones going to heaven." They know that we have "a funny view about music." And that's a lot to overcome. Therefore, we must be convinced going in about their need, so that we can talk passionately - not about why they are wrong, but about how the Bible is right!

Also, someone who is truly convinced is going to offer something else to the subject - enthusiasm. There will be a backdrop to everything the person says about Jesus Christ that shows how much He means to us personally. People need to see that. You are not going to convince people by dryly going over a few verses of scripture. After all, most people approach the Bible emotionally in the first place. For the people we are trying to reach to value the truth, we first must show them that we value it.

- **Kevin W. Rhodes**, preacher, Granbury Street Church of Christ, Cleburne Texas

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.” - Romans 1:16

**GOD'S WORD WILL HELP YOU ... OUT WITH SIN IN 2010!**

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**AMONG THE ASHES**  
PM: Jerry Manning  
**EVERYDAY**

“The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.” - 2 Peter 3:9

*A Warm Welcome awaits you at all our services. Come see!*

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

- **REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Jimmy Gist, Jean Godley, Amy Wintermute, Lamar Reeves, Nina Ruth Meadows** (Marcella Klieves' mother), **Jack and Elma Berrier, Lynn Drago** (Jerry's sister) and **Phyllis Johnson**.
- **Eddie Sheppard** isn't well and remember **Marilyn Brooks** who is awaiting word on a biopsy.
- **Jean Boyd** is rehabilitating after surgery at: **LMC Extended Care, 815 Old Cherokee Rd, Rm 608, Lexington SC 29072**, there's no phone in her room.
- **Deborah Stoyk** back home now after surgery. Remember her, and Michael and Megan also, in your prayers.
- **Carolyn Stidham** isn't well and needs to have back surgery.
- **Paula Kennedy** requests prayers for an old and dear friend **Lisa Gilmore** whose daughter, 28, has had a stroke.
- **Heather White, Sue Eilands'** daughter is to have back surgery in July. She lives in NY and has 2 children.
- **Tom Rinehart** is attending a class in Virginia, and **Ken Parks** has been very busy and traveling at work with AT&T also.
- Brother **Lamar Reeves** and Sister **Amy Wintermute** are both going through very difficult, trying times. Pray for them. We are all encouraged by their faithfulness to God.
- **Margaret Herring** isn't doing well either. Please keep her in your prayers.
- **We have many that are ill: Jean Boyd, Marilyn Brooks, Ron Banks, Margie DeYoung, Margaret Herring, Anna Porter and Carolyn Lee.**
- 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.

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

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

- **First Sunday luncheon and Lord's business meeting at 1:30 pm.**
- **Youth Devo SATURDAYS 7 pm, College age Bible study TUESDAYS 7 pm.**
- **Pantry items** to bring to the church building. Remember, pop-tops are best.
- We need folks to sign up for **Building Cleanup** for July.
- Updated **directories**, listing new additions to our number are available in the foyer.

**6/6 Dole Tropical Fruit      5/30 Campbells Chunky Beef & Dumplings**

**"Let us not be weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." - Galatians 6:9**

**DELIGHT IN THE LAW OF THE LORD ... OUT WITH SIN IN 2010!**

## **IT'S A MATTER OF LIFE OR DEATH**

When we want to emphasize the importance of something today we might say it is a matter of the **gravest** importance—a matter of life or death. This rightly gets our attention. But there's something even more important than the grave and our physical death—it's our **spiritual** death, or life. The Apostle Paul charged Timothy, before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, the highest authorities, regarding this matter of ultimate importance—the judgment of our souls: **“I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom;” - 2 Timothy 4:1** And what was the most important thing Timothy was to do to comply with this charge and ensure that the will of God and our Lord Jesus Christ that none perish, was carried out? It was quite simple: **“PREACH THE WORD!”** (2 Timothy 4:2) It doesn't matter what else we do—if we don't preach the word, we will have **failed** God's charge. The WORD OF GOD is sufficient to deliver souls from darkness and death to light and life and then to nurture them: **“As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby;” - 1 Peter 2:2.** Only the WORD OF GOD will produce the growth God wants. And God expects that growth of all of us: **“For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe.” - Hebrews 5:12,13** Brothers and sisters, study God's word! Don't go elsewhere. Use and read your Bible—daily! It's a matter of the gravest importance.

**“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**

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

We rejoice with the angels in heaven that **Sherlene Baker-Thornton, Jean Baker's sister**, put our Lord on in **baptism** Thursday 5/27. She and her husband had been studying with Jerry for quite some time. Remember her husband Ron, as he is back in Ohio for a spell, where he meets with the saints but has yet to be baptized.

Also, our cup runneth over in that **Leighanne Painter** was immersed for the remission of her sins Tuesday June 1. She has been meeting and studying with our youth group for some time and joins her friend **Katelan Bingham** who was baptized at Sprinkle's Pond in Georgia on the youth outing, May 15. We are thankful for the power of God's Word and the faithfulness and love of those preaching it. God is so good to us! Praise His Holy name.

Their addresses are listed in the updated church directory.

**“I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.” - Luke 15:10**