

WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

ASK YOURSELF

Some questions for the Christian who's planning on marrying a non-Christian:

- 1) Am I willing to accept the possibility that my mate may never become a Christian?
- 2) Am I prepared to keep on going ALONE whenever the church meets, if my mate refuses to come with me? Will my mate resent my being gone during these times?
- 3) Am I sure I want to place myself in the position of being unable to "share the most important thing in my life with the most important person in my life?"
- 4) Will my mate understand my desire to put the Lord first in all things, including the budget?
- 5) What about the children? Is it fair to them to grow up in a religiously divided family? Will they turn out to be strong, faithful Christians, when one of their parents is NOT a Christian?
- 6) However fine a person my marriage partner may be, am I prepared to face the fact that we are going in different directions, on different roads, toward different destinations?
- 7) Am I letting myself be swept along by my emotions? Have I considered what the Lord would want me to do?
- 8) Am I **sure** this is the right person for me?

Please realize and count the cost, now, before you have to pay.

"For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down FIRST, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to FINISH it?" - Luke 14:28

Read the account of Jephthah (Judges 11), a man of faith (Hebrews 11:32). Remember that in your wedding you also make a vow, "For RICHER or POORER, in SICKNESS or in HEALTH, for BETTER or for WORSE, as LONG as you both shall LIVE." Then remember the God before whom you make this vow:

"When thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it; for he hath no pleasure in fools: pay that which thou hast vowed.

Better it is not to vow, then to vow and not pay." - Ecclesiastes 5:4,5

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EYES ON HEAVEN IN 2011

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SERMONS THIS SUNDAY:

AM: Ed Kelleher

PETER—FISHERMAN

PM: Ed Kelleher

PETER—FISHER OF MEN

"But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us; ... so making peace." - Ephesians 2:13-15

Are you IN Christ? (there's only one way in: Galatians 3:27, Romans 6:3)

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“PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER” - James 5:16

- **REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Betty Mathis, Margaret Herring, Lamar Reeves, Elma Berrier and Phyllis Johnson.**
- Remember **Janet Boyd** in your prayers who will be having a heart procedure/therapy this Tuesday, 8/23.
- **Anna Porter** requests prayers for **Steve Hutchinson**, a pilot in the USAF who just returned from Germany and is now redeploying to Spain.
- **Ryan Sheppard** was back with us last Sunday briefly, and will likely be deploying to Iraq in the next month.
- **Remember Margie DeYoung in your prayers.** She'll be in rehab a bit more, but she's wanting to get back soon.
- Also keep **Margaret Herring, Anna Porter** and the **Willson** family, and especially **Lisa**, in your prayers as they deal with health problems.

"We are bound to thank God always for you brethren, as it is meet, because that your faith groweth exceedingly, and the charity of every one of you all toward one another aboundeth;" - 2 Thessalonians 1:3

“WEEP WITH THEM THAT WEEP” - Romans 12:15

- **Audrey Williams'** grandfather passed away. Remember her and the family in your prayers.

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

- **Margaret Herring** got news that what she feared might be cancer, was instead a small abscess that has been taken care of. She's well and very happy.
- **Juaneze Gist** got a 2nd opinion and won't need carotid artery surgery after all.
- **Andrew and Jessica Moore** celebrate their 1st wedding anniversary this Sunday.

"That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another. And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honored, all the members rejoice with it." - 1 Corinthians 12:25,26

“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:42

- **Sign up to help get Lorraine Porter here on Sundays!**
- **Bible Study at Church Building, Saturdays 3 pm**, all are invited and please invite visitors to come! It's a good way for people to learn more of us. An informal session around a table with everyone using their bibles and Strong's Concordances.

“For we have great joy and consolation in thy love, because the bowels of the saints are refreshed by thee, brother.” - Philemon 1:7

EYES ON HEAVEN IN 2011

Godly Living — A Dire Need

Am I guilty of willful neglect? Am I too weak to do what I know is right? Do I blame others for my mistakes? Have I resolved in my heart that I will do my duty regardless of what others do or think? Have I made a good impression on my neighbor by my faithfulness to the Lord and His church?

Do you realize the influence of a godly life? The influence of gospel preaching is doubled by "practicing what we preach." Let us **"walk in the light as he is in the light"** and have fellowship with one another (**1 John 1:7**). **"I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils" (1 Cor. 10:20). "What fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness?" (2 Cor. 6:14).** Truth and error will not mix.

If Naomi had been weak like some of the people in our day, she would never have converted her daughters-in-law to the truth, or to the true God (**Ruth 1**). She would never have converted them by partaking of their evil religion. If a thing is not right, **"Touch not, taste not, handle not" (Col. 2:21).** The doctrines and commandments of men are condemned by the Lord (**Matt. 15:9**).

- **E.M. Borden, Gospel preacher, late 1800's– early 1900', in Texas**

There Is Only One Church

The Lord has only one church, and it is the redeemed in the aggregate. Paul said, **"There is one body" (Eph. 4:4).** Jesus said, **"I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it" (Matt. 16:18).** Jesus is the head of the church, and that church is His body (**Eph. 1:22-23**).

On the day of Pentecost the Lord added to the church **"daily such as should be saved" (Acts 2:47).** This one church was purchased by the blood of Christ (**Acts 20:28**). This means that every member of the church of Christ has been saved by the blood of Christ. People are saved as they are added to the church. When we become Christians, our names are written in the book of life in heaven, which means we are members of the church for which Jesus died.

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Is your heart like Paul's, whose heart was like Christ's?

“Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved. For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God. ... For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. ... For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?” - Romans 10:1-14

People believe in God but it does them no good because they have not obeyed the Gospel, because they have not heard the whole counsel of God preached. They will hear it here. Invite people to come hear so they might be saved.