

WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

THANKFULNESS

How do you **thank** someone? You might shake their hand, or give them a kiss and tell them so, or you might even write them a note or send a card. But the best way is to **show** them you're thankful for what you've received. He told us that here:

“My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.” - 1 John 3:18

Have you thought of how we show our “thanks” to God? God hasn't left us guessing here either. In 2 Peter 1:3 God said He would give us “**all things that pertain unto life and godliness**” and He has done so in giving us a way we can **show** Him we are thankful for the gift of life, hope and peace He has given us through His Son:

“And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins. Use hospitality one to another without grudging. As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.” - 1 Peter 4:8-10

The gifts (manifold grace) we have received He wants us to give to others. As good stewards He doesn't want us to lock up and guard what we've received, instead He wants us to minister, give, the same to others. Show Him you're thankful.

“freely ye have received, freely give” - Matthew 10:8

God gave us His word, to **keep** us from sin, so we might live and be with Him— So STUDY IT! Use it, show you appreciate it as the gift of God. This portion of God's Word tells us **what** we should do (walk, even as He walked) and a good reason **why** (he is the propitiation).

“My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him. He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.” - 1 John 2:1-6

- Ed Kelleher, West Columbia church of Christ

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SERMONS THIS SUNDAY:

AM: HARVEY ALLEN

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“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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“PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER” - James 5:16

- **REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** *Wilson Burton, Betty Mathis, Margaret Herring, Lamar Reeves, Elma Berrier and Phyllis Johnson.*
- **Grant Parks**, who has juvenile diabetes, has been having a particularly hard time with swings in his blood sugar of late. The family requests your prayers.
- **Anna Porter** is at **Still Hopes** in West Columbia for rehab and care following her surgery. Our thanks to **Martha Geiger** and **Jan Kelleher** who had been helping her at home. **Anna** is in good spirits and should be mended and home soon. Her address and phone number are posted on the bulletin board in the church foyer.
- **Marshall Mancuso** is still recovering from a severe case of the shingles
- **Tommy White** had knee surgery last Wed, no word yet on how he is.
- **Lorraine Porter** has hurt her foot and is unable to get out for a spell.
- **Margaret Herring** continues to suffer many health problems, sinus and bronchitis.
- **Amber Willoughby** had to return to the hospital after an emergency appendectomy for some tests, but is home again.
- Give thanks to God for His mercy, and pray for all these, and the work of the Lord here at West Columbia.

**"Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart,
all ye that hope in the Lord." - Psalms 31:24**

“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:42

- Updated **member directories** are available in the church office.
- **Building Cleaning** signup for the New Year is posted in the Foyer.
- We appreciate brother **Jones Gamble** publishing a list each week of those we missed on Sunday. Give those folks a call, or send a card to see if their ok, and to encourage them and let them know we miss them.
- **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 with the same measure that ye mete it shall be measured to you again.” Luke 6:38b

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SAVE THE DATES!

- **Carolina Men's Fellowship** in Rock Hill Saturday March 10.
- **Ladies Day**, Augusta Road Church, Greenville, March 17
- **Gospel Meeting** at West Columbia with David Pharr Sun-Wed April 22-25.

**“But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts:
and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you
a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:” - 1 Peter 3:15**

Truth and Controversy

It is a recognized fact among those who seek to follow God that truth is absolute and attainable. We do not deny this. While some would have us believe that truth is subjective and elusive, the words of Jesus that ***"ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free"*** serve as our compass in these matters. In addition to truth being absolute, it is also dogmatic to the core. Two plus two equals four - there is no room for error. Sincerity of heart or honesty of motive does not annul this fact. Truth is also narrow. A college teacher writes the problem on the board. Twelve divided by two equals six. There is absolutely no room for deviation. The answer is NOT seven, nor is it five. But society does not argue, nor do they accuse the mathematician of being unloving, unkind, or bigoted.

Now we move to the "truth" that makes men free. It is not mathematical truth, nor is it scientific truth, but that which is revealed from God Almighty through holy men ***"moved by the Holy Spirit"*** (2 Peter 1:21). This truth is dogmatic to the core. It will not co-exist with error, nor can it. By its very nature it is narrow in its application. But unlike the mathematical truth that two plus two equals four, or twelve divided by two equals six, this "truth" of which we speak has eternal consequences. But how do men react when faced with this truth? Sincerity is placed above simplicity, and feelings take precedence over fact. Men become angry at the truth because it restricts their freedom to act and behave in their own chosen way. Rather than simply accept the truth and obey it, they argue with the facts presented, become agitated at the one speaking the truth, and close their ears and heart, as if their rejection of the same will annul their responsibility toward those things spoken.

Since the truth and only the truth will set me free, it would seem that all men, everywhere, would have such a disposition as to receive the truth at all costs. May we be like the Bereans who were more ***"noble than those in Thessalonica in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, examining the scriptures daily, whether these things were so"*** (Acts 17:11).

- Tom Wacaster, Gospel preacher, missionary, church of Christ

“Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.” - John 17:17

HE TOLD US TO BE CAREFUL!

“Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort *you* that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints. For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our

Lord Jesus Christ.” - Jude 1:3,4

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