

WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

ORDER--AS RESPECTS DISCIPLINE

Good discipline is as essential to the moral health, peace, and prosperity of the church of Christ, as good doctrine. Without it no society can long subsist. The theory of discipline is not discipline itself; and, therefore, it is not discipline in the book, nor in the letter, but in the church, of which we speak.

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Under a prudent and righteous administration of the affairs of the church, the purity and excellency of the Christian institution will be sustained--offences and apostasies will be of rare occurrence. The congregation, like a well ordered family, will move in harmony and affection--will not only grow and increase in the knowledge of God, but in favor and usefulness among the people. Its numbers will be increased, and its influence in the community will be sensibly and extensively felt. The imputation of licentious and unsound doctrine will be impotent, and the ignorance of foolish and wicked revilers will be put to shame and silence.

But when every one does what is right in his own eyes, and feels himself responsible to the oversight of no person; at liberty to absent himself from the brethren as often and as long as he pleases, despising government and the restraints of Christ; mingling in the society of them who profane that sacred name which he professes to worship and adore; indulging in loose behaviour and inattention to the study of God's Book; preferring the company of the enemies of the cross, the world that crucified his Saviour, to the society of those who fear God and keep his commandments, and still regarded as a brother in Christ: the zeal of Paul and the eloquence of Apollos would fail to sustain the gospel in the midst of such disorder and licentiousness.

- **Alexander Campbell**, 1788-1866, Gospel preacher
Excerpted from The Millennial Harbinger Extra 6 (October 1835): 513-518.

“These things write I unto thee, hoping to come unto thee shortly: But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.” - 1 Timothy 3:14,15

IN THE BIBLE WE'LL DELVE IN 2012

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SERMONS THIS SUNDAY:

AM: **WALLACE BEASLEY**

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JOIN US IN
NEW TESTAMENT
CHRISTIANITY
TODAY!

**"I have planted, Apollos watered;
but God gave the increase." - 1 Corinthians 3:6**

ARE YOU PLANTING OR WATERING SO GOD CAN GIVE THE INCREASE?

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:** Miles Johnson, Richard Ramkinson, Margaret Herring, Wilson Burton, Betty Mathis, Lamar Reeves, Elma Berrier.
- Our sister **Dorothy Gray** requests prayers for her husband **Roderick** who has started a new job that requires considerable traveling.
- **Gail Allen** fell last week and suffered several bad sprains and bruises and severely fractured her wrist such that surgery will be required.
- **Brittany and Briana's** grandmother, **Mrs. Smith**, is doing some better.
- A close friend of **Connie and Floyd Richbourg**, **Peggy** Turner is in the hospital and another friend of theirs, **Linda Cothran** had emergency gall bladder surgery.
- Prayers are requested for **Steve Nimmons**, **Trevia Parks** son in law who might have a tumor growing on his pituitary gland.
- Keep all these, and **the church here**, in your prayers.

“For he longed after you all, and was full of heaviness, because that ye had heard that he had been sick. For indeed he was sick nigh unto death: but God had mercy on him; and not on him only, but on me also, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow.” - **Philippians 2:26,27**

“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:42

- **APPLES!** The **Richbours** picked some in North Carolina last week and have put a box of them in the fellowship hall for others to enjoy. Help yourself.
- **Bible Study at Church Building, most Saturdays at 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.
- Remember to **send cards to our visitors**. **Marshall Mancuso** had had a bunch of nice cards printed, and **Jones Gamble** faithfully gets visitor cards posted with addresses. So help out yourself! Send a card, invite people to visit, then send more cards! Postage for a post card is \$.32, Send 3 for a dollar and keep the change!
- **Bible Bowl**—February 23, 2013—Book of John.

"But ye, brethren, be not weary in well doing." - **2 Thess. 3:13**

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

- **Jones Gamble's** father passed away peacefully Monday in Manning after a long illness. Services were held Friday in Manning. Jones was very close and devoted to his father. Keep him and the family in your prayers as they deal with this loss.

Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ" - **Galatians 6:2**

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MEN

Do you love and provide for your family?
Do you vote? Did you serve your country in the military?
Do you read the paper or watch the news to stay informed?
Do you keep your promises? Do you pay your debts?
Do you work faithfully for your employer?
Do you obey the law? Do you stand up for the right?
Do you mow and rake your yard and take out the trash?
Do you wash and maintain your car?
Do you paint and maintain your home?
Do you hold the door open for others and help when you can?
Do you think of your children, how to help them grow up?
Are you considerate of your neighbors?
Are you cheerful? Are you forgiving? Are you polite?

You've likely done these, and similar things—many times. Sometimes it isn't especially fun. Often it's inconvenient and takes some extra effort. But we do them anyway, because we think they're **good** and **worthwhile** things to do. It may cost us a little, but it's part of being a man, "It comes with the territory", so we just do it.

Yes, it's good you act like a man at **home**, at **work**, in the **community**. But remember, the Lord wants **men** in His **church** also:

"Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit ye like **MEN**, be strong. Let all your things be done with charity." - **1 Corinthians 16:13,14**

"For every one that uses milk is unskillful in the word of righteousness: for he is a **BABE**. But strong meat belongs to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil."
- **Hebrews 5:13,14**

Don't neglect the Lord's work—get involved! Every one of us starts out as a baby in Christ, but many have grown to be preachers and elders and teachers. God expects this. Don't **you** stay a baby in Christ—grow! Come to bible study Sunday AM and Wednesday PM. We have informal Bible studies at the building most Saturday's at 3pm. It's a good time to ask questions and get Bible answers. Study your Bible at home and especially with your family. Invite others to these classes and our assembly—be there yourself! Be a **man** in the church, as well as in the world.

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

“As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:”
- **1 Peter 2:2**