

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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SERMONS THIS SUNDAY:

AM: WALLACE BEASLEY

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“Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord,
shall enter into the kingdom of heaven;
but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.” - Matthew 7:21

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

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LADIES CLASS

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“PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER” - James 5:16

- **REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** *Judy Walker, Miles Johnson, Richard Ramkinson, Margaret Herring, Wilson Burton, Betty Mathis, Lamar Reeves, Elma Berrier.*
- **Richard Ramkinson**, preacher at Windsor Lake, was ready to receive a kidney from his brother, but as they operated on his brother, they found his kidneys weren't usable. Richard has a sister who may be able to donate a kidney.
- **Jan Kelleher** is suffering severe general pain. It appears to be nerve damage likely caused by the chemotherapy she had. Strong medicine has been prescribed and she's been having some reactions to it. Pray the Lord grants her relief.
- Please keep all these, and **the church here**, in your prayers. Our thanks to those faithful in visiting and attendance, encouraging others by talking with them. To those quietly doing the many jobs necessary to keep the congregation functioning.

"But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved." - Matthew 24:13

“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:42

- **Please sign up to clean the building some time.**
- Remember to **send cards to our visitors!** Brother **Gamble** posts a list each week of visitors and those of our number who need encouragement.

"Blessed is that servant whom his Lord when he cometh shall find so doing."
- Matthew 24:46

HALFWAY! TJ Bolen (and family) will be here at the end of September (Lord willing) as evangelist to help us here in West Columbia. We're making plans for classes and a **Gospel Meeting in October** some time. It will be good to bring people to visit, as we'll then have a full time man to study with folks. TJ is ready. He started off an email with: *"I like that y'all (looking forward to saying we) ..."* Be inviting people to come visit!

HOW DO WE LOVE?

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

God has told us He wants us to **do**, not just **say**. Remember the parable of the 2 sons? (Matthew 21:28) One said he would—but didn't. The other son said he wouldn't—but he did. Which was better? The latter son who **did** his father's will. Let's be wise and not kid ourselves. Sitting in the chicken coop, calling yourself a chicken and going *cluck cluck* occasionally won't make you a chicken. Neither will sitting in a church building, calling yourself a Christian and occasionally going through some acts of worship make you one either. Let's not **say**, let's **do!** It's the, "I'd rather **see** a sermon than **hear** one" idea. Study God's word diligently and **do** what He says out of love for Him. Tell others, invite them to visit, bring them to our Bible studies, come yourself!

"If you love me, keep my commandments." - John 14:15

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—that they might be saved!**