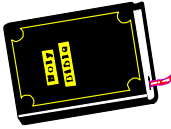


# WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

## FORSAKING THE ASSEMBLY

So many of today's citizens of the Lord's kingdom think nothing of missing Sunday evening worship and Wednesday evening Bible classes. They are apt to ask the following question to justify their absence from the assembly: "Do the scriptures explicitly say that we must attend Sunday evening and Wednesday evening services?" The answer is obviously "No". The inspired writer of Hebrews does, however, give other "reasons" for assembling at every designated service:

- 1) So we may **"hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering"** (Hebrews 10:23) (i.e., not end up as apostates from God's truth - Hebrews 10:26-31).
- 2) **"To provoke one another to love and good works"** (Hebrews 10:24).
- 3) We are to **"love one another"** (1 John 4:11) and we are encouraged to **"do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith"** (Gal. 6:10).
- 4) To **"exhort one another"** (Hebrews 10:25) to faithfulness (Rev. 2:10).
- 5) Our Lord is present at all "assemblies" (Matthew 18:20). The Lord says that we are to love Him with all of our heart, soul, strength, and mind (Luke 10:27). If we absent ourselves from the assembly where He is present, do we truly "love" the Lord? Are we putting His kingdom "first" in our lives (Matthew 6:33)? The Lord will not accept "second place" (Exodus 20:3; Jeremiah 35:15; Matthew 6:24; 1 John 2:15).
- 6) To set a good example before others (Ephesians 5:3; Philippians 3:17). Christ intends that every one of His disciples uphold the truth (Matthew 5:16; Romans 12:1-2; 1 Corinthians 4:15-16; 1 Corinthians 11:1; Ephesians 3:17; 1 Peter 2:12). As we faithfully assemble with the saints, God's truth is upheld and we provide an example before others.

In addition to the above scriptural reasons for attending every assembly, the elders of the church have designated "other times" (other than Sunday morning) for the saints to "assemble". Are we "obedient" and "submissive" to the elders (overseers) of the church (Acts 20:28; Hebrews 13:17) when we willfully absent ourselves from assemblies designated by them?

Brethren, let us prayerfully consider the above reasons for attending every designated service. The world has to see Christ living in us (Gal. 2:20; Romans 6:6) before it will be motivated to "change" their lifestyle and be obedient to Christ (Romans 1:5; Romans 16:26).

- **Mike Riley**, Montana Street church of Christ, El Paso Texas

**"be thou an example of the believers,**

**in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity."** - 1 Timothy 4:12

**Are you?**

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### RECORDS 10/15/2006

Sun 10 AM Bible Study: 48  
Sun 11 AM Assembly: 112  
Sun 6 PM Assembly: 65  
Weds 7 PM Bible Study: 66  
CONTRIBUTION: \$1901

### SERMONS 10/22/2006

AM: Jerry Manning  
**"Admission into Christ's Church"**  
PM: Jerry Manning  
**"The Name For Christ's Church"**

**"For the word of God is quick and powerful and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." - Hebrews 4:12**

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

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#### **SERVICES**

Sunday 10 AM Bible Study  
Sunday 11 AM , 6 PM Assembly  
Wednesday 7 PM Bible Study  
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*Nursery provided*  
*Bible Classes for all ages*

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

- **REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** Beryl Parks, Hagood Godley, Margaret Herring, and our shut-ins Jessica Herring, Zudora Clegg, and Phyllis Johnson. Also, **Nina Ruth Meadows** (Marcella Klieves' mother), **Jack Edwards** (Melissa Parks' father) and **Jack and Elma Berrier**.
- **Eddie Sheppard** spent Sunday night in the hospital recovering from some breathing problems but is doing better now.
- **Robbie Sheppard**, son of **Eddie and Doris** is recovering at home from surgery and would appreciate a card:  
Robbie Sheppard  
176 Morgan Dr  
Lexington, SC 29073
- **Gail Linder**, a former member, is not doing well at this time.
- **Judy Walker** was ill and not able to be out Sunday evening and **Anna Porter** was ill and not able to be out Wednesday evening, which was unusual. We missed them both and their encouragement.
- **Nathaniel Manning**, grandson of **Lynn and Jerry Manning** is a year and a half old but having some possible developmental difficulties.
- **Steve Nimmons**, a member of the church in Abbeville and husband of **Cathy Parks Nimmons** is home and doing well after successful brain surgery.
- Let's remember all these in our prayers, daily.

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations:”

1 Peter 1:3-6

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

- We regret to announce that **Adrena Phillips**, aunt of **Evalina Lowe** and **Tricia Kelly** passed away.
- **Jean Bailey**, of the St. Andrews Road congregation passed away and was buried at the Bush River Memorial Gardens.

## “AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:4

- **Gospel meeting** at Orangeburg church of Christ with **Mel Futrell** of Alabama. Highly recommended and worth the trip. Friday 10/20—Sunday 10/22.
  - The **Windsor Lake church** is planning to have a **homecoming and Gospel Meeting Friday-Sunday October 27-29th, 2006**. Gospel meetings are 7PM Friday and Saturday evening. They'll meet Sunday at 3PM.
- Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another” - **Romans 12:10**

## “ELDERS ... FEED THE FLOCK OF GOD” - 1 Peter 5:1,2

God has commanded us to meet—for many reasons (see front page article):

“And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching. For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins” - **Hebrews 10:24-26**

The elders have designated the times of our assembly as: Sunday 10AM, 11AM, 6PM, and Wednesday 7PM. Attendance at **ALL** of these is important for the well being of the church here at West Columbia and is **expected of all members** of the congregation. If you're not able to make an assembly, please drop us a note in the **BOX**, or come talk with us. Remember Jesus said, “For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” - Matthew 18:20  
Shouldn't you be also?

-Elders, West Columbia church of Christ, South Carolina

## **THE BOX**

We've put up a box in the foyer of the church building to help us communicate and better do the work of the church here at West Columbia.  
**PLEASE PUT A CARD IN THE BOX as appropriate:**

- To let us know you'll be **ABSENT** from Bible class or an assembly
- To tell us of people who might like a **BIBLE STUDY** or **VISIT**
- To note a **SONG** or **SERMON** you'd like to hear
- To **SUGGEST** something to be done or improved
- To **COMMENT** on lessons and classes
- To ask **QUESTIONS** to be answered by the preacher or elders
- For **VISITOR'S** Cards
- For items to be included in the **BULLETIN**
- For **REQUESTS** for teaching material, Bibles, tapes etc.
- To **VOLUNTEER** to help in some work
- To note something **BROKEN**, not working right, or needs fixing

We ask that you do put your name on cards (MC,EM,BP) in case something isn't clear or we need further information. - **ELDERS, WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST**

## “PROVOKE TO LOVE AND GOOD WORKS” - Hebrews 10:24

- The **Ladies Class** has resumed meeting 10AM Tuesdays (except the 1st).
- **Volunteers** needed to help **clean the building** in December!
- **Ladie's Day, St. Andrews Road, Sat 11/11**, with Cindi Burleson
- **Santee Ladie's Retreat** in Myrtle Beach Fri 11/17 – Sat 11/19. **Jan Kelleher** will be one of the speakers. Registrations sheets are in the foyer.

“And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.” - **Galatians 6:9**