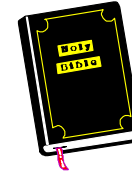


WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

LOOKING TO CHRIST

There always seems to be discussion about **unity**. People say the religious world is lacking in unity. Just a casual look at the yellow pages under “CHURCHES” will show you this is true. There’s a problem, and it’s one of **our own** making, because people are not looking to Christ!

Unity comes from the word **one**. If you have more than one, you don't have unity. God has told us how to have UNITY, and it's very simple:

“Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus” - Philippians 2:5

If you have **your** mind, and I have **mine**, we have **different** minds, and consequently, no unity. However, if **your** mind was like that of Jesus, and **my** mind was like that of Jesus, we'd both have the **same** mind. How could we be different? How could we disagree? How could we do things differently? We couldn't! We would be **one**, and not just one period, but one in **Christ!** Not one in Kip McKean, not one in Sun Yat MOON, not even one in Paul or Peter, but one in **Christ**.

We don't have to have UNITY CONFERENCES and SUMMITS. We don't have to discuss our **differences**. The Lord has given us the **yardstick** that we're to be measured against, and it's **Him**:

“Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: “ - Eph. 4:13

If we all went about making our **own** minds like Christ's we would be working **directly** and **effectively** on getting **unified**, we'd be true **disciples**. The Lord **wants** disciples, why do think that word is used so often in the New Testament? And he wants them to be HIS disciples—like Him:

“The disciple is not above his master,
but every one that is perfect shall be as his master.” - Luke 6:40

Why do we make so many problems for ourselves by **not** looking to Christ? Do you like problems? I don't. We can do something about it: look to Christ—point others to him also.

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

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AM: Jerry Manning
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PM: Jerry Manning
The Mouth and Mind of Jesus

“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.”
- Romans 12:1

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:** 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), Jack and Elma Berrier, Nathaniel Manning (Jerry and Lynn's g'son).
- Paul Dillard is scheduled for a heart catheterization Wednesday and possible open heart surgery. Remember him, Dianne and Tiffany earnestly in your prayers.
- Gene Lowe is suffering from a severe chest cold.
- Lynn Manning is down with a severe cold, sore throat etc.
- Anna Porter has been ill, but able to make it faithfully to the assemblies.
- Don Klieves requests prayers for his sister Sharon Johnson who is to have some stents put in and possibly might need open heart surgery.
- Doris and Eddie Sheppard request prayers for a church member and his sons in Alachua, Florida, Michael Hudson, whose wife Esther passed away.
- Remember Frank Allen, Ron Banks, Ethel Smith, Tricia Kelly, Debbie Sheppard, Paul Dillard, Gwen Pittman, Marilyn Brooks, Caroline Lee, Garland Matthews and Eddie Sheppard who all especially need our prayers for physical and other difficulties.
- Marilyn Brooks was out last Sunday, but able to make it Wednesday night.
- Jimmy Lee, Carolyn's husband, is doing better at home and may start radiation treatments soon. Carolyn especially thanks everyone for their cards and calls which helped immensely she said.
- Jean Glott, of North Columbia, continues to recover slowly at home from an unexpected accumulation of medicine in her body. Pray for her and Pete.

"If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." - John 15:7

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

- Michael Stoyk's mother, in Virginia, who was feared to have a recurrence of a brain tumor had a PET scan that showed no tumor or growth.
- Tommy White received a Presidential award, signed by President Bush, for volunteer work he does.
- Jack and Elma Berrier's son John is disease free. They thank everyone for their prayers.
- Correction: Nicole Kelly's new daughter's name is Victoria Rose, not Elisabeth as reported in the last bulletin. This is the Sheppard's second great grand child.

"I will be glad and rejoice in thy mercy: for thou hast considered my trouble; thou hast known my soul in adversities;" - Psalm 31:7

“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:42

- **BIBLE BOWL BOOK** is the Acts of the Apostles. The SC State Wide Bible Bowl will be held **Saturday March 3** at St. Andrews Road. The West Columbia Teen and Pre-Teen teams are defending champions. Please make plans now to attend and help during the time the teams are studying so we all might be encouraged and built up.
- **Building Cleanup Sign Up** sheet for 2007 is posted. Please sign up!
- **Ladies Bible Class** will resume meeting Tuesday, **1/9/2007**, Lord willing
- Remember our sister **Anne Louise Gordon** in LCDC who continues to do good work for Christ and his church despite very trying circumstances.

"For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also." - James 2:26

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

- The **Youth Group** are doing a good job cleaning the building. Thank a youth!
- **Work Team B** will be the active Team again this Sunday. They'll meet at the Geiger's home after the Sunday evening assembly.
- **Bro. Manning** will have lists of scriptures used in the foyer before his sermons.

"Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and with the household of God;" - Ephesians 2:19

“BE KINDLY AFFECTIONED ONE TO ANOTHER WITH BROTHERLY LOVE” - Romans 12:10

- Pray for our brothers and sisters who we've been missing recently at the assemblies of the church for worship and Bible study. Visit them; give them a call; write them a card; let them know they are loved and missed and wanted.

Tom and Jackie Adkins, Robert and Michelle Laffoday, Patricia Kelly Barbara Berry, Ed Johnson, Talitia and Jerome Zimmerman

"Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted. Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." - Galatians 6:1,2

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

The Lord doesn't intend we live our lives hit or miss. Woe to us if we ignore him.

"Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds." - Hebrews 12:1-3

- Elders, West Columbia church of Christ