

# WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

## ONLY THE CONVINCED CAN CONVERT

It is impossible to teach something to someone that you do not really believe. If you are going to be successful reaching the lost, you must be a true believer. You must understand what is at stake. When you understand what is at stake, you will be willing to say what needs to be said, you will understand how careful you need to be, and you will take your responsibility and the salvation of others far more seriously.

There are at least a couple of things that you must be convinced of before you can teach anyone. You must truly be convinced that the gospel is the power of God unto salvation (Rom. 1:16). You must be convinced that the person you are talking to is lost (Rom. 3:10-11). You also must understand how difficult it might be. Sadly, some of our evangelistic successes in the past have caused people in the world to pull back, because many people think they know what we believe and why. They honestly think we believe in water salvation or works salvation. They will attack quickly with the line, "You think you're the only ones going to heaven." They know that we have "a funny view about music." And that's a lot to overcome. Therefore, we must be convinced going in about their need, so that we can talk passionately - not about why they are wrong, but about how the Bible is right!

Also, someone who is truly convinced is going to offer something else to the subject - enthusiasm. There will be a backdrop to everything the person says about Jesus Christ that shows how much He means to us personally. People need to see that. You are not going to convince people by dryly going over a few verses of scripture. After all, most people approach the Bible emotionally in the first place. For the people we are trying to reach to value the truth, we first must show them that we value it.

- Kevin W. Rhodes, preacher, Granbury Street Church of Christ, Cleburne Texas

**“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.” - Romans 1:16**

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**RECORDS 7/1/2007**

**SERMONS 7/8/2007**

Sun 10 AM Bible Study: 57  
Sun 11 AM Assembly: 108  
Sun 6 PM Assembly: 74  
Weds 7 PM Bible Study: 72  
CONTRIBUTION: \$2552

AM: Jerry Manning  
"Cultivating Christian Character"  
PM: Jerry Manning  
"Effects of Christianity On the World"

**“For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world,  
and lose his own soul? “ - Mark 8:36**

*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  
Office Phone (803) 794-5320  
*Nursery provided*

*Bible Classes for all ages*

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

- **REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** Beryl Parks, Margaret Herring, Nina Ruth Meadows (Marcella Klieves' mother), Jack and Elma Berrier, Nathaniel Manning (Jerry and Lynn's grandson) and our shut-ins Zudora Clegg, and Phyllis Johnson
- Nancy Fields is doing so-so while waiting for some test results and will be going back to the Mayo Clinic in Florida around July 27.
- Remember brother **Craig Robinson** who is on the road a lot as a truck driver.
- Pray for our new brothers and sister in Christ, **Alton Elledge, Richard Smith, Stephanie Westfall, Lamar Reeves, Rosa Smith, Ivette Watkins, Billy Carter and Michael Hutchinson.**

"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." - Matthew 6:33

### “AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:42

- **Work Day** at the building 9 am Saturday 7/14/2007 before VBS.
- **Help** is needed in **preparing material** for our **VBS**, see **Lynn Manning**.
- **Craig Robinson, Keith Carter** and many other of our young, and not so young, adults had a good time last week when they went bowling together.
- **Pantry items** are needed. We've had many requests for help and the pantry is depleted. Canned goods with pop-top lids are especially useful.
- **Baby Shower** for **Holly Wilson** at the building, after the evening assembly Sunday July 15. Bring finger foods. Holly is due 8/16/2007.
- **John Manning** has started summer classes at Memphis School of Preaching. We're very grateful to the **Twin City church** in Batesburg-Leesville for their help in supporting John while he is at school. John's address is: **3927 Yokefellow Circle, Apt 204, Memphis, TN 38125**
- Remember our sister **Anne Louise Gordon** whose trial date set has been moved back a week to 7/16/2007. Several of the ladies worked to get Anne Louise some new clothes to wear for the trial. Remember her and the work at LCDC in your prayers. **Brother Manning** has been able to teach regularly and reach many who want to obey God and be baptized into Christ but are prevented from doing so. Also remember **William Horan**, an inmate in Pod G, who is teaching others the truth and wants to be baptized himself, but is hindered by the authorities. Send a card or letter to him at: **PO Box 2019, PG-5 Lexington, SC 29071**

"Nevertheless not as I will, but as thou" - Matthew 26:39

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

- Remember our **VBS! Monday through Friday July 23-27, 7 pm each evening.** Signup sheets for various things are posted in the foyer.
- **Clean the building!** We need folks to help! Please see **Gerald Boyd** or **Billy Geiger**. It isn't hard, and it will be a good help to the church here.

"Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honor preferring one another;" -Romans12:10

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

Last Sunday was a busy, but wonderful day. We had two very encouraging and edifying lessons from our evangelist and great bible study classes. **Michael Hutchinson** was baptized. We shared a meal with old and new brothers and sisters in Christ and many visitors. The elders met with the men (1:30 pm) and the ladies (5:00 pm) to discuss the work of the church here at West Columbia, review progress and show where we're wanting to go. We had an excellent **VBS planning session** after the evening assembly. We all went home that evening tired but happy to be involved with and a part of the work of the Lord's church here in West Columbia. Our involvement and work is very good, but let's always remember that our blessings truly come from God.

"Lest when thou hast eaten and art full, and hast built goodly houses, ... and all that thou hast is multiplied; then thine heart be lifted up, and thou forget the Lord thy God, which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage;" -Deut 8:12-14

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

“The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.” - 2 Peter 3:9

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

We rejoice with the angels in heaven that **Michael Hutchinson** put our Lord on in **baptism** Sunday morning. Michael had studied with our evangelist Jerry Manning and after hearing the lesson Sunday morning, realized his need to be baptized, and came forward. He confessed the sweet name of our lord and was immersed for the forgiveness of his sins by brother Jerry Manning. We are so happy for Michael, his father Hutch, and his grandmother Anna Porter who were all present. God is so good to us! Praise His Holy name.

“ I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.” - Luke 15:10