

# WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

## WHICH IS MORE IMPORTANT?

To help you set and keep your priorities straight, take the following personal inventory:

1. Which is more important to you? Making sure your dog (or cat) gets fed every day or making sure that your child gets daily spiritual nourishment?
2. Which is more important to you? Watching television or taking time for prayer and Bible study every day?
3. Which is more important to you? Speaking out on current political issues or speaking out to help someone understand Bible truth?
4. Which is more important to you? The time you spend playing sports, hunting, or fishing or the time you spend with your children?
5. Which is more important to you? The time you spend adorning your body or the time you spend improving the inner man?
6. Which is more important to you? What you think of last Sunday's sermon or what God thinks of your response to the sermon?
7. Which is more important to you? The condition and appearance of your house or what goes on inside your house?
8. Which is more important to you? The preacher speaking to you at the door after worship or the preacher speaking to you through the sermon?
9. Which is more important to you? The temperature in the church building or the spiritual temperature of the church which meets in the building?
10. Which is more important to you? The number of people who show an interest in you or the number of people in whom you show an interest?
11. Which is more important to you? The number of people who speak to you at church or the number of people to whom you speak?

- David Sain, Gospel preacher, West Fayetteville Church of Christ, TN

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

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**RECORDS 10/14/2007**

**SERMONS 10/21/2007**

Sun 10 AM Bible Study: 52  
Sun 11 AM Assembly: 108  
Sun 6 PM Assembly: 56  
Weds 7 PM Bible Study: 55  
CONTRIBUTION: \$2250

AM: Jerry Manning  
**Jesus The Christ and His Teaching**  
PM: Jerry Manning  
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**“Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.**

**No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.” - 2 Timothy 2:3,4**

*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, Nina Ruth Meadows (Marcella Klieves' mother), Jack and Elma Berrier, Nathaniel Manning (Jerry and Lynn's grandson) and Phyllis Johnson.
- **Eddie Sheppard and Anna Porter** have been doing poorly for several weeks but seem to be getting a little better, as is **Gerald Boyd**.
- **Don Klieves** is still fighting a bug.
- **Jerry Manning's** sister, **Lynn Drago**, is fighting colon cancer.
- **Carolyn Lee** came forward Sunday requesting the prayers of the church.
- Remember all these, and also remember to thank our God that **Jean Boyd and Paul Dillard** continue to improve.

**"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth." - Psalms 121:1,2**

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

- We need **volunteers** to clean the building in **November** and **December** (read article below, then re-read this line ☺).
- **Work Team A** will meet this Sunday after the morning assembly.
- **Remember! Gospel Meeting**, Windsor Lake, Fri and Sat 7 pm, 10/26-10/27/07. Details are posted on the bulletin board in the foyer.

**"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." - Psalms 133:1**

## **Christian's Obligations To God And Man**

The Christian's life is regulated by everything they think, say, and do. We have a two-fold obligation – one to God and one to our fellowman (Luke 10:27).

A Christian wife must submit to her husband as unto the Lord. A Christian husband must love his wife (Ephesians 5:22-25). Christian fathers are to bring up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord (Ephesians 6:4). Children are to be obedient to their parents as long as they are under their authority, and when they become Christians and are grown up, they are to honor their parents as long as they live (Ephesians 6:1-2). Christian employers are to be fair and just to their employees, remembering they also have a master in Heaven with Whom there is no respect of person (Colossians 4:1; Ephesians 6:9). Christian employees also are to do their best at all times, not just when the boss is watching.

We also have a duty to help our fellow man, whether a neighbor or stranger who is in need (Luke 10:29-37). When we fulfill our obligation to man, we go a long way toward fulfilling our obligation to God.

—Bud Butcher, elder East End church of Christ, McMinnville, TN

**“Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself.” - Luke 10:27**

## **ARE BIBLE CLASSES A WASTER OF TIME?**

In the minds of some people, Bible classes are not important. They may even consider them just "a waste of time." What should our attitude be toward them?

Why do we have Bible classes on Sunday and Wednesday? Do we have classes just because others have them? Do we have classes just so we can say that we are at least doing something? Until we come to learn the significance of them, we will not appreciate them as we should. If we appreciate them, then and only then will attitudes and attendance change for the better.

Bible classes are significant because they help promote the work of the church. The Bible classes are one avenue through which the Word of God can be taught. We certainly want to take advantage of every opportunity to teach and study from the Bible (2 Tim. 2:15; Psa. 1:1-3).

Bible classes are significant because they help provide a way for the elders "to feed" the flock. The apostle Paul, in speaking to the Ephesian elders, said, **"Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood"** (Acts 20:28). Peter declared to the elders, **"Feed the flock of God which is among you"** (1 Pet. 5:2). Through our Bible classes, we are helping the elders carry out their work.

Bible classes are significant because they help produce tomorrow's elders, deacons, preachers, and teachers. We want to encourage our young people to grow up being servants of God. In our Bible classes, we are training potential soldiers in the Lord's Army. The Bible classes are helping to train the young in the way they should go (Pro. 22:6)..

Bible classes are significant because they help prevent unfaithfulness in the church. We all need encouragement in living the Christian life. Through our Bible classes, we can encourage and edify one another (Heb. 3:13; 10:24-25) to be strong in the Lord.

Bible classes are significant because they help prepare one for eternity. Who is it that has doubts about the importance of studying the Bible? We must come to understand and know God's will (John 8:32; 1 Tim. 2:4). The time we spend in studying the Bible in our classes is helping us to be prepared for eternity to come.

Are Bible classes a waste of time? I think not!

- **Jerry Jospeh**, elder, Charbo & Karen church of Christ, St. Charles, MO

**“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.” - 2 Timothy 2:15**

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