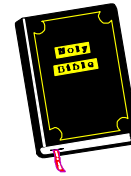


WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST

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



A FEW SIMPLE POINTS ABOUT SPREADING THE WORD

If we're concerned about lost souls and if we desire to build up the local church, there are a few necessary matters to which we must give careful attention. Consider the following.

We must have a perception of the need. This includes understanding that Christ obligates us to take the gospel to those around us (Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-16), as well as simply observing that the local church must be perpetuated.

We must follow the pattern of God's Word. While reaching the lost is essential and building up the local church is vital, we must not go beyond the limits of God's Word to accomplish the tasks. Pragmatism says if it works, it must be right; the Bible says if it is authorized, it is right (cf. Colossians 3:17).

We must apply the principle of Acts 8:1,4. These two verses show the scattering of the saints and then the scattering of the seed. They indicate that every member was involved in the process of evangelism — not just those in leadership positions.

We must recognize the power of the gospel. While some shy away from personal work believing that they are not assertive or eloquent enough, the bible shows that the power to convert the sinner from the error of his way is in the message, not the messenger (cf. Romans 1:16; Hebrews 4:12).

We must understand that persistence is essential. Consider 1 Corinthians 15:58 in light of the subject at hand: "Therefore my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."

So, are we really concerned about lost souls and do we really care about building up the local church? Then let's get to work!

- **Preston Silcox**, minister, Bethel church of Christ, Martin, Tennessee

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

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WE MUST NOT BE ASHAMED OF THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST

“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. For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith. For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;” - Romans 1:16-18

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, Nina Ruth Meadows** (Marcella Klieves' mother), **Jack and Elma Berrier, Nathaniel Manning** (Jerry and Lynn's grandson), **Lynn Drago** (Jerry's sister) and **Phyllis Johnson**.
- **Paul and Dianne Dillard** are both down with illness.
- **Jerry and Lynn** request prayers for their daughter-in-law, **Wendy Manning** who is to have a biopsy on a lump behind her ear that has grown quite rapidly. We're thankful her son **Nathaniel** is doing much better in overcoming problems of autism. But the family is being sorely tried, so remember them in your prayers.
- **Jamie McCue**, a friend of **Steve Matthews** is being treated for cancer. Brother Manning has been talking with he and his wife. Pray that God will be merciful and that they will be receptive to the Gospel.
- **Jerry** requests prayers for his sister, **Lynn Drago** who is gravely ill with cancer, that she obey the Gospel.
- Remember all these and brother **Manning** and his bible studies at LCDC and Heartland assisted living center in your prayers.

"By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love, one to another"
- John 13:35

“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:42

- **Work Team A** meeting this Sunday.
- Area wide **singing** at the **Twin City church** in Batesburg, Sunday 1/27/2008.

“Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned:” - 1 Timothy 1:5

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

- **Chris Crabb** graduated Summa Cum Laude from Lipscomb University last Saturday and was their salutatorian. He's preaching for a church in the Nashville area and is working with them this week before returning Christmas Eve.
- We rejoice in the baptism of **Darius M. Sibalwa**. He is 41 years old, came from Zimbabwe, Africa and grew up outside Michigan. His parents returned to Zimbabwe as Methodist missionaries. Jerry told Darius that they just needed to hear the rest of the story which we will be praying for. Darius laughed and said that we were true missionaries right here in West Columbia. Jerry told him that with some diligent study he too will be a missionary wherever he is. Darius mentioned that he would be interested in going to MSOP. Pray he stays focused on spiritual matters.

“But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear.”
- 1 Peter 3:15

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

We'd like each member of the congregation to think of one person they would especially like to see obey the Gospel of Christ. Pray for them and write down their name, address, phone number and who they are and give this to one of the elders or our evangelist. We will pray for them also and get in touch with them and attempt to setup a Bible study.

“Be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.” -1 Timothy 4:12

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(work fast, 2007 is almost over)

DO YOU HAVE AN ACCENT?

A few weeks ago, I had the opportunity go to Edmonton, Alberta, Canada and speak in a weekend seminar hosted by the Edmonton Church of Christ. It was such an encouragement to go so far away and find so many good people who are striving to conform their lives into the image of Jesus, just as we are here in Glasgow, Kentucky.

However, here's something that came to my mind as I spent some time with these good brethren. You know what? These people had an accent. I could tell I wasn't in Glasgow, KY anymore. Don't you suppose they were thinking the same thing? "Where's this guy from?" "He's certainly not from around here, that's for sure."

My point is, that from hearing one another speak, we were able to immediately learn something about each other. Now, here's my question. If you began speaking, how long would it take for someone listening to you to discover that you belonged to Jesus? In Acts 4:13, when the people heard Peter and John, they "perceived that they had been with Jesus."

My prayer is that my "Christian accent" will be as strong as my West Virginia/Kentucky accent, and that the "Christian accent" of my Canadian friends will be as strong as their Canadian accent. Eh?

- Steve Higginbotham, preacher, South Green Street Church of Christ, Glasgow, Kentucky

“Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time. Let your speech be alway with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.” - Colossians 4:5,6