

# WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

## UNDENOMINATIONAL CHRISTIANITY

Through the world are congregations of Christians who have obeyed the commands which our Blessed Lord said for sinners to obey to be saved. These Christians meet for worship and are organized into local congregations. They belong to no denomination. They have no central government or earthly headquarters. Each congregation is independent, taking the New Testament as its sole and only authority in religion. The members insist that if we believe the same things the early Christians did, and do the same things they did, it will make us the same thing. Paul was a member of no denomination, yet he was a Christian and a member of the Lord's Church.

The church of Christ was established on Pentecost day, A.D. 33, as we read in Acts 2. Every saved person was added to the church (Acts 2:47), thus the church is composed of all Christians on earth, and every saved person is in it. The members of the church were called "Christians" (Acts 11:26), a name which the Lord gave (Isa. 62:2). All names of human origin are condemned (1 Cor. 1:12-13; Acts 4:12).

"The Word of God is the seed of the King" (Luke 8:11). This seed produced Christians when first planted. If we plant the same seed today, we will reap the same product. The life is in the seed. If there were not a Christian on earth today, you might become one by believing, repenting, confessing your faith in Christ, and being baptized. If there were not a church of Christ on earth, we might start one by obeying the gospel the apostles preached. Paul went to Corinth and preached the Gospel and "many of the Corinthians hearing, believed, and were baptized" (Acts 18:8). Paul later addressed them as the "church of God" and "the body of Christ" (1 Cor. 1:2, 12:27).

Nineteen centuries have passed since the beginning of the church but we still have the same truth. (Continued on Page 3)

“Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.” - 1 Corinthians 1:10

Doing it God's way is one way to ...  
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### RECORDS 2/17/2008

Sun 10 AM Bible Study: 48  
Sun 11 AM Assembly: 100  
Sun 6 PM Assembly: 67  
Weds 7 PM Bible Study: 43  
CONTRIBUTION: \$2405

### SERMONS 2/24/2008

AM: Jerry Manning  
**NEW TESTAMENT OVERVIEW, Part 1**  
PM: Jerry Manning  
**NEW TESTAMENT OVERVIEW, Part 2**

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

*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  
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*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), Lynn Drago (Jerry's sister) and Phyllis Johnson.
- Paul Dillard is scheduled for open heart surgery, hopefully Monday. This is his third one and he is understandably anxious so remember him in your prayers.
- Michael Stoyk requests prayers for his dad's health, William Stoyk in Virginia.
- Craig Robinson requests prayers for Anthony Sanders who is in a coma,, Wesley Robinson his grandfather who's health is declining and Natia Slowly who recently had a child, for their health and particularly that they all obey the Gospel.
- Remember Anna Porter who is in Arizona, the Dillards, Ron Banks and Eddie Sheppard as they all continue to fight illness.
- Remember all these and brother Manning and his bible studies at LCDC and Heartland assisted living center in your prayers.

**“But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you. To Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.” - 1 Peter 5:10**

**Prayer is a good way to ...**

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

- We're starting the new quarter in our classes by resuming our Engraving Heavenly Truths program. This quarter will be an **OVERVIEW OF THE NEW TESTAMENT**. It is intended to complement the Old Testament Overview we had completed before our common study of the books of Amos and Esther. Our VBS this year will be themed after People of the New Testament to coincide with our study.
- **PANTRY ITEMS ARE NEEDED!** Pop top cans are good.
- Ladies get together to work on the **visual aids** Thurs. 7:00 PM. At the building.
- **SAVE THE DATE!** Our **Fall Gospel Meeting** is scheduled Sun-Wed, **Sep 14-17, 2008** with **Billy Bland**, well known Gospel preacher and instructor at MSOP.
- **SAVE THE DATE!** **Ladies Day at West Columbia, Saturday April 12, 2008.**
- **CAROLINA MEN'S FELLOWSHIP** near Rockhill, SC, Saturday March 8, 2008

**“And be not conformed to this world:  
but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind,” - Romans 12:2a**

**Studying God's Word is one way to ...  
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## **UNDENOMINATIONAL CHRISTIANITY, (continued from Page 1)**

We have today the same church unchanged in name, doctrine, organization, faith, and practice. We dare not use any creed except the New Testament (2 John 9). We must not add to our worship any doctrine or commandment of man (Matt. 15:9). Our plea is for unity - not simply union in diversity - but for all time on the platform of God's Word (Eph. 4:4-6). We plead no merit of our own - only the merit of Christ's shed blood and of His holy Word. The New Testament is the inspired Word of God and is superior to any human confession of faith (2 Tim. 3:16-17). Will you not join with us in standing on the solid rock of God's Word?

**“The churches of Christ salute you” - Romans 16:16b.**

**- George W. DeHoff, Gospel Preacher, teacher, 1913-1993**

## **THE BIBLE**

The Bible is every man's book. To know the Bible and to handle it aright is the greatest accomplishment within the reach of any person. One may know English, astronomy, literature, music, sociology, and philosophy; but if one does not know the Bible, one has failed in the only subject that brings all things into their proper relationship and that enables one to know life at its best.

It is not intended for some special group. But not only is the Bible every man's book, it is written for the average person. Scholars may study it, but it is not written necessarily with scholars in mind. No one ever outgrows the Scriptures. The more one studies them, the wider and deeper they become. The Bible is a book which enables one to look into eternity. The best evidence of the inspiration of the Bible is to be found between its covers.

No one will ever be a useful Christian unless one is a student of the Bible. Matthew Henry said, "The Scriptures were not written to make us astronomers, but to make us saints." It is no wonder that Paul urged Timothy to study the Scriptures, "rightly dividing (handling aright) the word of truth, that he might be an approved workman before God" (2 Timothy 2:15).

The Bible acknowledges man's faults; it is patient with man's weaknesses; and it is honest with his virtues and his hopes.

To own the Bible is to be rich. To study, to know, and to trust the Bible is to find life. To study the Bible is to be wise; to obey it, to be strong.

**- Franklin Camp, Gospel Preacher, teacher, 1915-1991**

**“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:” - 2 Timothy 3:16**

**Going to God through His word is one way to ...  
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