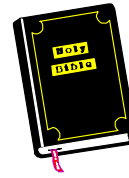


WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST

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



COMMUNICATING LOVE

When we think of the word communicate, we usually think of calling someone on the phone, writing them a letter or sending them an email—sharing a thought. However the Bible word means much more, it means sharing **ourselves** with others.

“That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate; - 1 Timothy 6:18

Here's a brief list of ways the New Testament tells us to communicate with each other as Christians—Good works that we can be rich in, ... or not:

1. Suffer together (1 Corinthians 12:26)
2. Rejoice together (Romans 12:15)
3. Carry each others' burdens (Galatians 6:2)
4. Restore each other (Galatians 6:1)
5. Pray for one another (Romans 15:30)
6. Teach and admonish one another (Colossians 3:16)
7. Refresh one another (Romans 15:32)
8. Encourage each other (Acts 28:15)
9. Forgive one another (Ephesians 4:32)
10. Confess to one another (James 5:16)
11. Be truthful with each other (Ephesians 4:25)
12. Move one another to love and good works (Hebrews 10:24)
13. Give to each other (Philippians 4:14, 15)
14. Weep together (Romans 12:15)
15. Comfort one another (1 Thessalonians 4:18)

Get the picture? You better; for there's a purpose to this—the Lord's purpose. The Lord wants **us**, His church, to be rich in good works, communicating our love with each other, as God has done to us until, as He tells us:

“... 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 fullness of Christ:” - Eph 4:13

- Ed Kelleher, West Columbia church of Christ, South Carolina
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Sun 6 PM Assembly: 65
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“For ye are all the children of God by faith in Jesus Christ.” - Galatians 3:26

(We need faith and to be in Christ—baptized into Him. Think we're making that up? Look at next verse)

“For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.” - Gal 3:27
(Not been baptized? Think you are you in Christ? What does God's word say?)

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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.
- **Margaret Herring** is in pretty severe pain and not able to be with us. She wants us to know she misses us and hopes to be back soon. Pray she can.
- **Craig Robinson** is at his aunt's home in Atlanta recovering from knife wounds. He's to have follow-up surgery on his arm Tuesday. Brothers **Keith Carter** and **Tom Rinehart** went to visit and report he is getting better. Craig asks the prayers of the church as he recovers from the effects, physical and emotional, of the attack. **Craig Robinson, C/O Delores Deadwyler, 2577 Brentwood Rd, Decatur, GA 30032, telephone: 404-241-6376.** In a few weeks, Lord willing, he will be home again in Sumter.
- **Jason Parks** had successful sinus surgery, remember to thank God for this.
- **Beryl Parks** is having problems eating. This is very serious also.
- Prayers are requested for **Trey Ford, Phyllis Johnson's** great-grandson, and grandson of **Jennifer Ford**, who is in the hospital (correction from last week).
- **Jan Kelleher** is recovering from foot and knee surgery and was able to make it to the assembly Wednesday evening.
- Prayers are requested for **Whitney Muller**, 15, who has a brain tumor.
- **Marilyn Brooks** is still ill and not able to make it out to our meetings.
- **Betty Mathis** has been fighting some ills also, but is able to get out some.
- **Jeanette Reeves** continues to struggle with sin. Pray for her repentance.
- Remember all these, our new brothers and sisters in Christ, and brother **Manning** and those he studies the Bible with, in your prayers.

“When I said, My foot slippeth; thy mercy, O LORD, held me up.” - Psalm 94:18

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

- **Marcella Klieves** now has a day shift job, after 7 years on the evening shift. She'll now be able to make the Wed. evening assemblies. **Don** also will be working in town for a few weeks which is a blessing also.

“For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's.” - Romans 14:8

“WEEP WITH THEM THAT WEEP” - Romans 12:15

- **Megan Culver**, a friend of **Megan Stoyk** succumbed to her brain cancer.

“that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.” - Rom 15:4

WORK TEAM SCHEDULE: 10/5—C 10/12—D 10/19—A 10/26—B

Are you choosing the Strait Gate in 2008? How?

HE CARES

I heard the story of a little boy who called his grandfather to explain that he had been delayed because his friend had broken a toy.

“Did you help him fix it?” asked the grandfather.

“No, it couldn't be fixed,” said the boy, but I sat down and cried with him. Grandfather, it is a terrible thing when you have to cry alone.”

Paul urged that same attitude in Romans 12:15 when he told his readers, **“Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep.”** One great blessing of being a Christian is that we do not have to weep alone. Our brothers and sisters stand ready to shed tears with us in our sorrow. They are concerned when we are concerned.

Sometimes, however, we feel that not even our brothers and sisters understand the pain we are feeling. In that case, we have the ultimate blessing of a Savior who weeps with us as He did with Mary and Martha in the long ago. The prophet Isaiah said. **“Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrow”** (Isaiah 53:4). Let us remember to follow the instructions of Peter in 1 Peter 5:7 when he said, **“Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.”**

- Ron Stough, minister East Side church of Christ, Duncan OK

“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:42

- **Men's and Ladies meeting** at 1:30 pm Sunday, very important for all to attend.
- **PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED!** Small cans or packages with pop-top lids are good.
- **The Young Ladies Class, FRIDAYS**, 7 pm at **Jamie and Debbie Sheppard's** home. **Lynn Manning** will be teaching. Just for the girls, teens to young adults.
- **New Convert Class** Saturdays 11 am at the building, for **all** who are interested. They're studying about the Bible using Keith Mosher's book, **The Book God Breathed.**
- **Over 50 group** will meet Thursday **10/9** 6 pm at the Harbor Inn in Lexington.
- **Work Team D** will meet at Gwen Pittman's home Sat **10/11** at 6:30 pm.
- A new **directory** of church members is available in the foyer.

“Seek the LORD, and his strength: seek his face evermore.” - Psalm 105:4

Choose the Strait Gate in 2008—Read these books to see how!

NT BOOKS (27):	1 Corinthians	2 Thessalonians	1 Peter
Matthew	2 Corinthians	1 Timothy	2 Peter
Mark	Galatians	2 Timothy	1 John
Luke	Ephesians	Titus	2 John
John	Philippians	Philemon	3 John
Acts	Colossians	Hebrews	Jude
Romans	1 Thessalonians	James	Revelation