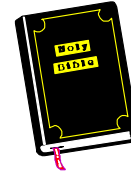


# WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

## CALLING ON THE NAME OF THE LORD

What does it mean to “call on the name of the Lord?” Legion are they who teach that this means to approach Christ in prayer, asking him to forgive one’s own sins and come into one’s heart for the purpose of being his or her “personal Savior.” Usually, **Romans 10:13** is quoted as a proof text for this teaching: “**For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.**” However, this phrase is used in other places in the Bible and to understand its meaning in Romans, the phrase should be studied in the other contexts as well.

In Romans 10, Paul is quoting Joel 2:32 emphasizing the universal nature of the Gospel. Another New Testament spokesman who quoted Joel was Peter on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:21). Peter was preaching to those who were guilty of shedding the innocent blood of Jesus. Upon realizing the severity of their crime, the convicted crowd cried out, “Men and brethren, what shall we do?” They knew they were guilty and they knew they needed forgiveness. In addition, they had heard Peter quote Joel, saying, “**Whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.**” So, what was Peter’s response to their question? Did he tell them to pray to Jesus for forgiveness? Did he command them to ask Christ to come into their hearts as their personal Savior? No! He told them to “**Repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins**” (Acts 2:38). Here is inspired commentary on the phrase, “call on the name of the Lord.” According to Peter, who was speaking by inspiration, calling on the name of the Lord is obeying the gospel.

What about you? Are you one who calls on the name of the Lord (I Cor. 1:2)? That is, are you one who obeys the Christ? If not, why not determine to follow the example of those 3,000 on the day of Pentecost, and call on his name today and continue to do so all the days of your life.

- **Preston Silcox**, Gospel preacher, Eastside church of Christ, Muskogee, OK

“**Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours:**” - 1 Corinthians 1:2

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**SERMONS 3/8/2009**

AM: Jerry Manning  
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PM: Jerry Manning  
*The Treasury*

**“Follow peace with all men, and holiness,  
without which no man shall see the Lord:” - Hebrews 12:14**

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

- **REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** Lamar Reeves, Beryl Parks, Nina Ruth Meadows (Marcella Klieves' mother), Jack and Elma Berrier, Lynn Drago (Jerry's sister) and Phyllis Johnson.
- **Margaret Herring** is to have a heart cath Monday. Pray for her.
- **Judy Walker** is still suffering severe back pain, but is still faithful in attendance. She requests prayers for **Ashley Gause**, 25, who is married with a small child but has a serious heart problem and might need a heart transplant.
- **Carolyn Lee** is doing well after back surgery and needs a ride Monday morning to Florence to see her specialist.
- **Anna Porter** is visiting family in Arizona for several weeks.
- Remember our brother **Darius Silbawa** who has not been with us.
- Remember all these and brother **Manning** and those he studies the Bible with, in your prayers.

"Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ" - Titus 2:13

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

- Our **Teen Team** did very well at the **SC Statewide Bible Bowl**, placing 5th overall. More importantly we are all very pleased at how much they learned from the books of Hebrews and James. Their conduct was excellent and performed well under pressure (much better than some parents did). Please take a moment to congratulate **Brian, Chris, and Grant Parks**, and **Kaitlyn Sheppard**. Our thanks to all who helped with this good work.

"Blessed is that servant,  
whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing." - Matthew 24:46

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

- **Foundation Class**, Saturdays 11 am at the building. All are invited.
- **Visual Aids** help needed for VBS, see brother Manning.
- **Bible Bowl**, Saturday Feb 28 at the St. Andrews Road church of Christ.
- **Carolina Men's Fellowship**, Saturday March 14, 2009., sponsored by the Charlotte Avenue church, meeting at the Goldsboro church of Christ in Fort Mill.
- **Gospel Meeting** St. Andrews Road church with **Melvin Sapp** 3/22-3/24.
- **Homecoming**, 20th year, **Twin City church**, 4/26 with **Mike Hinrichs** preaching.

"In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."  
- 1 Thessalonians 5:18

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### **PLAN B?**

A while back, I wrote about a message displayed on the sign of a local interdenominational church. That message proclaimed that baptism is a non-essential in God's plan to save mankind. The thrust of the article was to prove how that particular proclamation contradicts the Bible. Well, they're at it again. This time, however, instead of contradicting the Scriptures with their sign, they've contradicted themselves!

The latest message that grabbed my attention was something to this effect: Jesus does not have a plan B. While all who are familiar with the Bible know the truthfulness of this point, the group who proclaimed it on their sign is a part of a movement that teaches not only does God have a plan B, but He also has a plan C, plan D, and plan E (to name just a few). Denominationalism, of which this local church is an obvious part, glories in the false notion that we're all going to heaven; we're just taking different routes. If this idea doesn't promote a multiplicity of plans, then I don't know what does.

The fact is, the New Testament condemns the denominational philosophy. Jesus prayed that His followers be united (Jn. 17:20-21). Such unity necessitates mutual adherence to the Scriptures. Inspiration requires that all who follow the Savior speak the same thing, have no divisions, and be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment (1 Cor. 1:10). It's one thing to proclaim that God doesn't have a plan B. But it's quite another to actually give up denominational error in order to demonstrate it.

- **Preston Silcox**, Gospel preacher, Eastside church of Christ, Muskogee, OK

“Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.” - John 17:20,21

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

### “... PEOPLE, ZEALOUS OF GOOD WORKS.” - Titus 2:14

**WORK TEAM SCHEDULE: 3/8—A 3/15—B 3/22—C 3/29—D**

All members in the congregation are assigned to a Work Team

Check your Work Team assignment—your participation is vital!

**Work Team A to meet at the Geiger Home 4:30 Sunday 3/8.**

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