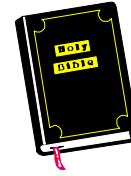


# WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

## **GOSPEL MEETING!** **UNDERSTANDING GOD'S PLAN FOR MAN**

**Sunday September 13 – Wednesday September 16**

**With Curtis Cates, Evangelist,  
Memphis School of Preaching, Director Emeritus**

Sun 10 am - **PAUL'S PASSION FOR SOULS**

Sun 11 am - **LISTENING TO GOD**

Sun 6 pm - **UNDERSTANDING FAITH**

Mon 7 pm - **SOME PECULIARITIES OF THE  
CHURCHES OF CHRIST**

Tue 7 pm - **A SIMPLE WAY**

Wed 7 pm - **OVERCOMING LIFE'S PITFALLS**

**Mon - Wed. classes at 10 am each day on  
JOB AND THE PROBLEM OF HUMAN SUFFERING**

**COME HEAR GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION FROM HIS HOLY WORD!  
INVITE PEOPLE TO ATTEND!**

**FOLLOWUP WITH THEM TO MAKE SURE THEY DO!  
MAKE A LIST OF YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS,  
DO YOU WANT THEM TO BE SAVED?  
GOD DOES! HE'S DONE HIS PART, YOU DO YOURS!  
ABOVE ALL! MAKE SURE YOU ARE THERE!**

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Sun 6 PM Assembly: 54

Weds 7 PM Bible Study: 52

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**SERMONS 8/30/2009**

AM: Jerry Manning

PM: Jerry Manning

**THAT'S ALL I CAN STANDS**

**CHOOSE YOU THIS DAY**

**“For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world,  
and lose his own soul?  
Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?” - Mark 8:36,37**

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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:** Lamar Reeves, Beryl Parks, Nina Ruth Meadows (Marcella Klieves' mother), Jack and Elma Berrier, Lynn Drago (Jerry's sister) and Phyllis Johnson.
- **Flo Johnson**, a friend of the Kelleher family, has had a malignant tumor removed, but is not thought to be related to her previous cancer.
- **Michael Stoyk's** parent's home, in Virginia, burned after a lightning strike.
- **Marilyn Brooks** requests prayers before a medical procedure Monday.
- **Marcella's mother Nina Ruth Meadows** is in the hospital.
- **Tommy White** has pneumonia.
- **Don Fields** has been diagnosed with 4th nerve palsy, an eye movement affliction.
- Prayers for **Lynn Drago** are especially coveted as she is in final stages of cancer.
- **Brother Manning** has many Bible studies during the week, remember these, those that are recovering from loss, in your prayers.

"There is none holy as the Lord: for there is none beside thee:  
neither is there any rock like our God." - 1 Samuel 2:2

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

- **Youth Devo** at the **Sheppard's home, 8/29 at 7 pm.**
- **College age young adults** meet at the building Thurs 9/3 8pm.
- **Ladie's Bible Class** will meet Tues. Sept 8th at the building.
- We need a **USC faculty sponsor** for our bible study group. If you know someone on the USC faculty, please contact **Andy McCormick** or **Michael Stoyk**.
- **Contributions** to our youth activities fund are needed.
- **Transportation** needed for sisters **Betty Mathis, Jean Boyd** and **Marilyn Brooks.**
- The **YOUTH** as part of their regular activities, will meet Saturday 9/12 and will go **door knocking**, inviting people to our Gospel Meeting, starting Sun 9/13.
- **Pantry items** are needed, each week we'll list an item that is needed. Members can bring items to the church building.

"To them who by patient continuance in well doing, seek for glory and honor and immortality, eternal life:" - Romans 2:7

**PANTRY ITEM: Canned Fruit (peaches etc) in pop-top can**

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

- **Work Team B** to meet **Sat 9/12 7pm** at the **Kelleher's home.**
- **Work Team A** to meet **Fri 9/18 7pm** at **Martha Geiger's home.**

**REMEMBER OUR GOSPEL MEETING STARTING SEPTEMBER 13**

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## **THE ESSENTIALITY OF ASSEMBLING TOGETHER**

An indispensable ingredient of the Christian life is to congregate with those of like precious faith for the purpose of worshiping God and to edify and exhort one another. God, in His infinite wisdom, created man to be a social being, that is, in need of fellowship with other men. It is a misunderstanding and a disregard of the intent of God when men abstain from the assemblies of the Lord's people. The corporate worship of the body of believers is not the whole of Christianity; nevertheless, assembling together is necessary for the spiritual growth and welfare of the individual disciple. It has never been the design and purpose of God for His followers to isolate themselves from other children of God. One can readily read of the various assemblies under the Mosaic economy and to learn the necessity of such gatherings (Exodus 5:1, 3; 12:6; Deuteronomy 16:8).

A proper investigation of the disciples of Christ will determine that various assemblies were in evidence in the first century. At the beginning of the church in Jerusalem you can read in Acts 2:44: "All that believed were together...". Following the first persecution, saints "gathered together" (Acts 4:31). It is recorded in Acts 11:26, that Barnabas and Saul assembled themselves with the church for a year in order to teach the brethren. After the first missionary journey, Paul and Barnabas returned to Antioch and "gathered the church together: to rehearse all that God had done by them (Acts 13:27). All Bible students are aware that the early Christians met upon "the first day of the week "to break bread, that is, to partake of the Lord's Supper (Acts 20:7). In fact, when Paul wrote to the brethren in Corinth, he admonished them to give as God had prospered them "upon the first day of the week" (I Corinthians 16:1, 2). He knew that they were already meeting on the first day of the week to partake of the Lord's Supper because he mentioned this fact earlier in chapter 11. Notice in 11:18: "For first of all, when ye come together in the church (meet as a congregation)..." Again in 11:20: "When therefore ye assemble yourselves together..." In chapter 14:23: "If therefore the whole church be assembled together..."

The fact was, one sure way to denote a Christian who was becoming unfaithful to Christ was in their habitual absence from the assemblies of the saints. Please study carefully the context in which you find Hebrews 10:24, 25. In our assemblies, we can exhort one another in the matter of love, good works, and, in short, faithful Christian living. Even in our songs we can teach and admonish one another (Colossians 3:16). Redeemed people find joy, strength and security in coming together to praise God the Father and the Lamb, Jesus Christ. Expressions of gratitude, honor, homage and devotion are natural for one whose heart is filled with love for God because of our salvation and the hope of eternal life. It is God's desire that we worship Him "in spirit and in truth" (John 4:23, 24).

- **Raymond Elliott**, former elder and minister, Prattville Church of Christ, Alabama

**“And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching. “ Hebrews 10:24,25**