

# WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

## FORMING THE HEART

Consider a tree. Cut it down and take it to the lumber mill. The big log may be crooked; a limb here, a knot there. The saw squares the log and turns it straight as an arrow. But, the heart of the tree is still crooked. This well describes Judas Iscariot. He outwardly conformed, but inwardly, his heart was still crooked (John 12:6).

In a similar fashion, we often think that if we do good things, we'll become good—that our heart will become good. But if that were so, the Pharisees should have been good and pleasing in God's sight. They weren't, as Jesus told us:

**“Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess. Thou blind Pharisee, cleans first that which is within the cup and platter, that the outside of them may be clean also. .” - Matthew 23:25,26**

Jesus told them to cleanse first the inside. We need too also. It can be done—but only God's way. He's the one, the only one, that knows and tries our hearts (Jeremiah 17:9,10) and the Lord told us how to form our hearts:

**“but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind,” - Romans 12:2**  
and He continued to say we must do it:

**“that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God**

We can't form our heart all at once. It takes time and effort to renew, or change, our mind. Let's realize that and work at it—every day! Why did our Lord tell us to take up our cross daily? He took up his cross to die. So must we—daily! We must die to self and live for God instead (2 Corinthians 5:15). We have to purpose this in our minds. Our desire, not just our actions (read 1 Corinthians 13:3), must be to please God and do His will. That was Jesus' desire. Can we say as He did: **“My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.” - John 4:34 ? We must—if we are to truly be His disciples and be with Him in heaven!**

**“If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. ... then shall ye also appear with him in glory.” - Colossians 3:1-4**

- Ed Kelleher, elder, West Columbia church of Christ

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## VOLUME 33, NUMBER 34 September 9, 2007

**RECORDS 9/2/2007**  
Sun 10 AM Bible Study: 52  
Sun 11 AM Assembly: 86  
Sun 6 PM Assembly: 70  
Weds 7 PM Bible Study: 70  
CONTRIBUTION: \$2000

**SERMONS 9/9/2007**  
AM: Jerry Manning  
**BUILDING THE LORD'S CHURCH**  
PM: Eugene F. Brzozowski  
**MISSION WORK IN TAIWAN**

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

*A Warm Welcome awaits you at all our services. Come see!*

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Sunday 10 AM Bible Study  
Sunday 11 AM, 6 PM Assembly  
Wednesday 7 PM Bible Study  
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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) and our shut-ins Zudora Clegg, and Phyllis Johnson.
- Our dear sister **Zudy Clegg** is gravely ill. She'll be going home from Lexington Medical Center—under hospice care. Her 94th birthday is next week, 9/13.
- The **Dillard**s were all down Sunday with a virus but are better now.
- Sister **Brooks** is doing some better.
- **Betty Mathis** went home from Heartland, but was then re-admitted to Providence hospital. However she's doing fine and should be home in a few days.
- **Tommy White** requests prayers for his neighbor and best friend, **Dean Fry**.
- **Ron and Margie Banks** are back. Their grand daughter is well after surgery.
- **Jason and Melissa Parks** were with us Wed. evening, though Jason's arm was bandaged. They had just returned from Augusta where Jason had been treated for burns he had received doing yard work. Fortunately, they weren't too serious.
- Remember our new brother **Richard Smith** as he struggles against temptations.

"This is my comfort in my affliction: for thy word hath quickend me" - Psalms 119:50

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

- **Work Team A** will meet after the Sunday morning assembly at the building.
- Brother **Craig Hinrichs**, from Winnsboro, will speak next Sunday evening, and show slides on the good mission work being done in South America.
- The **50+** group is planning another outing, possibly at **Ryans** in W. Columbia.
- Remember the work at LCDC in your prayers. **Brother Manning** is experiencing **much persecution** from some in authority there for effectively teaching the truth. Many prisoners want, and **need**, to obey God and be baptized into Christ for the forgiveness of their sins, but are prevented from doing so. Also remember **William Horan**, an inmate in Pod G, who is teaching others the truth and wants to be baptized himself, but is hindered by the authorities. Send a card or letter to him at: **PO Box 2019, PG-5 Lexington, SC 29071**
- **Anne Louise Gordon** corrected address (2nd line) from last weeks bulletin:

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"Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator." - 1 Peter 4:19

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### **PROVOKE TO LOVE AND GOOD WORKS” - Hebrews 10:24**

- Those interested in helping prepare **classroom EHT visual aids** are meeting **Tuesday** evenings at 7 pm at the building. See **sister Manning** for more info.
- Don't forget **our Gospel Meeting** starting Sunday September 30 and going through Wednesday October 3 with **Keith A. Mosher, Sr.**, Dean of Academics at Memphis School of Preaching (MSOP). Each weekday we'll also be meeting at 10 am to discuss the book of Romans.
- **NOTE:** The next **first** Sunday luncheon and elders meetings scheduled for October 7, will be moved up a week to September 30, to coincide with the start of our Gospel Meeting. There will be no special first Sunday events in October.
- **Signup sheets** will be posted in the foyer for: 1) Families to provide and share a meal with the visiting preacher before each evening's meeting, and 2) People to provide refreshments (chips, cookies, drinks) after each evening's meeting.
- Our **Sunday evening** assembly **Sep. 30** will **start at 7:30 pm**, not 6 pm as usual.
- **Gospel Meeting** Clinton, SC 9/9-9/13.
- **Ladies Day**, Kingsberry Road church, Sumter, Sat 9/15 9 am.
- **Ladies Day**, St. Andrews Road church, Sat 9/22 9:30 am.
- **Youth Rally**, Kingsberry Road church, Sumter, Fri/Sat 10/12-10/13.
- **Ladies Day**, Rock Hill, 10/20/2007.
- **Gospel Meeting**, Windsor Lake, 10/28—10/31.

Details of these are posted on the bulletin board in the foyer.

"Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." -1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

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

We'd like **all** members that are physically able, to participate at least once in the door knocking campaign we'll be conducting each of the **4** Saturdays before our Gospel meeting at the end of the month. Each Saturday, we'll meet at the building at 9 am for instructions, encouragement and prayer before going out to different neighborhoods. We'll knock on doors, introduce ourselves and invite people to our Gospel Meeting. We'll have information about the meeting, and the church here at West Columbia to give to them. If someone is interested in Bible study, we'll take their name and phone number to set a convenient time. You can go to a neighborhood you choose, or we'll have ones selected and maps printed for them. **PLEASE DO THIS!** Do you remember that God tested Abraham? Do you remember the parable of the talents? Think He'll do less with you? God has given us the Gospel. What will **you** do with it? Here's your chance to please God. Take advantage of it!

"But as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God, which **trieth** our hearts." - 1 Thessalonians 2:4

- Elders, West Columbia church of Christ