

# WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

## WHY STUDY THE WORD OF GOD

- 1) The Word of God will not pass away, it will last forever: “**Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.**” - Matthew 24:35 (also John 12:47,48)
- 2) The Word of God makes one wise to salvation: “**And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.**” - 2 Timothy 3:15 (also James 1:21, John 17:17)
- 3) The Word of God is necessary to prove or test all things: “**Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.**” - 1 Thessalonians 5:21 (also Hebrews 4:12)
- 4) The Word of God makes one approved to God: “**Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.**” - 2 Timothy 2:15 (also John 12:42 and Hebrews 12:9)
- 5) The Word of God makes one grow spiritually: “**As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:**” - 1 Peter 2:2 (also 2 Peter 3:18)
- 6) The Word of God is what we need to teach others: “**And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.**” - 2 Timothy 2:2 (also Hebrews 5:12)
- 7) The Word of God lets us detect error: “**Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.**” - 1 John 4:1 (also Matthew 7:15,16, Hebrews 4:12)

- From Gospel meeting sermon at Orangeburg church of Christ, South Carolina by **Mel Futrell**, Gospel preacher, Shades Mountain church of Christ, Birmingham, Al.

**"Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.: - 2 Timothy 1:13**

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RECORDS 10/25/2009

SERMONS 11/1/2009

Sun 10 AM Bible Study:	43	AM:	Joshua Manning
Sun 11 AM Assembly:	70		
Sun 6 PM Assembly:	47	PM:	Ed Kelleher
Weds 7 PM Bible Study:	51		
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“And if any man hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world.

He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.” - John 12:47,48

### SERVICES

Sunday 10 AM Bible Study  
Sunday 11 AM, 6 PM Assembly  
Wednesday 7 PM Bible Study  
Office Phone (803) 794-5320

*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.
- Remember **Jean Baker** as she mourns the passing of her husband.
- Remember **Vernecia Matthews** in your prayers as she faces surgery.
- **William Stoyk, Michael's** father, is improved some, but still in LMC. Michael's mother had good news that her brain tumor has shrunk considerably. Remember these, and Michael and Megan and Rebecca, Michael's sister, in your prayers. This week is the 3rd anniversary of **Michael and Megan** identifying with us.
- **Frank Allen** wrote, "I would be thankful for the prayers of the church on behalf of my mother **Helen Allen**. As you may know, she had surgery last year for colon cancer. This past weekend it was found that the cancer is now in her liver. She is a good Christian woman, a member of the Thayer (MO) church of Christ for over 42 years, who has tried tirelessly to provide a Christian environment for her late husband and her six children." Please remember **Helen, Frank** and their family in your prayers.
- **Marylyn Brooks** was able to attend the assembly last Sunday am.
- **Brother Manning** has many Bible studies during the week, remember these, those that are recovering from loss, in your prayers.

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"Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." - 1 Thessalonians 5:17.18

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

- **Gospel Meeting, Windsor Lake, Sun 3pm, Jerry Manning preaching.**
- **College age Bible study Thursday at 8 pm.**
- **Transportation** needed for sisters **Betty Mathis, Jean Boyd** and **Marilyn Brooks.**
- **Pantry items** to bring to the church building. Remember, pop-tops are best.

11/2 Campbells Chunky Beef & Dumplings 10/25 Chef Boyardee ABC w/Meatballs

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Are you doing all you can? If so, be happy for God knows! If not ... God knows!

**But, beloved, we are persuaded better things of you, and things that accompany salvation, though we thus speak. For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labor of love, which ye have showed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister."** - Hebrews 6:9,10

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## **THE VALUE OF ENDURANCE**

The conquest of nations, mountains, and other goals can be attributed to endurance regardless of external problems and difficulties. Jesus challenges us with these words found in **Matthew 10:22**, "**He that endures to the end shall be saved.**"

To turn back because of problems would be cowardly and vain. To persevere regardless of the difficulty is the mark of courage and victory. To overcome obstacles is the background of heroic victory for athletes and explorers. Often success is a marathon and not a sprint is a message we all need to learn. Some one has well said, "A person lost in his work probably found his future!"

Christ warns us to put our hand to the plow and never look back (**Luke 9:62**). When the men sailing with Columbus as he explored the new world wanted to turn back home, Columbus gave a restless urgency to "sail on and on and on." Heaven is a far greater destination than America, and we dare not seek the comfort of temporary ease and lose the glory that awaits us on eternal shore

To overwhelm the toils and woes of this wicked world may be arduous and demanding but very much worth our diligent efforts. To surrender to Satan might be easy but never profitable. "**Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life**" (**Proverbs 4:23**).

The great apostle Paul was in jeopardy every day because he faithfully walked with the Lord, but he knew if there were no difficulties there could be no triumphs! In **2 Timothy 4:7**, we thrill to his famous departing words, "**I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.**"

A wise statesman reminds us that the world is not interested in the storms you encountered but whether you brought in the ship. So many people spend their days talking about problems they encountered in life rather than how God blessed them with joy and peace and purpose day by day.

"**For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it**" (**Romans 8:24-25**). The abundant life Christ provides gives us meaning and depth in our sojourn here below and urges us to press on to a far better place (John 10:10). **The value of endurance will mean heaven for us!**

- Johnny Ramsey, Gospel preacher, 1930—2006, Texas

**“And truly, if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned. But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city.” - Hebrews 11:15,16**