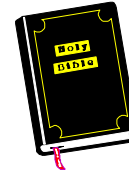


WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

PRAYER

Hopefully, you pray often. We want the Lord to be pleased with our prayers and to answer them. Have you ever stopped to consider **what** you pray for, and for **whose** benefit? You should. For a good example, look at **Solomon's** prayer: what he **didn't** ask for, how pleased the Lord was, and the result:

"And hast not asked for THYSELF long life; neither has asked riches for thyself, nor hast asked the life of thine enemies; but hast asked for thyself UNDERSTANDING to discern judgement; behold, I have done according to thy words:" - 1 Kings 3:11,12

We can pray to our heavenly Father about our **jobs**, our **health**, our **school work**, or our **finances**. These aren't bad things to pray about. It's certainly a lot better than **not** praying. But think! How many of these things will be with us 100 years from now? None! How important are they really then?

Remember also to pray for things that are **spiritual**. Things that we can keep **forever**. Things we need like: **love, mercy, humility, understanding, meekness, patience, honesty**. These are qualities of the heart. They are spiritual and will be with us **eternally!** **These** are the things that matter to God and that will truly help us reach heaven. Heaven and our soul is what matters in the long run—not our success in this world.

Remember too, Solomon didn't really ask for **himself**. He wanted to help others. Jesus likewise, as well as Paul. Look at their prayers, **who** they were for and for **what**. Remember, "**It is more blessed to give than to receive**" - Acts 20:35. If we pray for the benefit of others don't you think God, who gave his Son for us, is more likely to be pleased.

We all want to get to heaven. This should be our #1 goal. Let's make sure we're aiming at the right target — and asking for the **best** things to help us, and everyone else, get there!

"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." - Matthew 6:33

- Ed Kelleher, West Columbia church of Christ, South Carolina

More, and better, prayer will help you ... OUT WITH SIN IN 2010!

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Sun 10 AM Bible Study: 43
Sun 11 AM Assembly: 68
Sun 6 PM Assembly: 44
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SERMONS 1/24/2010

AM: Jerry Manning
PM: John Manning
IN
DECISIONS: MAKE OR BREAK A PERSON

"Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." - Acts 2:38

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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.
- **Sue Eiland** has some spots on her lungs, pray that she be comforted.
- **Beryl Parks** is in LMC ICU recovering from surgery to repair his hip and elbow broken during a fall.
- **Jean Boyd** is home recovering from surgery on her leg and would appreciate visits and calls (call first though).
- **Margaret Herring** is recovering from pneumonia.
- Pray that **Zach, Cassidy and Amy** soon be reunited.
- **Rebecca and Ryan Manning** are expecting their first child at the end of the month. This is a high risk pregnancy as **Rebecca** has some heart problems, so keep them in your prayers.
- **Kevin Freeman, Katrina's** husband, is recovering from an accident.
- **Craig Robinson** and **Brandon Hurley** request the prayers of the church.
- Also, continue to remember sisters **Vernicia Matthews, Carolyn Lee** (back pain), **Anna Porter**, and **Marilyn Brooks** in your prayers.
- **Brother Manning** has many Bible studies during the week, remember these, those that are recovering from loss, in your prayers.

"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

“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:42

- **Singing!** Twin City Church in Batesburg Leesville, Sunday 1/31 2-4pm. See Ed if you'd like to ride along.
- **College age Bible study now on TUESDAYS at 8 pm.**
- Volunteers needed to **clean building** in 2010.
- **Transportation** needed for sisters **Betty Mathis, Jean Boyd** and **Marilyn Brooks.**
- **Pantry items** to bring to the church building. Remember, pop-tops are best.

1/24 Campbell's Chicken & Dumplings 1/17 Chef Boyardee Mac & Cheese

"But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved." - Matthew 24:13

It's up to you! Encourage others and ... OUT WITH SIN IN 2010!

**NOTICE: WE WILL BE TRIMMING OUR BULLETIN MAILING LIST IN THE NEXT WEEK OR TWO. BULLETINS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE:
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RESPONSIBILITY?

The other evening, as I was thinking of the many who shirk their responsibilities and try to shift them to someone or something else; the question came to mind: "Who carries the most important responsibility of all?" Is it the elder, preacher, policeman, mayor, president, the school principal, etc,...or who?

The scriptures tell us in Titus 2 for the women to be keepers at home, to guide the house. She is spoken of in Proverbs as one who rises early, clothes and feeds her family, buys and sells a field...her hands are never idle. It has been said of yore that the "hand that rocks the cradle rules the world." Many a godly woman has reared her sons to be sound gospel preachers, song directors, elders, faithful men of God; and her daughters to be Christian mothers, dressing in chaste apparel, watching her manners, and to be in submission to her husband.

Yes, can there be anyone with more responsibility and influence for good than a truly godly woman? Therefore, let the older women teach the younger women that they may learn to teach their children, love their husbands, and guide their homes as God would have them, knowing that one day we must all give an account to God for the deeds done while on earth.

—Walter M. Bishop, Elder East End church of Christ, McMinnville, TN

"She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness."

- Proverbs 31:26

THE MECHANIC

A mechanic went to hear a visiting evangelist in a little town. The preacher preached that night on money, and presented the sermon under three points. First point: "Make all you can." The mechanic nudged his wife and said, "That man is the best I've ever heard. He is no nitwit. He knows what it's all about. He is one smart man." Second point: "Save all you can." This excited the mechanic and he whispered again, "This beats anything I've ever heard. He's smart enough to be President. This town has never had a preacher that could hold a candle to him." The preacher commended hard work and thrift, denouncing laziness and waste. The mechanic couldn't keep quiet. He whispered, "I've believed this all my life." Third point: "Give all you can." "Oh my," exclaimed the mechanic, "now he's gone crazy. He has quit preaching and gone to meddling."

THOUGHT: Isn't it strange that some people's conception of great preaching is a sermon that compliments them and rebukes others? Remember -- your preacher didn't write the Bible. He is not responsible for any word in it, but he is definitely responsible for preaching every word in it. And when it is preached, people judge themselves by their reaction to it.

- Leroy Brownlow, 1914-2002, Gospel Preacher

It's YOUR responsibility to ... OUT WITH SIN IN 2010