

WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

WHICH IS MORE IMPORTANT?

To help you set and keep your priorities straight, take the following personal inventory:

1. Which is more important to you? Making sure your dog (or cat) gets fed every day or making sure that your child gets daily spiritual nourishment?
2. Which is more important to you? Watching television or taking time for prayer and Bible study every day?
3. Which is more important to you? Speaking out on current political issues or speaking out to help someone understand Bible truth?
4. Which is more important to you? The time you spend playing sports, hunting, or fishing or the time you spend with your children?
5. Which is more important to you? The time you spend adorning your body or the time you spend improving the inner man?
6. Which is more important to you? What you think of last Sunday's sermon or what God thinks of your response to the sermon?
7. Which is more important to you? The condition and appearance of your house or what goes on inside your house?
8. Which is more important to you? The preacher speaking to you at the door after worship or the preacher speaking to you through the sermon?
9. Which is more important to you? The temperature in the church building or the spiritual temperature of the church which meets in the building?
10. Which is more important to you? The number of people who show an interest in you or the number of people in whom you show an interest?
11. Which is more important to you? The number of people who speak to you at church or the number of people to whom you speak?

- **David Sain**, Gospel preacher, West Fayetteville Church of Christ, TN

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

KEEP YOUR EYES ON HEAVEN IN 2011

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SERMONS THIS SUNDAY:

AM: STEWART SCHNUR

PM: STEWART SCHNUR

**“Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.
No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life;
that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.” - 2 Timothy 2:3,4**

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**JOIN US IN
NEW TESTAMENT
CHRISTIANITY
TODAY!**

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“PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER” - James 5:16

- **REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** *Betty Mathis, Margaret Herring, Lamar Reeves, Elma Berrier and Phyllis Johnson.*
- **Prayers** are requested for brother **Wilson Burton**, an elder at the Kannapolis church in NC, manager/head counselor for the Carolina Bible camp, and a good friend of **Jan Kelleher** and **Keith Carter**. He'll be seeing an oncologist for tests. His wife **Lil** spoke at our first Ladies Day.
- **Sharon Mancuso** was to have surgery Friday and is hopefully doing ok afterwards.
- **Ernie Richards** had spinal surgery on his neck, to relieve great pain and must rest 6 weeks. He is doing better and hopefully will have a full recovery.
- **Ralph Jones** also had neck surgery recently.
- **Carolyn Lee** is in Duke for up to a week of tests and observation.
- **Tommy White's sister, Nancy**, is receiving hospice care and **Tommy** requests prayers for his neighbors, **Dean and Karen Fry** who aren't well.
- Pray for all these, and the work of the Lord here at West Columbia.

"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth." - Psalms 121:1,2

“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:42

- **Stewart Schnurr** of the Twin City congregation is scheduled to speak Sunday 10/16 as Ed and Jan will be on vacation then. **Harvey Allen** is doing well and will be preaching for us Sunday AM and PM 10/30, after his daughter's wedding that Saturday.
- **Gospel Meeting** at Walterboro church of Christ with **David Pharr**, Fri-Sun, 11/18-11/20/2011. If you'd like to go see Ed or Jan as they'll likely go down one night.
- **Bible Bowl** is to be Saturday 2/25/2012, the subject is Genesis Chapters 37-50. If you're interested in this please **Ken or Faye Parks**.
- **Sign up to help get Lorraine Porter here on Sundays!**
- **Bible Study at Church Building, Saturdays 3 pm**, all are invited and please invite visitors to come! It's a good way for people to learn more of us. An informal session around a table with everyone using their bibles and Strong's Concordances.

**"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."
- Psalms 133:1**

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“WEEP WITH THEM THAT WEEP” - Romans 12:15

- Our sister **Laura Henry** passed away quickly Wednesday after fighting Alzheimer's the last 5 years. I remember her quietly sitting in the back with her granddaughter **Noelle**, who is now 16, when she was able to get out. Visitation was Friday at Barr Price funeral home in Lexington, and a grave side service was to be held at Woodridge Cemetery, 10 am Saturday, with **Stewart Schnur** speaking. Keep the family: son **Ken Henry**, daughter **Betty Dickson**, and **Noelle** and all in your prayers.

ARE BIBLE CLASSES A WASTER OF TIME?

In the minds of some people, Bible classes are not important. They may even consider them just "a waste of time." What should our attitude be toward them?

Why do we have Bible classes on Sunday and Wednesday? Do we have classes just because others have them? Do we have classes just so we can say that we are at least doing something? Until we come to learn the significance of them, we will not appreciate them as we should. If we appreciate them, then and only then will attitudes and attendance change for the better.

Bible classes are significant because they help promote the work of the church. The Bible classes are one avenue through which the Word of God can be taught. We certainly want to take advantage of every opportunity to teach and study from the Bible (2 Tim. 2:15; Psa. 1:1-3).

Bible classes are significant because they help provide a way for the elders "to feed" the flock. The apostle Paul, in speaking to the Ephesian elders, said, "**Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood**" (Acts 20:28). Peter declared to the elders, "**Feed the flock of God which is among you**" (1 Pet. 5:2). Through our Bible classes, we are helping the elders carry out their work.

Bible classes are significant because they help produce tomorrow's elders, deacons, preachers, and teachers. We want to encourage our young people to grow up being servants of God. In our Bible classes, we are training potential soldiers in the Lord's Army. The Bible classes are helping to train the young in the way they should go (Pro. 22:6)..

Bible classes are significant because they help prevent unfaithfulness in the church. We all need encouragement in living the Christian life. Through our Bible classes, we can encourage and edify one another (Heb. 3:13; 10:24-25) to be strong in the Lord.

Bible classes are significant because they help prepare one for eternity. Who is it that has doubts about the importance of studying the Bible? We must come to understand and know God's will (John 8:32; 1 Tim. 2:4). The time we spend in studying the Bible in our classes is helping us to be prepared for eternity to come.

Are Bible classes a waste of time? I think not!

- **Jerry Jospeh**, elder, Charbo & Karen church of Christ, St. Charles, MO

“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

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