

WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

COMMUNICATING LOVE

When we think of the word communicate, we usually think of calling someone on the phone, writing them a letter or sending them an email—sharing a thought. However the Bible word means much more, it means sharing **ourself** with others.

“That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate; - 1 Timothy 6:18

Here's a brief list of ways the New Testament tells us to communicate with each other as Christians—Good works that we can be rich in, ... or not:

1. Suffer together (1 Corinthians 12:26)
2. Rejoice together (Romans 12:15)
3. Carry each others' burdens (Galatians 6:2)
4. Restore each other (Galatians 6:1)
5. Pray for one another (Romans 15:30)
6. Teach and admonish one another (Colossians 3:16)
7. Refresh one another (Romans 15:32)
8. Encourage each other (Acts 28:15)
9. Forgive one another (Ephesians 4:32)
10. Confess to one another (James 5:16)
11. Be truthful with each other (Ephesians 4:25)
12. Move one another to love and good works (Hebrews 10:24)
13. Give to each other (Philippians 4:14,15)
14. Weep together (Romans 12:15)
15. Comfort one another (1 Thessalonians 4:18)

Get the picture? You better; for there's a purpose to this—the Lord's purpose. The Lord wants **us**, His church, to be rich in good works, communicating our love with each other, as God has done to us until, as He tells us:

"... we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ:"
- Ephesians 4:13

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

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SERMONS THIS SUNDAY:

AM: HARVEY ALLEN

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“For ye are all the children of God by faith in Jesus Christ.” - Galatians 3:26

(We need faith and to be in Christ—baptized into Him. Think we're making that up? Look at next verse)

“For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.” - Gal 3:27

(Not been baptized? But, think you are in Christ? What does God's word say?)

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“PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER” - James 5:16

- **REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** Miles Johnson, Richard Ramkinson, Margaret Herring, Wilson Burton, Betty Mathis, Lamar Reeves, Elma Berrier.
- The **Sailor’s** family has been fighting some illness. Brittany has had her hands full with the 3 young ones as Jeremy was off at Guard camp. We hope to see them again soon.
- **Judy Walker** has been under the weather for several weeks fighting bronchitis and respiratory infections.
- **Marshall Mancuso** is having a protracted fight with some kidney stones and might be headed for the hospital.
- **Lorraine Porter** and **Steve Rigney** were ill last week also, let’s pray they’ll be with us soon.
- **Cedrick Anderson** came forward last Sunday requesting the prayers of the church.
- **Pete Glott** had surgery to crush a kidney stone, and then spent a week at Health South recovering. Keep him in your prayers.
- **Ed Kelleher** thanks everyone for their prayers while he was in Japan. They worked. We’re thankful many who were traveling are back with us safely: The Gambles, Faye Parks, the Kennedy’s, though Jason Parks is still in Vermont.
- Continue to remember **Jones Gamble’s sister, Margie** who continues to be treated for kidney problems, a recent transplant is being rejected.
- Keep all these, and **the church here**, in your prayers. Our thanks and gratitude to those who watch, and work and pray for the church here.

“When I said, My foot slippeth; thy mercy, O LORD, held me up.” - Psalm 94:18

“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:42

- Remember to **send cards to our visitors.** Marshall Mancuso had had a bunch of nice cards printed, and **Jones Gamble** faithfully gets visitor cards posted with addresses. So help out yourself! Send a card, invite people to visit, then send more cards! Postage for a post card is \$.32, Send 3 for a dollar and keep the change!
- **Bible Bowl**—February 23, 2013—Book of John.

“Seek the LORD, and his strength: seek his face evermore.” - Psalm 105:4

IN THE BIBLE WE’LL DELVE IN 2012

“Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord,
shall enter into the kingdom of heaven;

but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.” - Matthew 7:21

HE CARES

I heard the story of a little boy who called his grandfather to explain that he had been delayed because his friend had broken a toy.

“Did you help him fix it?” asked the grandfather.

“No, it couldn’t be fixed,” said the boy, but I sat down and cried with him. Grandfather, it is a terrible thing when you have to cry alone.”

Paul urged that same attitude in Romans 12:15 when he told his readers, **“Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep.”** One great blessing of being a Christian is that we do not have to weep alone. Our brothers and sisters stand ready to shed tears with us in our sorrow. They are concerned when we are concerned.

Sometimes, however, we feel that not even our brothers and sisters understand the pain we are feeling. In that case, we have the ultimate blessing of a Savior who weeps with us as He did with Mary and Martha in the long ago. The prophet Isaiah said. **“Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrow”** (Isaiah 53:4). Let us remember to follow the instructions of Peter in 1 Peter 5:7 when he said, **“Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.”**

- Ron Stough, minister East Side church of Christ, Duncan OK

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

“For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ. For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, ... For the body is not one member, but many. If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? And if the ear shall say, Because I am not the eye, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? If the whole body were an eye, where were the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where were the smelling? But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him. And if they were all one member, where were the body? But now are they many members, yet but one body. And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee: nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you. Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary:” - 1 Cor 12:12-22

Are you a member of Christ’s church? Are you doing your part? The Lord added you to His body so you would do so. Don’t be missing in action.

One way is to be sure to make it to all assemblies of the Lord’s church here in West Columbia, Bible classes too! The teachers are doing their part, preparing lessons from God’s word. Encourage them in this by showing up. Show people you care, by getting here a bit early to encourage your brothers and sisters and see how they are doing as well.

Remember, the Lord has put us all in the body as it has pleased Him. Let’s not disappoint him!