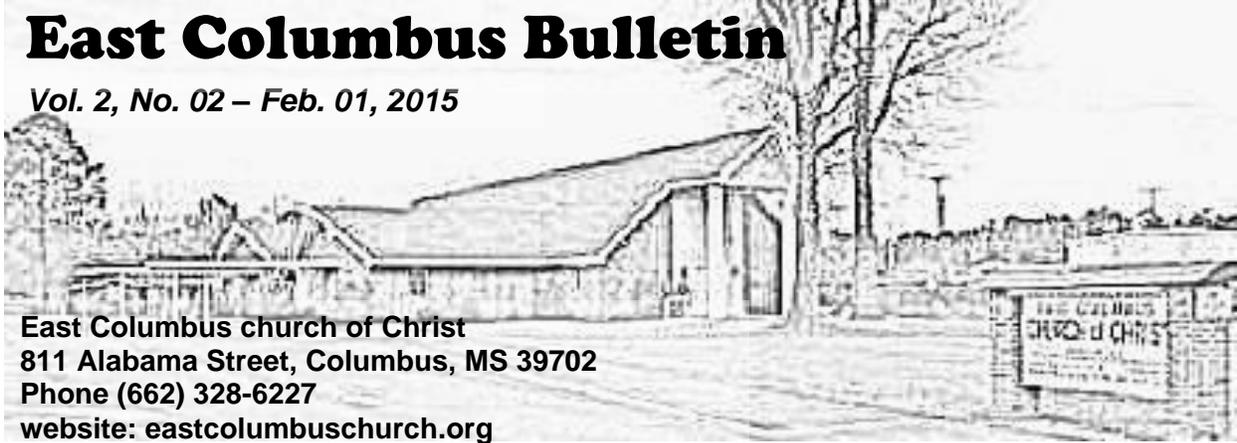


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On Stewardship

1Co 4:2 Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful.

1Pe 4:10 As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

Ro 14:12 So then each of us shall give account of himself to God.

1Th 2:4 But as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, even so we speak, not as pleasing men, but God who tests our hearts.

SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. Worship/10:05 a.m. Bible Study
 11:00 a.m. Worship with Lord's Supper

WEDNESDAY

7:00 p.m. Bible classes for all ages

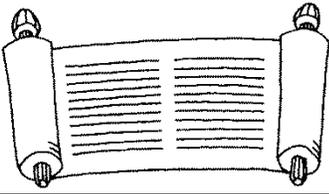
Other Study and Worship Opportunities

- Second Sunday 2:00 p.m., Trinity Care Home Worship Service
- Second Saturday Men's Bible Study Ranch House Restaurant 6:30 A.M.
- Third Sunday Bible Study 6:00 p.m. location (TBA)
- Young Bible Scholars meet each month - Time and Location (TBA)
- Fourth Tuesday Women's Bible Study 11:00 A.M. Church Building
- Bible Study at the Pines - 5 p.m. Tuesdays & 8 p.m. Sundays, Cady Hill Thurs. 6 p.m.
- Remember the Daily Bible Reading Program and Study Your Bible Each Day (copies in foyer)
- CD's of sermons are available by signing up in the back
- Gospel Meeting – April 19-23 with Jeremy Paschall
- Guest Speakers – Feb. 1 – Phillip Hood, Feb. 8 – Marshall Anderson

Prayer Requests

Home Bound Members: - Mike Butler, Annie McCrary, Jack Burks, Eula Mae Harliss
Others Limited by Health: - Frances Barham, Joyce Monasco, Joyce Ratcliff, Willena Woods
Sick: - Burt Wheeler is staying with his son Michael in Raleigh, NC to deal with health issues.
Recuperating - April Green continues to heal from brain surgery, Allen Jones from knee and foot surgery, Isaac Wilson from an appendectomy, Ellie Swedenburg from pneumonia. Frank Butler has suffered strokes recently and is convalescing.
Deaths: - Please remember Caroline Jones' due to the recent loss of her father.

Elders: Jay McCrary and Jerry Paschall
Deacons: Clyde Hollis, Ed Williams, Don Zant
Preacher: Vacant



"Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted" (Galatians 6:1).

Mending the Net

This admonition reflects the very spirit of Jesus, the one who came to seek and save the lost. The gentle care of Jesus is seen throughout his ministry. Now Paul enjoins the "spiritual" of the churches of Galatia to imitate this spirit.

The word "restore" (katartizein) literally means to mend the net. William Barclay (New Testament Words) observes that in classical Greek it meant to adjust, put in order, or to restore. It was used of setting a dislocated limb or restoring a person to their rightful mind or of fully equipping someone for a given purpose or of mending torn clothes.

In this context the spiritual are instructed to mend the soul of one overtaken in sin. They are instructed to help the fallen brother "put the pieces back together." They are to help them get back on the right course and to equip them with the tools necessary to win the next battle. Here are some essentials that are necessary to accomplish the task.

Be truthful. It is our goal to bring the fallen back to a right state of mind. Jesus forthrightly instructed the woman taken (John 8:11) in adultery: "go and sin no more." That one should sin and not be sorry for it would not be for their own good. Accountability, prayer, and strategies for avoiding another fall are tools that will definitely help. Hopefully, the fallen will develop a desire to be delivered.

Be available. Assisting those overtaken in sin can be taxing, even after the sin is acknowledged. Old habits are not easily broken. Developing habits that are productive do not come easy. We are instructed to "bear one another's burden" (Galatians 6:2). As Christians, we are to form a network through which we can assist each other against the temptations to sin.

Be approachable. It would be easy for those who are spiritual to feel superior. Paul says: "considering yourself lest you also be tempted." There is a delicate balance between acknowledging the sin and a reckless, harsh treatment of the sinner. We must remember our goal is not to ostracize but to heal. Humility rather than humiliation will better insure our success.

George Slover, *Moment with the Master*, 10-13-09