



WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST

"But every disciple that is perfect, shall be as his master." Luke 6:40

PLEASE HELP! – BUT BE CAREFUL!

The awareness of the devastation and suffering caused by Hurricane Katrina is growing in all of us moment by moment. We are shocked, and determined to help as much as we can. This is good, and what the Lord wants us to do. **But** we must be **careful** because the Lord does **not** want us to help **through** those who are preaching a false gospel. If we do, He will **not** be pleased! Unfortunately, the **Salvation Army** is an example of this.

There is no question the **Salvation Army** helps others with basic physical needs. Many denominational churches do so also. They are staffed and supported by sincere people, wanting to do good. But, like Saul when he persecuted the church, these people are sincerely **wrong!** The Salvation Army is a **religious** group that preaches a false gospel. They say so themselves. Here's an excerpt from their website:

"More Than a Welfare Agency -- For many years, people have had the misconception that The Salvation Army is just a social service agency that also helps out in emergency disaster situations. *We are much more than that!* ... The Salvation Army is part of the Christian Church ... This is expressed by a spiritual ministry, the purpose of which are to preach the Gospel, disseminate Christians truths, supply basic human necessities..." **Here is the incomplete and false "Gospel" they preach:**

HOW DO WE RECEIVE THIS GIFT?

1. **CONFESSING**
2. **BELIEVING**
3. **RECEIVING** - Jesus Christ as your personal Savior

If people, in desperate circumstances accept physical aid from people, but also, out of **gratitude**, accept the **false gospel** they preach, Jesus said it were better that they **not** be helped in the first place:

"What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world but lose his own soul?" - Mark 8:36

You don't want to help people lose their souls—be careful how you help! (cont. on page 3)

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RECORDS 8/28/05

SERMONS 9/4/05

Sun 10 AM Bible Study: 42
Sun 11 AM Assembly: 80
Sun 6 PM Assembly: 66
Weds 7 PM Bible Study: 55
CONTRIBUTION: \$1600

AM Ed Kelleher

PM Frank Allen

"Not everyone 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 7:13

SERVICES

Sunday

10:00 AM Bible Study
11:00 AM Assembly
6:00 PM Assembly

Wednesday

7:00 PM Bible Study

A Warm Welcome awaits you at all our services!

Bible Classes for all ages

Nursery provided

LADIES CLASS

Tuesdays 10:00 AM

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- This is the **1st Sunday** in September so plan on staying for our covered dish **Fellowship Luncheon** after the morning assembly.
- We'll be having a **Business meeting** at 1:30PM as we still have many things to go over, including searching for a new minister. All men of the congregation are requested to attend.
- We've posted several new things on the bulletin board in the foyer:
 - **New Committee assignments**
 - **Building Cleaning Signup Sheet**
 - Volunteer Roster taken from people's Lord's Worksheets
 - **Bulletin mailing** signup (if you'd like to be mailed the bulletin)
 - Updated **church directory**, check for any corrections
- **Ed Kelleher** and **Donald Klieves**, believing they meet the scriptural requirements, have put their names forward to be considered as **elders** here at West Columbia. Details on the procedures to be followed will be posted on the bulletin board in the foyer. Comments from members are solicited.

“IS ANY SICK AMONG YOU?”

- **Remember in prayer: MARGARET HERRING, BERYL PARKS, ETHEL SMITH, MARY HONEYCUTT**, and our shut-ins **JESSICA HERRING, ZUDORA CLEGG, PHYLLIS JOHNSON**. Prayers are also requested for **SCOTT MAY** (Anna Porter's nephew), **NINA RUTH MEADOWS** (Marcella Klieves' mother), **JAMES MATHIAS** (Tommy White's brother-in-law), and **KATHYRN HALL** (Melissa Parks' sister).
- **VIOLET BRUNSON** is in the nursing center of the Lowman home. She's in quite a bit of pain and not doing well.
- **Marilyn Brooks** has to be off her feet for several weeks on doctor's orders.
- **Margie DeYoung**, mother of **Carolyn Stidham**, is recovering well from her stroke and is now at Providence NorthEast (865-4500) for rehab.
- **Terre Conner**, wife of Dennis Conner whom many know from Carolina Bible Camp in North Carolina likely has a recurrence of cancer after 3 years.
- Remember **Dennis Day**, Jean Boyd's brother in law who has cancer.
- Remember **Otis Burch**, Gene Lowe's brother in law who has bad back pain.
- Remember **Ken Parks** who is in Mississippi, helping with the disaster relief.
- Remember **Jason and Melissa Parks** on the closing on their new home, and Sister **Esther** in Suriname who lost her mother and 2 sisters in a car wreck.

“For indeed he was sick nigh unto death: but God had mercy on him; and not on him only, but on me also, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow.”

-Philippians 2:27

PLEASE HELP! – BUT BE CAREFUL! (continued)

Yes, we are supposed to help people—faith without works is dead (James 2:17). But we **must be careful *how*** we help. By trying to do good, we might **condemn** ourselves in the Lord's eyes. This is what God says about this:

“Whosoever transgresses, and abides not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abides in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: For he that bids him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds.” - 2 John 9-11

Unfortunately, the Salvation Army is *not* abiding in the doctrine (teaching) of Christ. If we send them financial aid we are bidding them "God Speed" in their work. The Lord said we are then partaker in their **evil deeds**. He will reward us accordingly!

I'm not trying to be mean spirited, cruel, condescending, or “holier than thou”. I'm just pointing out what GOD says and thinks about those who abide not in the doctrine of Christ, and that *we* all need to be careful — very, very careful. Below is a group organized by members of the church to help others. You can send donations to them without condemnation from God - I have. - Ed Kelleher, West Columbia SC church of Christ

Churches of Christ, Disaster Relief, Inc.
410 Allied Drive, Nashville, TN 37211
1-800-541-2841 <http://www.disasterreliefeffort.org/>

- **Ladies Class**, here, Tuesday, 9/13 10AM followed by covered dish luncheon.
- The **North Columbia** congregation is having a **Gospel meeting 9/11-9/15**
- The **St. Andrew's Road** congregation is having a **YOUTH RALLY**, Saturday October 1, 2005. Details are on the bulletin board in the foyer.
- **Ladies Day**, Sat. 9/10/05 Union Church of Christ, **Union, SC**, Foye Watkins
- **Ladies Day**, Sat. 9/10/05 Charlotte Ave Church of Christ, **Rock Hill, SC**
- Gospel meeting Augusta Road church in Greenville with **Mel Futrell**, 9/25-29.
- **Join our church email group!** If you do email, this is an easy way for you to communicate with other West Columbia church members and share tips, needs and other worthwhile things of interest. If you'd like to sign up, send an email to Ed Kelleher Ed@westcolumbiachurchofchrist.org.
- Let's continue to **remember in our prayers** those hurt by the resignation of Bro. Richards. Give them a call, or drop them a note reassuring them of our love and concern for them. Who haven't you seen lately?

“Love worketh no ill to his neighbor: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law”

- Romans 13:10