

WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

BE CONTENT - MOVE ON

A poor man was out looking for food for himself and his family. It was cold, and he wore an old, cast off, badly stained overcoat. It looked bad, but kept him fairly warm. Someone asked him if he wouldn't like a better coat? He replied, “No, it's ok” and moved on. There were a lot of things he'd *like* to have, but he was looking for those things he *needed*. His coat was **sufficient** and he knew it. He needed to move **forward** to find food for himself and his family. If he hadn't been satisfied with the coat and gone looking for something better, he would have been distracted from looking for the more important things. He and his family would likely go hungry. He had his goal and priorities right.

What's your goal? This world, or the next? Are cares for things of **this** world distracting you from what you need to be doing in the church, preparing for the **next** world? That's not what God wants:

“Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.” - Hebrews 13:5

God wants us to be content with the physical things we have so we'll devote ourselves to growing in Godliness.

“But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and raiment let us be therewith content.” - 1 Timothy 6:6-8

The Lord hasn't given us "Hand-me-downs", he's given us His **Son**, a hope of **resurrection** to eternal life with Him, and **three promises** to get us there, if we'll have faith and **act** on them:

“ASK, and it shall be given you; SEEK, and ye shall find; KNOCK, and it shall be opened unto you:” - Matthew 7:7

Let's be content with what we have, and look forward to what we need!

“Remember Lot's wife.” - Luke 17:32

- Ed Kelleher, West Columbia church of Christ

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Sun 10 AM Bible Study: 47
 Sun 11 AM Assembly: 93
 Sun 6 PM Assembly: 58
 Weds 7 PM Bible Study: 66
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SERMONS 9/25/05

AM Don Klieves
 PM Ed Kelleher

“I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase. So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase.”
 - 1 Corinthians 3:6,7

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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“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY”

- Biographical information on our elder candidates is posted on the bulletin board. Elder comment forms for **all church members** to fill out are in the foyer. These need to be completed and turned in by Sunday 10/2/2005.
- **Join our church email group!** A good way to stay in touch, see Ed Kelleher.

“IS ANY SICK AMONG YOU?”

- **Remember in prayer:** **MARGARET HERRING** who is still in some pain, **BERYL PARKS, ETHEL SMITH, MARY HONEYCUTT**, and our shut-ins **JESSICA HERRING, ZUDORA CLEGG, PHYLLIS JOHNSON and VIOLET BRUNSON**. 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).
- We regret to announce that **Jimmy Gist's** mother, **Regina Gist**, passed away last Monday in Alabama. The church sent flowers. Also **Donna Capron's** grandmother passed away. Their addresses are listed in the foyer.
- **Jean Glott** is in Providence Hospital and requests the prayers of the church.

"That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another. And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honored, all the members rejoice with it." - 1 Corinthians 12:25,26

“REJOICE WITH THEM THAT REJOICE!”

- **Tanesha Wilson** came forward Sunday morning **confessing** she hasn't been as faithful as she should be and **desiring the prayers of the church**. Tanesha wants to be **identified** as member of the church here in West Columbia. She is a nursing student at Midlands Tech, but isn't related to Holly Wilson ☺. Be sure to meet her, and encourage her, and pray for her! Her address is: **800 Alexander Road #108-A, Cayce, SC 29033**
- **Michael Gamble** was **baptized** into our Lord Jesus Sunday night, after the evening assembly. Many were present for this **joyous** occasion! Many wept.
- **Chris Parks** came forward Wednesday PM, confessed that Jesus is the Christ and was **baptized** into our Lord by his father, Ken Parks.
- **Courtney Gamble**, later Weds. evening, after the bible study decided it was time also and put on our Lord in **baptism**. We are humbled at God's mercy.

“But let all those that put their trust in thee rejoice: let them ever shout for joy, because you defend them: let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee. “ - Psalm 5:11

COMMUNICATING OUR LOVE

(Partial list, can you add more?)

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 & admonish one another (Col 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 (Eph 4:25)
12. Provoke to love&good works (Heb 10:24)
13. Give to each other (Philippians 4:14,15)
14. Comfort one another (1 Thess 4:18)

“PROVOKE TO LOVE AND GOOD WORKS”

Details of events are posted on the bulletin board in the foyer.

- The **Over 50 group** will meet at the Fire Mountain restaurant in Harbison, this Friday 9/23/2005. Call the **Geiger's** for details.
- **Lady's Class**, Tuesday 10AM, at the building, studying 1 Corinthians 1,2.
- Our **Youth Group** is planning a trip to Carowinds Sat. 10/8, see **Ken Parks**.
- **Signup** on the bulletin board for the **Fellowship Luncheon** coming up Oct. 2.
- **Youth Rally**, St. Andrew's Road, Saturday October 1, 2005.
- **Young Adult** meeting **Saturday 10/1, 6:30PM** for Fun, Food, Fellowship and Games at **Michelle and Robert Laffoday's** home.
- **Windsor Lake** Gospel Meeting Fri 10/28 -10/30.
- Take some of the new **Invitation Sheets** we have in the foyer. Give them to friends, family, neighbors and co-workers to encourage them to come **visit us**.
- Let's continue to **remember in our prayers** and show the sincerity of our love to 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. Names and addresses are posted in the foyer.

"Who will render to every man according to his deeds:" - Romans 2:6

- Victims of **Hurricane Katrina** are making their way here to the Columbia area. **Volunteer** if you can to help at Lexington Medical Center, see Jan Kelleher. We've posted lists of items that are needed by hurricane victims and several churches in Louisiana and Mississippi directly involved in relief efforts.

"My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth." - 1 John 3:18

- **Shhh!!** Take part in the secret **Good Deed encouragement group**. See Jan Kelleher for details, read your bible for reasons:

“That thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly.” - Matthew 6:4