

# WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

## SINGING to WHO?

The Lord has reasons for what He asks us to do. Trying to discern those reasons will help us better **do** what He wants. Take singing for instance. Who do we sing to? Why? Here are some things the Lord has said:

"Speaking to **YOURSELVES** in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your hearts to the **LORD**;" - Ephesians 5:19

"Teaching and admonishing **ONE ANOTHER** in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the **LORD**." - Colossians 3:16

Here, the Lord tells us there are **two** parts to our singing. First, there's a **physical** part, the actual words we **speak** with our mouths that others around us can **hear**. These words are to **teach** and **admonish**. Therefore, they **must** be **good** words, true and upright, able and fit to teach and admonish. They can't be vain or empty words, or teach **contrary** to the scripture. That's also why we don't **hum or whistle**, or use an **organ or piano**—they don't teach or admonish. **We** do, with our **words** and **voices**. And **we must speak** with our voices to be obedient to God's command. If we remain **silent**, we **aren't** singing as God commanded. He won't be happy if we don't obey (read 1 Samuel 15:22).

The second part of our singing is **spiritual**. It's the part you and I can **not** hear—the melody and grace in our **hearts!** The Lord however **can hear** and know our **hearts**, that part is for Him. An **organ or piano** doesn't have a heart, it won't last for eternity, the Lord isn't interested in them. He's interested in **us** and our **eternal** hearts and the **melody of love and faith and grace** that is in them.

Just as our worship must be in spirit and in truth, so must our singing be in spirit to the Lord, and in truth (God's Word, John 17:17) to one another.

Let's think about **how, why and what** we sing, to make sure we're doing what the Lord wants us to do. It will make Him happy with us, and that's a **good** thing!

“I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also.” - 1 Cor 14:15

- Ed Kelleher, West Columbia church of Christ

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### RECORDS 9/25/05

Sun 10 AM Bible Study: 48  
Sun 11 AM Assembly: 88  
Sun 6 PM Assembly: 51  
Weds 7 PM Bible Study: 65  
CONTRIBUTION: \$1502

### SERMONS 10/2/05

AM Ed Kelleher  
PM Don Klieves

"Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." - 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

#### 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”

- Relief goods for **hurricane victims** are being assembled in the fellowship hall. They'll be going out early next week, so don't delay if you have any.
- We had **23 people** admit their age and show up for the **Over 50 group** meeting at the Fire Mountain restaurant in Harbison last this Friday.
- **Audio tapes** of Mack Lyon, *In Search of the Lord's Way* are available in the foyer. Take a few if you wish, listen to them and bring them back for others.

### “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). **Hagood Godley** isn't doing well at this time.
- **JESSICA HERRING** is in Richland Hosp. Rm 809 in much pain with cellulitis.
- Prayers are requested for the **Henry Herring** family in Michigan whose son, just returned from military duty in Iraq, was killed in a motorcycle accident.

"This is my comfort in my affliction: for thy word hath quickend me"  
- Psalms 119:50

### “REJOICE WITH THEM THAT REJOICE!”

- **Katie Kennedy** was baptized into Christ Sunday evening.
- **Don Fields** is taking a new job in Washington DC. It's a good move for him, and we're happy for him, but **we'll surely miss him, Nancy and Don Jr.** Nancy is still working here and will be going up in a few months. Let's remember them all in our prayers and be watchful and help Nancy as we can.

### **TAKE IT SERIOUSLY!**

The story is told of a little boy who listened intently to a sermon on the death of Christ. As his scourging, humiliation and crucifixion were graphically described, the youngster began to cry and was soon sobbing. The mother, embarrassed by her son's behavior, whispered to him, "Don't take it so seriously." Could this be the principal problem in the church? Many do *not* take the Lord seriously and do not want others to, lest it make them look bad....Dub McClish

"And I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified." - 1 Corinthians 2:2

### **CHURCH SIGN ON US#1 HIGHWAY**

**FOR THEY LOVED THE PRAISE OF MEN MORE THAN THE PRAISE OF GOD - JOHN 12:43**

**AND WHATSOEVER YE DO, DO IT HEARTILY, AS UNTO THE LORD, AND NOT UNTO MEN - COLOSSIANS 3:23**

These are the scriptures on our sign for the month of October. US#1 is a busy road leading into Columbia. Thousands see these scriptures each month going to and from work.

"So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it." - Isaiah 55:11

### “PROVOKE TO LOVE AND GOOD WORKS”

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

- **Young Adult** meeting **Saturday 10/1, 6:30PM** for Fun, Food, Fellowship and Games at **Michelle and Robert Laffoday's** home.
- **Fellowship Luncheon** this Sunday after the morning assembly. Check signup sheet in foyer for food to bring (a little late now though ☺ do better next month).
- **Men's Business Meeting** at 1:30 PM, all the men of the congregation are encouraged to attend.
- **Elder Comment forms** for all church members to fill out if they care too are in the foyer. Get them in! They will be considered at the Men's Business meeting.
- Our **Youth Group** is planning a trip to Carowinds Sat. 10/8, see **Ken Parks**.
- **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.

"So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses." - Matthew 18:35

- **Shhh!!** Take part in the secret **Good Deed encouragement group**. The register is in the table drawer in the foyer. 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