



# WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

## WHAT DO YOU WEAR IN CHURCH?

Have you ever thought of what you wear in church? I'm **not** talking of what we wear to our assembly on Sunday. I'm talking of the **church** we're a part of **every day** of our life - the **spiritual** church we've been added to. What are we wearing in **that** church? Our spiritual bodies need **spiritual** garments.

It's something we **better** be thinking about. The church in Laodicea thought they were doing well, but the Lord told them they were "wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind and NAKED" (Rev 3:17). They didn't have ANY clothes. They were NAKED. The Lord told them to buy from HIM the clothes they needed. He mentioned one spiritual garment we wear in 1 Peter 5:5 - "and be clothed with HUMILITY". Jesus was humble, we should be also.

The Lord told us of the importance of our garments in the parable of the wedding feast in Matthew 22:11-14. How there was a guest that didn't have on a garment suitable for a WEDDING and how he was CAST OUT because of it. Sit up and talk notice folks, this was a parable of the KINGDOM of HEAVEN!

We also are going to a wedding, it's ours, to our Lord. Will He be happy to see us? We can't wear dirty coveralls or go naked to this wedding. We must be *clothed* in humility, love, faithfulness, patience, mercy and other spiritual qualities.

And we must keep them **clean!** The Lord told us how our garments get dirty: "Hating even the garment spotted by the flesh" (Jude 23). We dirty our spiritual garments when we give in to our carnal, earthly lusts.

Let's not be children that don't care about their clothes. Let's clothe ourselves as Jesus showed us **and** stay clean. Clean clothes aren't just nice, they're VITAL:

"Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy. He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life" - Revelation 3:4,5

Let's be mindful of our SPIRITUAL garments, and keep them clean so the Lord won't blot our names out of the Book of Life and that someday we also might walk with our Lord in garments pure and white.

- Ed Kelleher, elder West Columbia church of Christ

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### RECORDS 10/23/05

Sun 10 AM Bible Study:	48
Sun 11 AM Assembly:	81
Sun 6 PM Assembly:	60
Weds 7 PM Bible Study:	57
CONTRIBUTION:	\$1825

### SERMONS 10/30/05

AM	Don Klieves
PM	Jason Parks

"The Lord is my strength and my shield, my heart trusted in him, and I am helped; therefore my heart greatly rejoices; and with my song will I praise him." - Psalm 27:1

### SERVICES

Sunday 10 AM Bible Study  
Sunday 11 AM, 6 PM Assembly  
Wednesday 7 PM Bible Study  
Office Phone (803) 794-5320

### LADIES CLASS

Tuesdays (except 1st) 10 AM

**A Warm Welcome awaits you  
at all our services!**

*Nursery provided*

**Bible Classes for all ages**

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## “AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY”

- **Change cans** for SE Children’s home will be counted after the evening assembly, Sunday October 30th. Remember to bring your cans this Sunday.
- The next **scrapbooking** Saturday is **Oct. 29**, 2 to 5 at the church building.
- **Remember to turn your clock back** 1 hour Saturday evening.
- Remember to check the bulletin boards for things that need doing. For example, we need folks to **sign up to clean the building**.
- Remember **Bobby Giles** in your prayers as he goes to Myrtle Beach this weekend with others from the Babcock Center. Bobby lives in a home off 378 behind Saluda River Elementary school and **needs a ride each Sunday**. If you can help with this please contact one of the elders.
- Twelve from our **Youth Group** enjoyed their trip to Carowinds.
- Six of our **sisters** had a profitable time at the Kannapolis NC Lady's retreat.
- **Dave Watkins** from the North Columbia church stopped by and picked up the goods we had collected for hurricane victims. He’s taking them to a church in Mississippi that said, “Bring ‘em on, we can use everything you have!”
- **20,000 invitations** have been sent to people near here to come visit us at West Columbia. They’re in the blue **Valpak** envelopes. **Please PRAY!** for this work that many will come, hear the gospel and obey, that the church here will **multiply** and that the **Lord** be glorified.

“And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly” - Acts 6:7

## “IS ANY SICK AMONG YOU?”

- **Remember in prayer: BERYL PARKS, 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 either.
- **Jessica Herring** is suffering with a painful cellulites flare up.
- **Curtis Gilbert**, minister at the Union church is not well at this time.
- **Frances Griffin**, Melissa Park’s aunt had surgery to remove her foot due to Diabetes complications and now is having kidney problems and is on dialysis. Please remember her in your prayers as this is going to be a difficult period for her and require much time in rehabilitation.

"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; Who redeemeth thy life from destruction;" - Psalms 103:2-4

## **Christian’s Obligations To God And Man**

The Christian’s life is regulated by everything they think, say, and do. We have a two-fold obligation – one to God and one to our fellowman (Luke 10:27).

A Christian wife must submit to her husband as unto the Lord. A Christian husband must love his wife (Ephesians 5:22-25). Christian fathers are to bring up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord (Ephesians 6:4). Children are to be obedient to their parents as long as they are under their authority, and when they become Christians and are grown up, they are to honor their parents as long as they live (Ephesians 6:1-2). Christian employers are to be fair and just to their employees, remembering they also have a master in Heaven with Whom there is no respect of person (Colossians 4:1; Ephesians 6:9). Christian employees also are to do their best at all times, not just when the boss is watching.

We also have a duty to help our fellow man, whether a neighbor or stranger who is in need (Luke 10:29-37). When we fulfill our obligation to man, we go a long way toward fulfilling our obligation to God.

—Bud Butcher, elder East End, McMinnville, TN

## “PROVOKE TO LOVE AND GOOD WORKS”

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

- **Windsor Lake Gospel Meeting Fri 10/28 –10/30. Stewart Schnurr**, minister from St. Andrews Road will be preaching all 3 nights. Let’s show our support!
- Our **minister search** is very active. We still have about 8 active prospects in various stages of evaluation. We have several to the point we’d like them to come visit. We intend to hold a Gospel meeting with each visiting preacher to see how **we work together** to **evangelise** here in West Columbia. Information on ministers is available in the **fellowship hall** before and after each assembly, including audio tapes some of their sermons if we have them.
- **Gospel Meeting, West Columbia, Sun-Tue, 11/6-11/8 with Scott Parker** from Denver Colorado. He’s one of our prospective new ministers and will help us reach those who respond to our **Bible Unity** Valpak campaign.
- **Gospel Meeting, West Columbia, Sun-Tue, 11/13-11/15 with Gary Hargrove and his wife Tammy**, from Tennessee. He also is a prospective minister.
- Let’s continue to **remember in our prayers** and show the sincerity of our love to those hurt by the resignation of Bro. Richards. Let’s pray we all will work to the benefit of the church Jesus died for and to the glory of God.

"A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." - John 13:34,35