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Scott Parker

"And Samuel said, Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices,



# **BIBLE MEETING**

TO FIND THE CHURCH JESUS BUILT THE NEW TESTAMENT MUST BE OUR SOLE AUTHORITY

Come hear these gifted speakers expound from God's word—the Bible, on how we can find the church Jesus built—today!

> With Scott Parker of Denver Colorado November 6th, 7th, and 8th Sunday, 11AM and 6PM Monday 7PM Tuesday 7PM

With Gary Hargrove of Anchorage, Alaska November 13th, 14th, and 15th Sunday, 11AM and 6PM Monday 7PM Tuesday 7PM

> West Columbia Church of Christ 1701 Augusta Road (US #1) 803-794-5320

Easy to find! 1 mile East of I-26 Exit 111B, 2 miles West of Gervais St. Bridge

### "AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY"

- Much fruit was collected from Change cans for SE Children's home and we also raised \$283 for them. The fruit is in the hearts of those who gave and helped count. Pictures will be up on the ANNOUNCEMENTS page of the church website soon. This was only down a little from last years \$317.
- We need folks to sign up to clean the building. If you want to team up with some others, jot your name down on the special list on the bulletin board.
- Jason Parks brought an excellent lesson, without notes we might add, Sunday evening on the Prodigal Son and the good Father. Thank you, Jason.

"Learn to do well; seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow." - Isaiah 1:17

## "IS ANY SICK AMONG YOU?"

- REMEMBER IN PRAYER: BERYL PARKS, MARY HONEYCUTT, HAGOOD GODLEY and our shut-ins JESSICA HERRING, ZUDORA CLEGG, PHYLLIS JOHNSON and VIOLET BRUNSON. Prayers are also requested for NINA RUTH MEADOWS (Marcella Klieves' mother), JAMES MATHIAS (Tommy White's brother-in-law), KATHYRN HALL (Melissa Parks' sister), and FRANCES GRIFFIN (Melissa Parks' aunt).
- Ron and Margie Banks who recently joined us here at West Columbia, returned to Ohio to meet with doctors on possible surgery Ron might need.
- Helen Allen, Frank's mother had 3 stents put in and was well at last report.
- Mary Douglas, Robert Laffoday's mother is not well and tests are being made at Baptist Hospital to try and discover what ails her.

"But I trusted in thee, O LORD: I said, Thou art my God. My times are in thy hand;" - Psalm 31:14

### THE CHURCH OF THE BIBLE?

When the question is asked, "What is the church?", many would respond by saying, "Which church are you talking about?" We realize there does exist hundreds of different religious groups in this world. Many of which claim to have some attachment to the church of the Bible. When we speak of the church, we have reference to the church that one can read about in the Bible.

**BUILDER IS CHRIST:** Christ is the builder of the church that you read about in the Bible. In Matthew 16:18, Christ declared, "Upon this rock, I will build my church." The church belongs to Christ. He is the foundation upon which it is built (1 Corinthians 3:11). Dear reader, did Christ build the church of which you are a member? Is the church that you are a member of built by man or Christ? You need to be a member of the church built by Christ, His church. (continued top of next page)

#### THE CHURCH OF THE BIBLE? (continued from previous page)

**BEGINNING OF THE CHURCH WAS IN JERUSALEM:** The church that you read about in the Bible began in the city of Jerusalem, on the day of Pentecost following the ascension of our Lord. This was in fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies (Isaiah 2:1-4; Daniel 2:44; Joel 2). These prophecies were fulfilled in Acts 2. Dear reader, is the church of which you are a member, have its beginning in Jerusalem as recorded in Acts 2? If not, then you are not a member of the church that you read about in the Bible.

**BIBLE BASED:** The church that you read about in the Bible is Bible based. The Word of God is the pattern that is to be followed in all things (2 Timothy 3:16-17; 1 Thessalonians 5:21). Everything that the church does must be based upon what God has said in His Word. When it comes to the (1) Way of salvation (John 14:6; John 8:24; Luke 13:3; Matthew 10:32-33; Mark 16:16); (2) Worship (John 4:24; Acts 2:42; Ephesians 5:19; Acts 20:7; 1 Corinthians 16:1-2; 2 Timothy 4:2-4), (3) Work of the church (Matthew 28:18-20; Galatians 6:2, 10; James 1:27; 2 Timothy 4:2-4), (4) Way of life for the members of the church (Titus 2:11-12; Galatians 5:19-23; 1 John 2:15-17; Colossians 3:1-3; Matthew 6:33), the Bible has the only answer and it must be followed completely. Dear reader, is the church of which you are a member has the Bible as its only guide and standard of authority

**BOUND FOR HEAVEN:** The church that you read about in the Bible is the body of Christ (Colossians 1:18; Ephesians 4:4), bride of Christ (Romans 7:1-4; Revelation 19:7-8), family of God (Galatians 3:26-28), kingdom (Colossians 1:13) and the saved (Acts 2:47). Dear reader, don't you want to be a member of the church that you can read about in the Bible, because it is Heaven-Bound (Ephesians 5:23-26; Matthew 7:21-23).

by Jerry W. Joseph, evangelist, Trenton church of Christ, Tennessee

# "PROVOKE TO LOVE AND GOOD WORKS"

• We had many visitors last Sunday. This is wonderful! Let's get more! The elders ask that all members please invite at least 1 person to attend our upcoming Bible meetings and to PRAY! that many will come, hear the gospel and obey, that the church here will multiply and that the Lord be glorified. Of course, asking and praying more than once is good too!

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

- Ladies! Plans are being made for 1st and 2nd Sunday luncheons, refreshments after the evening meetings, and possibly meals with the visiting preacher before the evening lessons. Please contact Evalina Lowe (957-7362) or Martha Geiger (794-8804) to see how you can help.
- The 50+ group plans to meet Friday 11/11/05 at 6PM at the Harbour Inn in Lexington for a time of special fellowship; 27 owned up the last time.