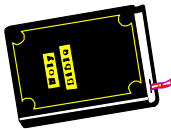


# WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

## SACRIFICE

Sacrifice comes from a Greek word that means “to KILL”. When we kill something, it’s dead and gone; we don’t have it anymore—we give it up, we **sacrifice** it. Consider this list of those who’ve sacrificed something.

|           |                              |                  |
|-----------|------------------------------|------------------|
| ABRAHAM   | gave up country and kindred  | Genesis 12:1,4   |
| MOSES     | gave up a rich life in Egypt | Hebrews 11:26    |
| JEPHTHA   | gave up his only daughter    | Judges 11:35     |
| The WIDOW | gave up all her living       | Mark 12:44       |
| PAUL      | gave up all things           | Philippians 3:8  |
| TIMOTHY   | gave up caring for himself   | Philippians 2:20 |
| GOD       | gave his Son                 | John 3:16        |
| JESUS     | gave his Life                | Matthew 20:28    |

They all sacrificed and for someone else, not themselves. It cost them—greatly! Not unreasonably then, Jesus told us he **requires** the same from us: “And he said to them **ALL, If ANY man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.**” (Luke 9:23).

Jesus took up his cross to die. So do we. But not in a physical sense, as we’re told: “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a **LIVING sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.**” (Romans 12:1) God wants a **living** sacrifice, one that keeps on giving. As Jesus said, we need to take up our cross “daily”.

We might think of things that are “sacrifices” for us. But they can’t substitute for what God has told us He wants us to kill: “Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth; fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness ... But now you also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth. Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds;” (Colossians 3:5-9) All those things we do to please ourselves, the Lord has said—lose them, so we might gain Christ.

“But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ.” - **Philippians 3:7**  
Don’t be sad, instead **rejoice** and take comfort in the thought that those things we **lose**, are **gain** to Christ, and He and His Father will then be glad to welcome us home.

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### RECORDS 1/29/2006

|                        |        |
|------------------------|--------|
| Sun 10 AM Bible Study: | 54     |
| Sun 11 AM Assembly:    | 101    |
| Sun 6 PM Assembly:     | 86     |
| Weds 7 PM Bible Study: | 75     |
| CONTRIBUTION:          | \$1830 |

### SERMONS 2/5/2006

|                                      |                        |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| AM Scott Parker:                     | Are You Covered?       |
| PM Scott Parker:                     | Take Hold of the Towel |
| Souls added to the church in 2006: 3 |                        |

"But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." - **Philippians 4:19**

*A Warm Welcome awaits you at all our services! Come see.*

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### SERVICES

Sunday 10 AM Bible Study  
Sunday 11 AM , 6 PM Assembly  
Wednesday 7 PM Bible Study  
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Bible Classes for all ages*

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## “REJOICE WITH THEM THAT DO REJOICE!”

- **Tom Rinehart** came forward Wednesday evening saying how much he appreciated the love and zeal of the church members here and that he and his family want to be identified with us. We are blessed to have them.  
"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

## “IS ANY SICK AMONG YOU?”

- **Ted Stidham** is doing poorly and not improving.
  - **REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Ron Banks, Beryl Parks, Mary Honeycutt, Hagood Godley**, and our shut-ins **Jessica Herring, Zudora Clegg, Phyllis Johnson, Nina Ruth Meadows** (Marcella Klieves' mother), **James Mathias** (Tommy White's brother-in-law), **Kathryn Hall** (Melissa Parks' sister), **Frances Griffin** (Melissa's aunt), **Jack and Elma Berrier, Margaret Herring** and her daughter **Ann Gunter**,
  - **Ashley Williams** is not well and greatly needs our prayers at this time.
  - **Marilyn Brooks** fell and had to go to the ER. She severely bruised her good arm, but fortunately nothing was broken.
  - **Jan Kelleher** has been down for a week with back pain.
  - **Gwen Pittman** reports good news for those on her prayer list: **Charlie Pittman, Lynn Barrow, and Nora Williams**.
  - **Zudy Clegg** thanked the ladies for the nice card. She really appreciated it.
  - **Pray** that a door will be opened at the **Lexington County Detention Center** for us. **Anne Louise Gordon**, a prisoner there, has been studying her bible, taking a bible correspondence course from the church in **Walterboro** and wants to be **baptized**, but prison officials are **balking** at letting us immerse her there.
- "I intreated thy favor with my whole heart: be merciful unto me according to thy word." - Psalm 119:58

It is important for **ALL** to attend **Sunday Morning bible study!** If you feel you're missing something, Bible class is a good place to go and find it.

**“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.” - 2 Timothy 2:15**

The example we set others, in everything we **do**, or **don't do**, is important. The Lord was able to use Paul to encourage other brethren, even when he was in prison:

**"And many of the brethren in the Lord, waxing confident by my bonds, are much more bold to speak the word without fear." - Philippians 1:14**

## “AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY”

- **Fourteen souls** from West Columbia participated in the area wide singing at the Twin City church in Batesburg Leesville this last Sunday. They had a record crowd of 96 and appreciated so many of us showing up to encourage (and be encouraged) with the good singing and fellowship.
- **We thank God** that He is **mindful of us** and **encourages us**, in that we're able to report that our average attendance for January was 102 and our average contribution was \$1946, considerably over our \$1735 budget amount.  
And **even better**, three souls were **baptized** as well! Many are making **very positive comments** about the teaching and work and attitude here, but **more importantly**, many are getting **more involved in the work**: visiting, calling, writing and going on bible studies and many are much more bold to invite people. **Thank God for this in your prayers**, strive to maintain this—and then **do even more!**
- We've heard only **positive comments** about the **Power Point** projections Scott has been using in the auditorium. **Ken Parks** has let us use a digital projector for awhile. Let the elders know what you think. Some have offered to donate to purchase a full time unit for us to use.
- Encourage those **visiting** to fill out the new **GUEST CARDS** and pass them to the center aisle where they'll be collected at the end of the assembly.

## “PROVOKE TO LOVE AND GOOD WORKS”

- **Show Up This Saturday, Feb. 4th, at 4PM (note revised time) at Dawn and Jones Gamble's home**, to meet for our first **Teach, Reach and Eat meeting**. Brother Gamble will give a **short devotional** (very short, he says), and after prayer we'll go out in 3 or 4 teams, led by able men, to **knock on doors** in the neighborhood and invite people to visit with us at the Gamble's home for refreshments and talk of the Bible. Please come help, and **pray** that the Lord will bless our efforts to glorify Him through our faith in Him and the power of His word.
  - **Fellowship luncheon, this Sunday** at the building. All are encouraged to stay to meet, encourage and build one another up. The elders will meet with the men at 1:30PM.
  - **Ladies meeting** with the elders, this Sunday after the evening assembly.
  - **Carolina Men's Fellowship**, Sat. March 11, 2006 at Rock Hill. 9 AM—3 PM.
  - **Carolina Lectures**, April 2-6, 2006 at Kannapolis, NC, Gospel of John.
  - **Bible Bowl study times: Friday 6:30PM, Wed. 7 PM, Sun. 10 AM** and 4:30PM. We'll be ordering in **pizza** for Friday night practices. Pizza and refreshments are donated by church members supporting the teams.
  - Details on activities are posted on the **bulletin board in the foyer**.
- "And let ours also learn to maintain good works for necessary uses, that they be not unfruitful" - Titus 3:14**