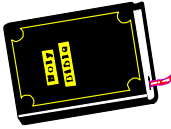


WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST



“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 you wearing in **that** church? Our spiritual bodies need to be clothed in **spiritual** garments too.

We need to be mindful of this. 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 spiritual garments—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. As His disciples, we should be also.

The Lord emphasized the importance of what we wear in the parable of the wedding feast in **Matthew 22:11-14**. There was a guest that didn't have on a garment suitable for a wedding. As a result, he was **cast out!** Sit up and take notice folks, this was a parable of the **spiritual** Kingdom of heaven!

We also are going to a wedding, it's ours, to our Lord. Will He be happy to see us? Not if we show up wearing so to speak dirty, ragged coveralls or are naked. We must be **clothed** in the spiritual garments **He** has chosen and **shown** us: **humility, love, faithfulness, patience, and mercy.**

And, we must keep these spiritual clothes **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 to wear good **spiritual** garments every moment in the church of our Lord, and keep them clean so the Lord won't blot our names out of the Book of Life and that someday we might walk with our Lord in garments pure and white.

- Ed Kelleher, elder West Columbia church of Christ, South Carolina

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"The Characteristics of the Church"

**"That he might present it to himself a glorious church,
not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing;
but that it should be holy and without blemish." - Ephesians 5:27**

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

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“PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER” - James 5:16

- **REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** Beryl Parks, Hagood Godley, Margaret Herring, and our shut-ins Jessica Herring, Zudora Clegg, and Phyllis Johnson. Also, Nina Ruth Meadows (Marcella Klieves' mother), Jack Edwards (Melissa Parks' father) and Jack and Elma Berrier.
- Ann Gunter, daughter of our sister Margaret Herring, had a heart attack, but no blockages were found and she is home recovering.
- Robbie Sheppard, son of Eddie and Doris is recovering from surgery.
- Alexis Berry, daughter of sister Barbara Berry and grand daughter of sister Ethel Smith had a CT scan Wednesday for a possible cyst.
- Nathaniel Manning, grandson of Lynn and Jerry Manning is a year and a half old but having some possible developmental difficulties.
- Bunny Baroody had a severe stroke and is in Lexington Medical Center. Her son David Baroody was restored at North Columbia during their recent (most excellent) gospel meeting for which we are all thankful.
- Steve Sightler, son-in-law to Helen and Vince Reusser is not recovering well after gall bladder surgery. He and his wife Debbie's address are on the bulletin board in the foyer.
- Evalina Lowe's aunt, Adrena Phillips is not well and is in hospice care.
- Steve Nimmons, a member of the church in Abbeville and Cathy Parks Nimmons' husband did well and is recovering from surgery that removed all of a brain tumor on his pituitary gland, Thursday at Baptist Hospital.
- Donald Klieves requests prayer for his sister Sharon Jackson and himself.
- Prayers are requested for David Burkett who has 2 malignant brain tumors. He is the husband of Barbara Burkett, a postal worker who distributes our bulletins.
- The Dillard's were out last Sunday with the respiratory bug that's going around, but were able to make it out Wednesday, though all were feeling sort of puny.
- Bobby Giles will likely be moving to Boiling Springs around the end of October. This is a good move for him, but we'll miss him.

Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed.

The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.” - James 5:16

“WEEP WITH THEM THAT WEEP” - Romans 12:15

- We regret to announce that Doris Sheppard's friend, Lila Evans passed away.
- And that Donna Blanchett's husband Buck passed away last week. Donna is the daughter of Violet Brunson. Her sister is Sara Shealy.

“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:4

- Gospel meeting at Orangeburg church of Christ with Mel Futrell of Alabama. Highly recommended and worth the trip. Friday 10/20—Sunday 10/22.
- We'll be taking a picture of the entire congregation after the Sunday morning assembly. Please plan on staying a few minutes after.

“And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.” - Acts 2:47

“ELDERS ... FEED THE FLOCK OF GOD” - 1 Peter 5:1,2

The front page article reminds us to be aware of our spiritual clothing—our souls depend on it. But what we wear physically to the assembly of the saints is important also. It communicates to others (affecting their souls) what we think of the Lord's church—the one Christ died to purchase. Do you value that? Do you esteem Christ? What is your dress telling others? Wouldn't you wear your best clothes to visit the President of the United States? Has he done more for you than Christ? What are your clothes saying? Would you want to go change? Do well.

“And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.” - Colossians 3:17

-Elders, West Columbia church of Christ, South Carolina

THE BOX

We've put up a box in the foyer of the church building to help us communicate and better do the work of the church here at West Columbia.
PLEASE PUT A CARD IN THE BOX as appropriate:

- To let us know you'll be ABSENT from Bible class or an assembly
- To tell us of people who might like a BIBLE STUDY or VISIT
- To note a SONG or SERMON you'd like to hear
- To SUGGEST something to be done or improved
- To COMMENT on lessons and classes
- To ask QUESTIONS to be answered by the preacher or elders
- For VISITOR'S Cards
- For items to be included in the BULLETIN
- For REQUESTS for teaching material, Bibles, tapes etc.
- To VOLUNTEER to help in some work
- To note something BROKEN, not working right, or needs fixing

We ask that you do put your name on cards in case something isn't clear or we need further information. - ELDERS, WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST

“PROVOKE TO LOVE AND GOOD WORKS” - Hebrews 10:24

- The Ladies Class has resumed meeting 10AM Tuesdays (except the 1st).
- Volunteers needed to help clean the building in November and December!
- The Windsor Lake church is planning to have a homecoming and Gospel Meeting Friday-Sunday October 27-29th, 2006. They meet Sunday at 3PM.
- Ladie's Day, Crawford Road church in Rock Hill, Sat 10/21. Pre-reg. req'd.
- Ladie's Day, St. Andrews Road, Sat 11/11, with Cindi Burleson
- Santee Ladie's Retreat in Myrtle Beach Fri 11/17 – Sat 11/19. Jan Kelleher will be one of the speakers. Registrations sheets are in the foyer.

“And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.” - Galatians 6:9