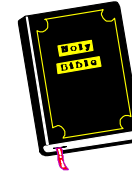


WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

I NEVER INTENDED TO QUIT!

A man who had not attended one service of the church in four years told me he had never thought of “quitting” the church. I reminded him that he had:

1. Withdrawn his presence from the worship services. He had failed to sing, to pray with fellow-Christians, to partake of the Lord’s memorial supper and the fellowship of the saints.
2. He had refused to give his moral support to the activities of the congregation.
3. He had withdrawn his financial support, for he had not given one dime to help carry on the Lord’s work.

Then I asked, “What else would you have to do in order to ‘quit’ the church? In case you ever decide that you no longer desire to be a member, what other steps will be necessary to ‘quit’ the church?”

As the true status dawned upon him, his expression reflected his sober thoughts. He replied, “Why, Brother Nichols, I have quit already, haven’t I? Well, I surely didn’t mean to! And I don’t know when I did it...but I’ve quit the Lord and His church! I’ll tell you right now...I’m coming back.” He did, too. At the next service, he was restored and three years later, he was still faithful.

Dear reader, how about you? Have you quit the Lord and His church without resolving to do so? Perhaps no one deliberately decides to quit, but many carelessly drift into backsliding.

If you quit attending services, quit boosting the program of activities planned by the elders and quit giving as God has prospered you to enable the congregation to meet its budget, you need to be restored.

Gus Nichols (1892-1975), Gospel Preacher

“I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth. Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: ... As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.” - Revelation 3:15-19

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“Fulfill ye my joy, that ye be like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:” Philippians 2:2-5

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), Jack and Elma Berrier, Nathaniel Manning (Jerry and Lynn's g'son).
- Paul Dillard had a heart cath. Wednesday. Many prayers were raised on his behalf to our merciful God. We're thankful open heart surgery was not required.
- We're also thankful Gene Lowe, Lynn Manning are doing better.
- Robbie Sheppard is recovering well from his shattered heel.
- Phyllis Johnson, fell and hit her head and may have some internal bleeding.
- Remember Frank Allen, Ron Banks, Ethel Smith, Tricia Kelly, Debbie Sheppard, Paul Dillard, Gwen Pittman, Marilyn Brooks, Caroline Lee, Garland Matthews and Eddie Sheppard who all especially need our prayers for physical and other difficulties.
- Jimmy Lee, Carolyn's husband, has been given only a short time to live by the doctors. Pray for God's mercy for them both.

"For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day." - 2 Timothy 1:12

“REJOICE WITH THEM THAT DO REJOICE!” - Romans 12:15

Jeans Boyd's son, Wayne went into cardiac arrest Monday at Lexington Medical Center. After almost an hour the doctors were able to restart his heart, but they gave no hope whatsoever of his being able to recover. Consequently, according to the term's of Wayne's living will, they removed him from the respirator. They said he would pass within a few minutes. Many fervent, earnest prayers were raised on behalf of Wayne and his mother, and our dear sister, Jean, that Wayne be restored and that he have another chance to hear and obey the Gospel. God heard our prayers. Wayne kept breathing on his own. He had many seizures and short episodes of heart fibrillation. The nurses said he was on the way out. He started moaning and tossing about. They said these were involuntary actions, his pupils were not responsive to light. More prayers were made. He was moved from CCU to a regular room, taken off the monitors, and put on morphine to ease his passing. More prayers were raised over the night. The next morning, he sat up in bed and opened his eyes. He recognized his mother. He started slowly to speak and made some jokes. The doctors and nurses had no explanation. God was merciful and heard our prayers. Praise His holy name, that He humbles Himself to consider us. However, Satan is near, seeking to take what God had given. Continue to pray for Wayne and Jean that they both will be comforted and blessed in the knowledge of the love of God.

"I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live: I will sing praise to my God while I have my being." - Psalm 104:33

“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:42

- Building Cleanup Sign Up sheet for 2007 is posted. Please sign up!
- Ladies Bible Class will resume meeting Tuesday, 1/9/2007, Lord willing
- Remember our sister Anne Louise Gordon in LCDC who continues to do good work for Christ and his church despite very trying circumstances.

“And our hope of you is stedfast, knowing, that as ye are partakers of the sufferings, so shall ye be also of the consolation” - 2 Corinthians 1:7

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

- Work Team C will be the active Team starting Sunday 1/7/2007. All team members are encouraged to make a visit or call or send a card in the interim. Please drop a note in the Box letting us know what you did.

“If by any means I may provoke to emulation them which are my flesh, and might save some of them.” - Romans 11:14

“BE KINDLY AFFECTIONED ONE TO ANOTHER WITH BROTHERLY LOVE” - Romans 12:10

- Pray for our brothers and sisters who we've been missing recently at the assemblies of the church for worship and Bible study. Visit them; give them a call; write them a card; let them know they are loved and missed and wanted.

Tom and Jackie Adkins, Robert and Michelle Laffoday, Patricia Kelly Barbara Berry, Ed Johnson, Talitia and Jerome Zimmerman

“Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted. Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.” - Galatians 6:1,2

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

Many things recorded in the Old Testament were a shadow of things to come in the New Testament—physical vs spiritual. They were written for our learning (Romans 15:4) and we'd be wise to study them with that intent. The Lord wants His people to be faithful to him, and not go after false gods. Many today are attracted to the splendid displays of modern groups that call themselves “churches”, but they're not churches of Christ. They're not the brides of Christ, they are whores, being joined to those of this world. Read **Numbers 25** to see what God thought of those who go after physical whores, then consider what he'll think of those who go after **spiritual** whores. God will not stand idly by when His children leave their first love (Revelation 2:4). Hopefully there will be a Phinehas.

“Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, hath turned my wrath away from the children of Israel, while he was zealous for my sake among them, that I consumed not the children of Israel in my jealousy. Wherefore say, Behold, I give unto him my covenant of peace: And he shall have it, and his seed after him, even the covenant of an everlasting priesthood; because he was zealous for his God, and made an atonement for the children of Israel.” - Numbers 25:11-13