

WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

DON'T YOU HAVE ANY FUN?

Has anyone ever said this to you because of your behavior as a Christian? Have you ever thought this way in regards to being a Christian—that you don't have any fun? Is that the way it should be—that a Christian shouldn't have any fun? No! If you think so, you'll miss the boat! Consider David a moment, whom the Holy Spirit said was "A man after God's own heart" (Acts 13:22):

"I have REJOICED in the way of thy testimonies, as much as in ALL RICHES. I will meditate in thy precepts, and have respect unto thy ways. I will DELIGHT myself in thy statutes: I will not forget thy word." - Psalm 119:14-16

Does this sound like a person who wasn't happy to you? What was it he was doing? Who was he out to please? - himself, or God? Was his enjoyment **physical** or **spiritual**? And that's the key for it's our **spiritual** man that counts!

People tell us today to change the way we eat. When we want a snack, don't get a candy bar, get an apple instead. It's better for us and just as satisfying. They say that our desire for **junk food** is just a **habit**, that can, and should, be changed into a desire for more healthful food. ("Repentance" anyone? ☺)

Well, as a Christian, our idea of what's **fun** should change also—it must! We should **want** to help others above ourselves (Romans 15:1-3). We should **enjoy** God's word more than a novel or the Sunday funnies (Psalm 1). We should **rejoice** in keeping God's word rather than feeling it's a burden (Acts 5:41). Remember, **"Blessed are they who hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled."** (Matthew 5:6) This is a **promise** from God, don't you believe it? How are you acting? (see sidebar on page 3)

The **world's** idea of "having fun" is doing something for **yourself**. This is the part a Christian needs to change. **"... remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to GIVE than to receive"** -Acts 20:35

Let's go after the "True riches", let's be like our Lord who said "My meat is to do the will of Him that sent me". Let's find fulfillment and true joy as **children** of God. Let's **be** Christians.

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

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SERMONS 5/2/2010

Sun 10 AM Bible Study: 54
Sun 11 AM Assembly: 87
Sun 6 PM Assembly: 51
Weds 7 PM Bible Study: 53
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**“For what shall it profit a man,
if he shall gain the whole world,
and lose his own soul?” - Mark 8:36**

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“PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER” - James 5:16

- **REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** Lamar Reeves, Nina Ruth Meadows (Marcella Klieves' mother), Jack and Elma Berrier, Lynn Drago (Jerry's sister) and Phyllis Johnson.
- **Ron Banks** fell and is in great deal of pain.
- **Margie DeYoung** is very ill and requests our prayers.
- **Jean Boyd** is not well either, still recovering from extensive foot surgery.
- **Lorraine Welsh**, Lynn's mom, is having a medical procedure this week.
- **Don Klieves** was ill Wed. and **Marcella's** mom, **Nina Meadows** is in rehab.
- The **Klieves'** son-in-law **Mike Alvarson** was taken to the hospital Tuesday afternoon for an emergency heart catheterization and replacement of stents. He came home Wed. but has another blockage they need to fix in the next week or so. Please keep **Angela and Mike** in your prayers.
- **Margaret Herring** is using a wheel chair and needs a ride to the assembly.
- **Louis Smith**, an elder in the church in W. Virginia is having stents put in.
- **We have many that are ill: Marilyn Brooks, Ron Banks, Margaret Herring, Jean Boyd, Anna Porter, Sue Eiland, Craig Robinson, Carolyn Lee, and Margie DeYoung.**
- Remember all these in your prayers. Write them a card, give them a call, let them know you're praying for them and see if they'd like a visit:
- **Brother Manning** has many Bible studies during the week, remember them.

"My grace is sufficient for thee:

for my strength is made perfect in weakness" - 2 Corinthians 12:9

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

- We rejoice with the angels in heaven that another soul has heard the gospel of our Lord Jesus, obeyed and been added to the kingdom of God. **Ronald Hall** met our evangelist at the flea market and after considerable study of God's word was baptized into Christ last Saturday. His contact information will be in the updated directory available this Sunday. The power of God's word is amazing!

"He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord." - 1 Corinthians 1:31

“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:42

- 1st Sunday luncheon and men's business meeting this Sunday at 1:30 pm.
- Graduation Party for **Megan Stoyk** May 6th 6:30 pm at the building.
- **Youth Devo SATURDAYS 7 pm, College age Bible study TUESDAYS 7 pm.**
- **Pantry items** to bring to the church building. Remember, pop-tops are best.

5/2 Chef Boyardee Mac and Cheese 4/25 Dole Mandarin Oranges

LOOK TO HEAVEN AND ... OUT WITH SIN IN 2010!

DON'T YOU HAVE ANY FUN? - (SIDEBAR)

“And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch.”—Acts 11:26

The disciples were called **Christians** by God. It was a divine proclamation, not man's. Read Acts 11 and you'll see **why** God called them Christians—they were **acting** like it.

If we claim to be Christians, we also need to **act** like it. We need to act like those good disciples described in the Acts of the Apostles and the other books of God's word. The Lord told us as much:

“If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above” - Colossians 3:1

This is really part and parcel of our repentance—changing our minds. Not minding the earthly, physical things, but instead setting our desires, our fulfillment on the heavenly, spiritual things God has called us to:

“Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin; That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God. For the time past of our life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, revellings, banquetings, and abominable idolatries: Wherein they think it strange that ye run not with them to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of you: ” - 1 Peter 4:1-4

They might think us strange, but God will call us “Christians”. — Ed Kelleher

THE GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING ...

Jesus told the Samaritan woman at the well, “...whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst” (John 4:14). We might tend to dismiss that today, never really lacking for physical food or drink. That's too bad because like the Laodiceans (**Rev 3:14**), it can be hard for us to see we're starving—**spiritually**. Here's a bit of food from God that, if we **memorize** it, **will** nourish us **forever**. Parents, our children memorize popular songs. You provide well for their physical needs, here's something much better for them (and us) to memorize:

“Blessed is the man that walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law does he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatever he does shall prosper. The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind drives away. Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous. For the LORD knows the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.” - Psalm 1