

WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

PRAYER

Hopefully, you pray often. We want the Lord to be pleased with our prayers and to answer them. Have you ever stopped to consider **what** you pray for, and for **whose** benefit? You should. For a good example, look at **Solomon's** prayer: what he **didn't** ask for, how pleased the Lord was, and the result:

"And hast not asked for THYSELF long life; neither has asked riches for thyself, nor hast asked the life of thine enemies; but hast asked for thyself UNDERSTANDING to discern judgement; behold, I have done according to thy words:" - 1 Kings 3:11,12

We can pray to our heavenly Father about our **jobs**, our **health**, our **school work**, or our **finances**. These aren't bad things to pray about. It's certainly a lot better than **not** praying. But think! How many of these things will be with us 100 years from now? None! How important are they really then?

Instead, it would be **better** if we prayed for things that are **spiritual**. Things that we can keep **forever**. Things like: **love, mercy, humility, understanding, meekness, patience, honesty**. These are qualities of the heart. They are spiritual and will be with us **eternally!** **These** are the things that matter to God and that will truly help us reach heaven—not our success in this world.

Remember too, Solomon didn't really ask for **himself**. He wanted to help others. Jesus didn't either, nor did Paul. Look at their prayers, **who** they were for and for **what**. Remember, "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35). If we pray for the benefit of others, God, who gave his Son for us, is more likely to be pleased.

We all want to get to heaven. This should be our #1 goal. Let's make sure we're aiming at the right target — and asking for the **best** things to help us, and everyone else, get there!

"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." - Matthew 6:33

- Ed Kelleher, West Columbia church of Christ

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Sun 10 AM Bible Study: 46
Sun 11 AM Assembly: 87
Sun 6 PM Assembly: 80
Weds 7 PM Bible Study: 31
CONTRIBUTION: \$1585

SERMONS 10/16/05

AM Ed Kelleher
PM Don Klieves

“And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work.” - 2 Corinthians 9:8

SERVICES

Sunday 10:00 AM Bible Study
Sunday 11 AM, 6 PM Assembly
Wednesday 7 PM Bible Study

LADIES CLASS

Tuesdays (except 1st) 10:00 AM

**A Warm Welcome awaits you
at all our services!
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“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY”

- Relief goods for **hurricane victims** are *still* being assembled in the fellowship hall. There's been a delay till 10/18 of when they'll go out, so you still have time to contribute even **more** items to the goodly pile we already have.

"Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world." - James 1:27

- Our thanks to brothers **Brian Parks** and **Ryan Sheppard** who are *enthusiastically* getting our **sign** changed each week now!
- **Julie Mitchell's** new address is: 1505 James Trace, East Point, GA 30344
- **Change cans** for SE Children's home will be counted at the end of October.

“IS ANY SICK AMONG YOU?”

- **Remember in prayer:** **MARGARET HERRING** who is still in some pain, **BERYL PARKS, MARY HONEYCUTT,** and our shut-ins **JESSICA HERRING, ZUDORA CLEGG, PHYLLIS JOHNSON and VIOLET BRUNSON.** Prayers are also requested for **SCOTT MAY** (Anna Porter's nephew), **NINA RUTH MEADOWS** (Marcella Klieves' mother), **JAMES MATHIAS** (Tommy White's brother-in-law), and **KATHYRN HALL** (Melissa Parks' sister). **Hagood Godley** isn't doing well at this time either.
- **Jessica Herring** is suffering with a painful cellulites flare up.
- **Ted Stidham** was in LMC but went home Tuesday. **Jean Glott** is home also.

"Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord." - Psalms 27:14

“REJOICE WITH THEM THAT REJOICE!”

- **Donald Klieves** and **Ed Kelleher** were ordained as **elders** Sunday evening by evangelist **Jon Macon** of the North Columbia congregation. We had **105** present afterwards for refreshments and a good time of Christian fellowship shared by all. Remember to **pray** for the church here that we *all* will grow in love, sacrificial love, for one another and all of God's children.

“Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being examples to the flock” - 1 Peter 5:3

SIGN on US #1

**THY WORD IS A LAMP TO MY FEET AND A LIGHT TO MY PATH
- PSALMS 119:105**

SO FAITH WITHOUT WORKS IS DEAD ALSO - JAMES 2:26

Responsibility?

The other evening, as I was thinking of the many who shirk their responsibilities and try to shift them to someone or something else; the question came to mind: “Who carries the most important responsibility of all?” Is it the elder, preacher, policeman, mayor, president, the school principal, etc.,...or who?

The scriptures tell us in Titus 2 for the women to be keepers at home, to guide the house. She is spoken of in Proverbs as one who rises early, clothes and feeds her family, buys and sells a field...her hands are never idle. It has been said of yore that the “hand that rocks the cradle rules the world.” Many a godly woman has reared her sons to be sound gospel preachers, song directors, elders, faithful men of God; and her daughters to be Christian mothers, dressing in chaste apparel, watching her manners, and to be in submission to her husband.

Yes, can there be anyone with more responsibility and influence for good than a truly godly woman? Therefore, let the older women teach the younger women that they may learn to teach their children, love their husbands, and guide their homes as God would have them, knowing that one day we must all give an account to God for the deeds done while on earth.

—Walter M. Bishop, Elder East End church of Christ, McMinnville, TN

“She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness.”

- Proverbs 31:26

“PROVOKE TO LOVE AND GOOD WORKS”

Details of events are posted on the bulletin board in the foyer.

- For all the **volunteers** who helped with the **Katrina survivors**, you are invited to a **Pig Pickin'** in the Ramada Inn parking lot this Sunday, Oct. 16th from 5-7 pm (eat fast!).
- **Melissa and Jason Parks** invite folks to their new home for an **Open House**, Saturday 10/15, 2-5PM. Their address is: 119 Hawkfield Ct, Irmo, SC 29033. Directions are posted on the bulletin board. **Car pooling** is recommended.
- **Youth Group** trip to Carowinds has changed to Sat. 10/15, see **Ken Parks**.
- **Ladie's Retreat** Sat 10/22 at Kannapolis, NC. Jan Kelleher is going and has room for 5-6 in her van if you'd like to go. Good meeting and easy trip.
- **Windsor Lake Gospel Meeting** Fri **10/28 –10/30**. **Stuart Schnurr**, minister from St. Andrews Road will be preaching all 3 nights. Let's show our support!
- Let's continue to **remember in our prayers** and show the sincerity of our love to those hurt by the resignation of Bro. Richards. Let's pray we all will work to the benefit of the church Jesus died for and to the glory of God.

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." - Matthew 5:16