



WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

Churches of Christ

The church of Christ is a non-denominational body of Christians. We have no earthly headquarters. Our leader is in Heaven at the right hand of God. We are not affiliated with any organization such as the National Council of Churches. Rather, each local congregation of the churches of Christ looks to God and His word for guidance. We believe the Bible to be the inspired word of God and that it furnishes us completely for every spiritual need. We stand for a return to New Testament faith and practice. And we are confident that by believing and doing what New Testament Christians did, we can be the same kind of Christians they were. We know this is right before God. We see no need, therefore, for denominational names, creeds and organizations.

Jesus said that worship must be in spirit and in truth (Jn. 4:24). Worship among churches of Christ follows the Scriptural pattern.

When the Lord established the church, He organized it into local autonomous congregations, with each taking care of its own affairs. He made no provisions for a national or international headquarters. In matters of faith all are to be guided by the New Testament. In other decisions, each congregation was to govern itself.

The work of the church Jesus built was to preach the gospel, as well as edify its members and care for the needy. Churches of Christ do not exist as political tools, nor do they exist as recreation clubs. Their work is spiritual, doing what God intended the church to do.

Remember, Jesus built His church. It is found in the New Testament. We can be a part of it by letting the Bible be our only guide.

—David Pharr, minister, Rock Hill church of Christ, South Carolina

“upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.” - Jesus, recorded in Matthew 16:18

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Sun 10 AM Bible Study: 42
Sun 11 AM Assembly: 85
Sun 6 PM Assembly: 51
Weds 7 PM Bible Study: 61
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SERMONS 12/11/05

AM Ed Kelleher
PM Don Klieves

“But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.”
—James 1:23

SERVICES

Sunday 10 AM Bible Study
Sunday 11 AM, 6 PM Assembly
Wednesday 7 PM Bible Study
Office Phone (803) 794-5320

LADIES CLASS

Tuesdays (except 1st) 10 AM
A Warm Welcome awaits you
at all our services!
Nursery provided

Bible Classes for all ages

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“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY”

- Lord willing, we'll welcome in the **New Year** with **Scott and Tricia Parker** at the church building, Saturday 12/31/2005. Starting at 7PM, there'll be singing, games, **Bible Bowl** practice (Obadiah, and last 3 books of OT: Haggai, Zechariah and Malachi), fireworks, other activities, and of course—food!

"But it is good to be zealously affected always in a good thing" -Galatians 4:18

“IS ANY SICK AMONG YOU?”

- **REMEMBER IN PRAYER: RON BANKS, BERYL PARKS, MARY HONEYCUTT, HAGOOD GODLEY** and our shut-ins **JESSICA HERRING, ZUDORA CLEGG, PHYLLIS JOHNSON** and **VIOLET BRUNSON**. Prayers are also requested for **NINA RUTH MEADOWS** (Marcella Klieves' mother), **JAMES MATHIAS** (Tommy White's brother-in-law), **KATHYRN HALL** (Melissa Parks' sister), and **FRANCES GRIFFIN** (Melissa Parks' aunt).
- **MARILYN BROOKS** requested prayers for her uncle who isn't doing well.
- **MARGARET HERRING** requested **much** prayer for the family of her sister Anita Herring who passed away leaving all much bereaved.
- **ELMA and JACK BERRIER**, former West Columbia members aren't well.
- It was good to see **JESSICA HERRING** at our assembly last Sunday!

"I cried unto him with my mouth, and he was extolled with my tongue. If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me: But verily God hath heard me; he hath attended to the voice of my prayer. Blessed be God, which hath not turned away from my prayer, nor his mercy from me." - Psalms 66:17-20

“PROVOKE TO LOVE AND GOOD WORKS”

- Lord willing, **Scott and Tricia Parker** will start the New Year here with us January 1, 2006! Scott and Tricia both are **very** excited about coming to work with us here. They **beg that we remember them in our prayers** as this is difficult time for them—leaving all they've known, friends and the church in Denver to come here to South Carolina. They plan to spend the holiday at Tricia's parent's home in Kansas City, Mo. and get here a few days after Christmas. They'll need **help unloading their rental truck** Thursday December 29th and moving into the church residence. **Many hands make light work!** Brethren from the **North Columbia** church plan on coming over to help also. There'll be plenty for everyone to do and of course, we'll need **food** for the Parkers and the workers — and the supervisors too. ☺ Make plans to come help if you can, it will be a good time of fellowship.
- **Bobby Giles** is dealing with some tough times, let's remember him in prayer.

"Ye that love the Lord, hate evil: he preserveth the souls of his saints; he delivereth them out of the hand of the wicked." - Psalms 97:10

KNOWN FOR THEIR WATER

Our community is definitely not known for its drinking water. First time imbibers usually react with a quick spewing out of the malodorous sulfur water found in various household wells around the Hill Country. The Laodiceans of the Bible weren't exactly known for their water, either. Unlike their neighboring cities of Hierapolis and Colossae, the inhabitants of Laodicea often had to rely on a water source some six miles away which was transported through stone pipes. By the time the water reached its destination, it was lukewarm and uninviting. On the other hand, both Hierapolis and Colossae were well known for their water supplies. The former was known for the medicinal value of its hot springs, and the latter for its refreshing cold springs.

When Jesus made His assessment of the various churches of Asia in Revelation 2 and 3, He equated the Laodicean Christians to their current water situation. In effect, they were providing neither refreshment for the spiritually thirsty, nor medicine for the spiritually sick. Like their water supply, they were lukewarm and totally unpalatable to the Lord. If only they had been hot like those of Hierapolis or cold like Colossae, then there would have been cause for praise. Instead of seeing their wretched condition, they were blind to their own deficiencies.

What about you and me? What are we known for? Are we by our actions seeking to heal or refresh others? Are we known for bettering our community, our school, or our family? Is the church known for upholding what is good and abhorring that which is wrong? Are leaders known for their integrity? Are you known for your faithfulness to God and the courage to speak out? Let none of us become distasteful to the Lord. Let none of us become lukewarm in our works for God.

- John W. Moore, minister, Dripping Springs church of Christ, Texas

“And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God; 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: I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.” - Revelation 3:14-19