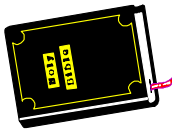


WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

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, elder, West Columbia church of Christ, South Carolina

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

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“THE PRAYER OF FAITH SHALL SAVE THE SICK” - James 5:15

- **Eddie Sheppard** is in Lexington Hospital Rm 504 to get his lungs cleared up.
- **Bobby Giles** came forward asking the prayers of the church to help him deal with the frustrations of life he is facing.
- **REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Ted Stidham, Beryl Parks, Ron Banks, Hagood Godley,** and our shut-ins **Jessica Herring, Zudora Clegg,** and **Phyllis Johnson.** Also, **Nina Ruth Meadows** (Marcella Klieves' mother), **James Mathias** (Tommy White's brother-in-law), and **Jack and Elma Berrier.**
- **Remember also Margaret Herring and Ashley Williams.**
- **Kaitlyn Sheppard** wasn't feeling well Wednesday evening.
- **Tricia Parker** requests prayers for her dad, **John McCullum** in Missouri.
- Remember **Melissa Parks,** in Virginia, helping with her father **Jack Edwards.**
- **Talitia Zimmerman** is up in Charlotte where her mother has taken ill.
- **PRAY FOR ALL THESE AND THE CHURCH!**

"But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.

To Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen." - 1 Peter 5:10

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

- **Sarah Kelleher** graduates from Lipscomb University 4pm Saturday May 6 in Nashville, Tennessee. Ed and Jan, and Merrie Chrismus will be leaving Thursday to get her packed up and plan on coming back Monday, May 8.

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

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's 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

“PROVOKE TO LOVE AND GOOD WORKS” - Hebrews 10:21

- **DEACONS TO BE APPOINTED:** This Sunday following the morning assembly, **Gerald Boyd, Jones Gamble, Billy Geiger, Ken Parks and Eddie Sheppard**
- The **Lower Richland** congregation **lectureship, “Living Godly in this Present World”** concludes **Monday** at 7PM, directions are on the bulletin board.
- **Spiritual Growth Seminar** at **West Columbia,** Friday and Saturday **June 16,17** on “The Deadly **TULIP—Calvinism,** exposed and refuted from the Bible”
- **Our VBS July 24-28,** Mon-Fri 7:00-8:30 PM—**The Bible is YOUR Book.**
- Sister **Marilyn Brooks** needs a ride to our assemblies. The **Sheppards** have been bringing her faithfully for quite awhile but with Eddie's illness we need someone else to pitch in and help. Marilyn lives on 109 Super Dr, West Columbia 29172. That's off Old Wire Road, off Charleston Highway #176 close to I-26 Carolina Eastman exit #119. Marilyn's phone number is 926-9899. She's in a wheelchair and needs help getting in and out of the car.

“My grace is sufficient for thee:

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

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, revelings, 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