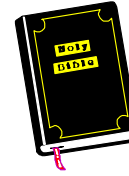


WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

“GIVE BACK A PORTION . . .”

"Give back a portion of the things you've so richly blessed us with..." is a phrase you'll often hear in a prayer before an offering is collected. It's good for us to be reminded, and remember, **where** what we have comes from.

But we should also remember **what** the Lord had given us, so we'll be sure return a portion of **everything** He's given us and not leave anything out. Yes, He provides us with food, clothing and shelter, but these are nothing when compared to the **other** things He gives us. Things like: righteous **JUDGEMENT**, **MERCY** when we're helpless, **FAITHFULNESS** in His promises, **FORGIVENESS** of sins against Him, **GRACE** to be like Him, **PEACE** with Him, **HOPE** for an eternity with Him.

Say each one of these **aloud**. Thank God for them. **Each** one is an incomparable **gift** from Him. But **guess what?**, God wants us to **give** a portion of **these** back to Him also! The Lord rebuked the Pharisees for not doing this and we certainly don't want to be like them:

"Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, JUDGEMENT, MERCY and FAITH: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone." - Matthew 23:23

And how might we give these things back to the Lord? He said, like this:

"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." - Matthew 25:40

Have you given anyone **FORGIVENESS**? Have you given anyone **MERCY**? Have you been **FAITHFUL** to others? Have you shown anyone **GRACE**? Have you given anyone **HOPE** of eternal life? Remember:

"Freely have you received, freely give." - Matthew 10:8

It's good that we give of the **physical** things the Lord has given us. We ought to. But let's not leave the **other** things undone, for they are **eternal!** (2 Cor 4:18)

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

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“We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is meet, because that your faith growth exceeding, and the charity of every one of you all toward each other aboundeth;” - 2 Thessalonians 1:3

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, Nina Ruth Meadows (Marcella Klieves' mother), Jack and Elma Berrier, Nathaniel Manning (Jerry and Lynn's grandson) and our shut-ins Zudora Clegg, and Phyllis Johnson.
- **Also:** Anna Porter who is threatened by the heat, Margaret Herring who is not well, Jerry Manning who is recovering from his fall and back strain, Don Klieves who has to be out working in the heat, John Berrier who is losing much weight in his fight with cancer, Ron Banks who is getting around with difficulty and Evalina Lowe who will be returning from a week in Arkansas.
- **Carolyn Stidham** is in Baptist hospital after knee replacement surgery and will be going through several weeks of rehab there.
- **Paul Dillard** has tremendous shoulder pain, but **MRI or X-Rays** to diagnose the problem are very difficult, or impossible to obtain because of his **pacemaker**.
- **Dawn Gamble** is at home after breaking her leg and ankle in a fall. She's ok otherwise, but will have to have surgery to repair the damage in a few weeks.
- Remember **Beryl Parks** whose health continues to deteriorate. **Trevia** wasn't doing so well mid-week either and **Grant Parks** was down with strep throat.
- **Ashley Bedenbaugh, Margie DeYoung's** grand daughter, and niece to **Carolyn Stidham and Ruth Boggs**, is having some difficulty with her pregnancy and expects to have labor induced shortly.
- Remember **Travis Capron** and his family as Travis is to deploy to **Iraq** shortly.
- **Julia and Chris Crabbe** will be returning to Nashville to start the fall semester at Lipscomb University. Julia's mom, **Jan**, will be going along to help them move into their new apartment.
- **Keith Carter** will be starting an internship in Charlotte related to his degree in Sports Marketing. It's a good thing for him. He hopes to be back here on the weekends. Remember him in your prayers as he travels.
- **Lynn Manning** and the boys are supposed to be back from NY, Friday Aug. 10.

“For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this;
Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.” - Galatians 5:14

“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:42

- Remember the work at LCDC in your prayers. **Brother Manning** is experiencing **much persecution** from some in authority there for effectively teaching the truth. Many prisoners want, and **need**, to obey God and be baptized into Christ for the forgiveness of their sins, but are prevented from doing so. Also remember **William Horan**, an inmate in Pod G, who is teaching others the truth and wants to be baptized himself, but is hindered by the authorities. Send a card or letter to him at: **PO Box 2019, PG-5 Lexington, SC 29071**

“Let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us” - Hebrews 12:1

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SUNDAY NIGHT MEETING PLACE CHANGED!

This Sunday night, if it be the Lord's will, we will meet at the North Columbia church of Christ building, instead of at West Columbia. This is the first night of their Gospel Meeting. Matthew Johnson will be preaching that night only before returning to Atlanta. The assembly starts at 6 pm.

The address is 1211 Inland Drive which is right off Broad River road, between St. Andrews Road and I-20, across from the Cokesbury Book Store. We'll have directions posted at our building. Call if you need some help.

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

- **Gospel Meeting**, North Columbia church of Christ, Sun-Thu, 8/12-8/16/2007. We'll be going out door knocking in the neighborhood Saturday to find those who would like to study the Bible and invite all to attend the meeting. The theme will be the 7 churches in Asia. **Brother Manning** will be speaking Monday night. The North Columbia congregation faithfully supported our VBS. Let us show our appreciation and love for their zeal by supporting their meeting! It will be good for all!
- Don't forget **our Gospel Meeting** starting Sunday September 30 and going through Wednesday October 3 with **Keith A. Mosher, Sr.**, Dean of Academics at Memphis School of Preaching (MSOP). Each weekday we'll also be meeting at 10 am to discuss the book of Romans.

“Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.” - Mark 16:15

“WEEP WITH THEM THAT WEEP” - Romans 12:15

We all are deeply saddened by the passing of our beloved brother, **Garland Matthews**. Many were making prayers continually on his behalf. Our merciful Father saw fit to take Garland quickly Wednesday evening. Visitation is Friday evening from 5-7 pm at Thompson's Funeral Home in Lexington. Funeral service is Saturday at 10:30 am at the church building with interment at Woodridge Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the West Columbia church of Christ Building Fund.

“Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.” - Galatians 6:2

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

The **Fields** invite all to their home at 6 pm Saturday, August 18 to celebrate Donnie's birthday. There's plenty of parking on the grass in back of their home.

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

Pray for our new brothers and sister in Christ, **Alton Elledge, Richard Smith, Stephanie Westfall, Lamar Reeves, Rosa Smith, Ivette Watkins, Billy Carter, Michael Hutchinson, Kaitlyn Sheppard, Brian Stanhope and Janette Reeves**. We are missing several who are being sorely tempted by Satan.

- Elders, West Columbia church of Christ, South Carolina