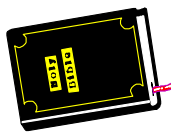


WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST



“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 hear often 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 it’s good also to remember **what** the Lord had given us, so we’ll 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

How might we give these things back to the Lord? 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

In this season of giving, 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.

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“He that gathered much had nothing over; and he that gathered little had no lack.” -
2 Corinthians 8:15

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“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).
- **Eddie Sheppard** suffered a pinched nerve in his chest while cutting wood. He was able to make it out Wednesday but is still pretty tender.
- **Doris Sheppard** requests prayers for **Mary Jones**, her son's mother-in-law who broke her ankle, needing 8 screws and a plate to fix it.
- **Margaret Herring** requests prayers for her daughter Anne's mother-in-law, **Barbara Gunter**, who is having severe complications after surgery. Margaret also requests prayers for **Joey Sineth**, a Ranger in the 101st Airborne in Iraq.
- **Tommy White** requests prayers for Leon Mathis, brother to his brother in law.
- **Kaitlyn Sheppard's** friend's mother is home from the hospital.
- Some folks weren't doing well and unable to make it out Wednesday including: **Marilyn Brooks,**
- **Mary Honeycutt, and Jack and Elma Berrier** aren't doing well.

"For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us." - Romans 8:18

“WEEP WITH THEM THAT WEEP!”

- **Cliff Phillips**, uncle to **Evalina Lowe** and **Tricia Kelly** passed away last week.
- **Jack Harrel**, cousin to **Carolyn Lee** passed away last week. Remember these families in your prayers.

"To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted" - Ecclesiastes 3:1,2

“REJOICE WITH THEM THAT DO REJOICE!”

- Sister **Julia Kelleher** came forward last Sunday evening asking for the prayers of the church to strengthen her in the Lord's way and help her resist the temptations of the world.

"And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto Aaron and unto his sons, saying, On this wise ye shall bless the children of Israel, saying unto them, The LORD bless thee, and keep thee: The LORD make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: The LORD lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace. And they shall put my name upon the children of Israel; and I will bless them." - Number 6:23-27

“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.

“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY”

- Thanks to sister **Courtney Gamble** and brother **Michael Gamble** for preparing the Lord's Supper table this month.
- Thanks also to Holly and Ray Wilson for stepping forward to clean the building for December. A new **Building Cleaning Signup Sheet for 2006** is in the foyer.
- Sister **Ashley Williams** will be visiting her grandparents in Greenwood till Jan 3.
- **Don and Marcella Klieves** will be traveling over the Christmas holiday.
- Brother **Chris Crabb** is home from Lipscomb (where he's maintaining a 4.0 average) for the holidays. He's preaching Sunday morning in Williston and will preach for us Sunday evening - Lord willing.
- The **Bible Bowl** is scheduled for Saturday March 4, 2006 at the St. Andrews Road church building. The books are: Obadiah, and last 3 books of OT: Haggai, Zechariah and Malachi. The New KJV is to be used. The Teen and Pre-teen teams are defending champions. Even if you don't care to be a part of the team you can help in the practice sessions. A **signup sheet** is on the bulletin board in the foyer for all who are interested in any way in helping with the Bible Bowl.
- 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, fireworks (I checked and yes, they are legal in the city), other activities, and of course—food!

“Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.” —Matthew 5:13-16