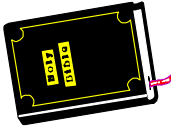


# WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST

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



## IS IT WORTH IT?

To be **worth** something, something of ours has to have **value** to someone else. Do you think about the things you do for God in that way? We should want what we do to be **valuable** (worthy) and pleasing to God.

When we do something our **own** way, according to **our** understanding, it may be some great thing. We might say, “Look how much God is glorified”, but is He really? If God wanted some great thing done, he could do it Himself—and much better. He doesn’t need us for that. But, he **lets** us work for Him. He gives us opportunity and ability. Why? It must be for **us** then, for our benefit; that He lets us do these things.

Have you ever let your son help you paint, or your daughter help in the kitchen? Couldn’t you have done it better yourself? Why did you let them help? You likely did it so they would learn—so they would grow and develop. You put up with their “help” because you loved them and cared for them. That’s the same way our heavenly FATHER thinks of us.

Now, if you told your son to paint the fence, and he painted the car instead, or your daughter mixed the cake mix on the floor instead of in a bowl as you told her, how would you feel? It isn’t that they made a mistake, it’s that they **didn’t listen** and follow the instructions you gave them. They followed their own understanding instead. They didn’t think much of your instruction—they did what they did to please themselves and not you. Did they learn what you wanted them to? No.

The Lord has **told** us where he wants us to go to obtain **knowledge** (2 Peter 1:3) and **wisdom** (James 1:5). He’s **told** us **how** he wants us to be fruitful and pleasing to him (Colossians 1:10). Let’s follow his instructions, for **our** sakes.

We might learn all about this world and the people in it. We might build many buildings “for GOD” and have “Multitudes” of people in them. But ask yourself, will these have any **value** to God? I pray they will. They won’t though if we do it **our** way and not according to the pattern and way He has shown us.

“Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding” - Proverbs 3:5

As we go about the work of the church, the Lord’s church, let’s do so as God has told us in His word, the Bible, so what we do will be valuable and worth something—to Him.

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

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### SERMONS 1/8/06

AM Scott Parker  
PM Scott Parker

**"Were there not TEN cleansed? But where are the nine? There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger." - Luke 19:17,18**

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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), **FRANCES GRIFFIN** (Melissa Parks' aunt) and **Jack and Elma Berrier**.
- **Jimmy Lee**, Carolyn's husband is to have some tests.
- Let's continue to remember **Margaret Herring** in our prayers.
- Let's also remember **Barbara Gunter**, Margaret Herring's daughter's mother-in-law who is gravely ill, and her family also.
- **Sarah and Julia Kelleher** and **Chris Crabb** will be returning to Lipscomb University this weekend to continue there studies. Please pray for a safe trip.

"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth." - Psalms 121:1,2

## “WEEP WITH THEM THAT WEEP!”

- We're saddened that **Violet Brunson** passed away Tuesday AM of a stroke. Services were 2 PM Thursday at the graveside in Celestial Memorial Gardens. Let's remember her daughters Sarah and Donna and families in our prayers.

"And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus" - Philippians 4:7

## “REJOICE WITH THEM THAT DO REJOICE!”

- **Holly and Ray Wilson** expect to be closing on a new home in Elgin January 20th. They are very excited and happy about the move which will put them much closer to where Ray works. Unfortunately, it puts them further away from us.
- **Patti Honeycutt** is expecting to be a grandmother again soon as son Robert and his wife Nicole are expecting a daughter next week to join Madison.

## “PROVOKE TO LOVE AND GOOD WORKS”

- Scott has put together an orange card for members to hand out to friends and neighbors. It's titled **“DO YOU KNOW WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS”** and is intended to get people thinking about God and His Bible. Take some and hand them out to people you know. We plan to campaign in various neighborhoods handing these out and inviting people to come learn more of the church. **Get ready!** We'll be asking you to help soon!
- With the start of the New Year we've also introduced new **GUEST CARDS** for the pews. Encourage visitors to fill them out and pass them to the center aisle where they'll be collected at the end of the assembly.

## “AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY”

- We'll be having Bible Bowl practice during the Wednesday and Sunday bible class times for all teams. 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.
- **Scott and Tricia Parker** are all moved in and getting settled. They arrived Thursday, 12/29 as planned a little after 11AM in a huge 24 foot van that was jam packed. In about 2 hours though we had their car unhitched and the van completely unloaded into the house and office. Wow! The brethren had a mind to work! Plenty from West Columbia were there, despite it being a normal workday and **Jon and Ishara Macon** and clan from North Columbia also showed up to help. Our thanks to all who turned up and to those who generously provided food for the afternoon and evening meals.

“So built we the wall; and all the wall was joined together unto the half thereof: for the people had a mind to work.” - Nehemiah 4:6

- We also had a great time of **fellowship** at the building **New Year's Eve**. There were Bible games and fireworks—lots of fireworks, maybe too much fireworks! But all had a good time. Scott and Tricia, though dog tired from getting un-packed, gamely stayed up to welcome in the New Year. It was good.
- A new, updated **directory** has been published and is available in the foyer.
- The **Ladies Bible class** resumes this Tuesday at 10 PM at the building.

"But it is GOOD to be zealously affected always in a good thing, and not only when I am present with you." - Galatians 4:18

## **BETTER LATE THAN NEVER**

[I found this in an old West Columbia bulletin published 20 years ago.—Ed K.]  
The traditional Thanksgiving time is almost upon us. Rather than put a picture of a turkey in the bulletin board and some words reminding you to be thankful, I'd rather you took this with you:

"Then said he also to him that bade him, When thou makest a dinner or a supper, call not thy friends, nor thy brethren, neither thy kinsmen, nor thy rich neighbors; lest they also bid thee again, and a recompence be made thee. But when thou makest a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind: And THOU shalt be blessed; for they cannot recompence thee: for thou shalt be recompenced at the resurrection of the JUST." - Luke 14:12-14