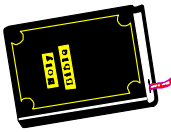


WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

I NEVER INTENDED TO QUIT!

A man who had not attended one service of the church in four years told me he had never thought of “quitting” the church. I reminded him that he had:

1. Withdrawn his presence from the worship services. He had failed to sing, to pray with fellow-Christians, to partake of the Lord’s memorial supper and the fellowship of the saints.
2. He had refused to give his moral support to the activities of the congregation.
3. He had withdrawn his financial support, for he had not given one dime to help carry on the Lord’s work.

Then I asked, “What else would you have to do in order to ‘quit’ the church? In case you ever decide that you no longer desire to be a member, what other steps will be necessary to ‘quit’ the church?”

As the true status dawned upon him, his expression reflected his sober thoughts. He replied, “Why, Brother Nichols, I have quit already, haven’t I? Well, I surely didn’t mean to! And I don’t know when I did it...but I’ve quit the Lord and His church! I’ll tell you right now...I’m coming back.” He did, too. At the next service, he was restored and three years later, he was still faithful.

Dear reader, how about you? Have you quit the Lord and His church without resolving to do so? Perhaps no one deliberately decides to quit, but many carelessly drift into backsliding.

If you quit attending services, quit boosting the program of activities planned by the elders and quit giving as God has prospered you to enable the congregation to meet its budget, you need to be restored.

— Gus Nichols (1892-1975), Gospel Preacher

“Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.” - Romans 1:21

But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?” - James 2:20

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Jesus' Résumé

PM Scott Parker:

Jesus' trip to the Synagogue

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"Lest when thou hast eaten and art full, and hast built goodly houses, ... and all that thou hast is multiplied; then thine heart be lifted up, and thou forget the Lord thy God, which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage;" - Deuteronomy 8:12-14

A Warm Welcome awaits you at all our services. Come see!

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

- **REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** Ted Stidham, Ron Banks, Beryl Parks, 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), **Jack and Elma Berrier**, and **Margaret Herring**.
- **Ethel Smith** requests prayers for **Mary Rollins**, her sister-in-law.
- **Melissa Parks** father, **Jack Edwards** in Virginia, had serious surgery for esophageal cancer. Melissa has gone up there to help out.
- Prayers are requested for **John Berrier**, son of Jack and Elma Berrier.

"Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love;
in honor preferring one another;" - Romans 12:10

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

- Those who make the Sunday 11AM worship assembly, **should** be able to make the **Sunday AM Bible Study as well!** There are good bible classes being taught Sunday AM. We **all** need them. The church **will not grow in faith and love** as the Lord wants if **you** don't attend. Make the effort to attend **all** our meetings—**it's important!** Don't forsake the assembly by missing classes! If you have a reason you can't make classes regularly, please tell the elders.
- “God loves a cheerful giver.” So says the **Holy Spirit** as recorded by Paul in **2 Corinthians 9:7**. That's good! But, what will God think if instead **you** give grudgingly, or give a pittance, or nothing at all?? If you're spending more on **hobbies** or **recreation** than God—**don't!** **God says give** as you've been prospered! Many are giving sacrificially—some are **not**. Examine yourself. Remember what God sacrificed for you. What are you telling God you think of the sacrifice of His son, your savior, with your contribution? He is watching—and waiting for you to do the right thing! Give cheerfully and liberally.

- Does your **hectic schedule** prevent you making the bible classes? Does **limited income** leave you little to give? Do **bad knees** keep you from passing out church material at a Christian Block party? Are you **shy** and would rather not knock on people's doors at a **Reach Teach and Eat Meeting**? Yet you want to get **more involved**? Good! Here's what you've been **waiting for!** **Volunteers** are needed to **clean the building** in upcoming months. Set your own schedule, work alone if you wish, the church provides all the material. This is a good way **you** can **participate** in and support the **good work** going on here at West Columbia. If you're willing to team up with others, sign up and we'll put teams together. Many are working very hard. This is a good way **you** can join in and encourage them! Don't wait, sign up now! If you can't do even that ...

“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.” - Revelation 3:16,17

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

- **Christian Block Party, Saturday April 8**, to pass out bible literature and invitations to visit the church. **Plan on participating!** It's the **easiest** evangelism you can do and takes less than 2 hours. We'll need help stuffing bags too!
- **Super Sack Sunday**—this Sunday, April 9, is an opportunity for individual members to help the **South Eastern Children's Home**. Members can bring boys and girls toiletries (deodorant, soap etc.) and household goods (detergent, toilet paper, large garbage bags etc.) to the church building. SECH will have a person come by to pick them up Thursday April 13.
- **Scott** is having a bible study at the Agape Center 3 PM every other Tuesday, members are encouraged to go also with him.
- **Gospel Meeting** at the **Twin City church** in Batesburg-Leesville. Friday through Sunday, April 21-23, with **Eddie Craft** of Elizabethton, TN.
- **Ladies Day**—Barnwell Sat. April 22. We've had 6 say they'll be going.
- **Senior's Rally**, St Andrews Road congregation, Saturday April 29.
- The **Lower Richland** church is having a lectureship April 28-29.
- Eight intrepid members of the West Columbia congregation made it up to the **Carolina Lectures** in Kannapolis, NC this past Monday. All were encouraged. Audio tapes are available. **Jan Kelleher** spoke to the Ladies Monday and stayed the full week, after which she plans on going to Nashville, Tennessee to visit Sarah and Julia, and Chris Crabb who are at Lipscomb University.

“Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.”- James 5:20

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

- **Ashley Jeffcoat** had a healthy baby girl last Thursday. Ava Noel weighed 7 lbs, 15 oz. Mother, daughter—and grandmother **Patti Honeycutt** are doing fine.

HAVE YOU NAMED THE NAME OF CHRIST?

“Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity. But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour. If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work.” - 2 Timothy 2:19-21

The Lord knows us by our works—not our intentions. Are you striving to put away, or purge, the things of the world so you might be an honorable vessel, one God will be pleased with? If so, **rejoice** for God will know you. If not, **repent** ... for God will know you.

—Ed Kelleher, elder, West Columbia church of Christ.