

# WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

## Good Works

When we think of good works we'll probably remember **Dorcas** (Acts 9:36) who provided clothing for many without, and **Cornelius** who “gave much alms to the people” (Acts 10:1). Certainly we'll think of **Jesus** who did so much for so many people. We might remember others who've touched our lives by their good works. Wishing we could do better ourselves, we might think that some people are just "BORN" to do good works. But did you know, *all* of us are "BORN" to do good works?:

"For we are his workmanship, **CREATED** in Christ Jesus **UNTO GOOD WORKS**, which God hath before ordained that we should **WALK** in them."

- Ephesians 2:10

Good works aren't just for **some** people, they're for *all* of us who have been born anew in Jesus Christ. The Lord tells us we need to, we **must, walk** in them, *continually*, not just take a **step** and quit. Are you?

One good reason to do so is that we all want to **fruitful** for the Lord. We don't want to be cut off and cast into the fire (Matthew 3:10). The Lord doesn't leave any confusion on how **we can be fruitful** either:

"That ye might walk **WORTHY** of the Lord unto **ALL** pleasing, being **FRUITFUL** in every **GOOD WORK**, and increasing in the knowledge of God."

- Colossians 1:10

Remember though, a good **action** isn't a good **work** unless we do it with a good **heart**:

"And though I bestow *all* my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not **CHARITY (LOVE)** it profits me nothing."

- 1 Corinthians 13:3

We **must** think of others and help them, motivated by love towards them just as God, out of love, gave Jesus to us (Romans 5:8) even when we were sinners. Do good to others, and truly God will welcome us—as **obedient, loving** children He is pleased to call his own, to heaven.

- Ed Kelleher, West Columbia church of Christ

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### RECORDS 10/02/05

Sun 10 AM Bible Study: 46  
Sun 11 AM Assembly: 105  
Sun 6 PM Assembly: 52  
Weds 7 PM Bible Study: 67  
CONTRIBUTION: \$1820

### SERMONS 10/9/05

AM Don Klieves  
PM Ed Kelleher

"But **GROW** in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."  
- 2 Peter 3:18

#### SERVICES

Sunday  
10:00 AM Bible Study  
11:00 AM Assembly  
6:00 PM Assembly  
Wednesday  
7:00 PM Bible Study

A Warm Welcome awaits you at all  
our services!

Bible Classes for all ages  
Nursery provided  
LADIES CLASS

Tuesdays (except 1st) 10:00 AM

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## “AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY”

- Relief goods for **hurricane victims** are *still* being assembled in the fellowship hall. There's been a delay till 10/18 of when they'll go out, so you still have time to contribute even *more* items to the goodly pile we already have.

"Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven." - Matt 7:21

## “IS ANY SICK AMONG YOU?”

- **Remember in prayer:** **MARGARET HERRING** who is still in some pain, **BERYL PARKS**, **MARY HONEYCUTT**, and our shut-ins **JESSICA HERRING**, **ZUDORA CLEGG**, **PHYLLIS JOHNSON** and **VIOLET BRUNSON**. Prayers are also requested for **SCOTT MAY** (Anna Porter's nephew), **NINA RUTH MEADOWS** (Marcella Klieves' mother), **JAMES MATHIAS** (Tommy White's brother-in-law), and **KATHYRN HALL** (Melissa Parks' sister). **Hagood Godley** isn't doing well at this time.
- **Jean Glott** is in Providence Hospital, Rm. 427, with a bowel obstruction but is improving and hopefully will not need surgery.
- **Jessica Herring** was at the ER Wed. night with a painful cellulites flare up.

"And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask anything according to his will, he heareth us:" - 1 John 5:14

## “REJOICE WITH THEM THAT REJOICE!”

- We welcome new member **Bobby Giles** who asked to be identified with the congregation last Sunday. Bobby had been attending at Twin Cities congregation but has just moved to West Columbia. His address is:  
**1512 Gunter St, West Columbia, SC 29169**

## “WEEP WITH THEM THAT WEEP!”

- Sister **Lillian Branum** of the Park St. congregation passed away. The funeral will be this Saturday at 11AM.

## **Going To Heaven**

Our number one priority in this life must be to go to Heaven. Nothing else is as important. Jesus says in Matthew 6:33, "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you." Our soul is the most precious thing we have. There is nothing that can equal its value. We read in Matthew 16:26, "For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?" One certainly does not profit in the tragic loss of his soul.

It is easy in today's materialistic society to get caught up in the pursuit of materialism if we are not careful. (continued top next page)

## **Going To Heaven (continued)**

Our Lord says in Matthew 6:19-21, "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal. But lay up for yourselves treasures in Heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is there will your heart be also." Our bank account needs to be in heaven.

Everyday we need to tell ourselves that the main thing in this life is to go to Heaven. We read in Colossians 3:2, "Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth." We should regularly think about going to Heaven.

Heaven is a prepared place (John 14:2-3) for a prepared people. It will be such a wonderful place, which is beyond our wildest dreams. Paul says in 1 Corinthians 2:9, "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him." There is no way that Heaven can be described so we as mortal human beings can understand how wonderful it will be.

A person will not accidentally go to Heaven. Going to Heaven is a lifelong race as we read in Hebrews 12:1, "Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us." Going to Heaven requires endurance, patience, and persistence. We **must finish** the race.

- By Ron Boatwright, member of the church of Christ, Conway, Arkansas

## “PROVOKE TO LOVE AND GOOD WORKS”

Details of events are posted on the bulletin board in the foyer.

- **Melissa and Jason Parks** invite folks to their new home for an Open House, Saturday 10/15, 2-5PM. Their address is: 119 Hawkfield Ct, Irmo, SC 29033. Directions are posted on the bulletin board.
- **Youth Group** trip to Carowinds has changed to Sat. 10/15, see **Ken Parks**.
- **Ladie's Retreat** Sat 10/22 at Kannapolis, NC. Jan Kelleher is going and has room for 5-6 in her van if you'd like to go. Good meeting and easy trip.
- **Windsor Lake Gospel Meeting** Fri 10/28 -10/30. **Stuart Schnurr**, minister from St. Andrews Road will be preaching all 3 nights.
- Let's continue to **remember in our prayers** and show the sincerity of our love to those hurt by the resignation of Bro. Richards. Give them a call, or drop them a note reassuring them of our love and concern for them. Names and addresses are posted in the foyer.

"Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another" - 1 John 4:11

- **Shhh!!** Take part in the secret **Good Deed encouragement group**. The register is in the table drawer in the foyer. See Jan Kelleher for details, read your bible for reasons:

"Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience and of faith unfeigned:" - 1 Timothy 1:5