

# WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

## Teach, Reach and Eat

As we noted last Sunday evening, and as it has, no doubt, been noted on several other occasions, most people are **dead** in sin and are thus in serious danger of losing their souls forever in the eternity to come: **“And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins” Ephesians 2:1** (1 Timothy 5:6; John 8:21,24, et al). Moreover, we all understand that as God's children, we are supposed to do **our part** to spread the life saving message of the gospel to those lost in sin (cf. 1 Corinthians 15:1-4).

We are pleased to introduce the **“Teach, Reach, & Eat”** program as one simple, and uplifting way of meeting our responsibilities. The way this will work is really quite simple as noted below:

- Once each month, a family (or an individual) will open the doors of their home to the congregation.
- Those who attend will bring an item or two for a "pot-luck" meal based on some theme.
- A few songs will be sung by all present.
- The husband of the hosting family (if he is a Christian) will then lead the group in a devotional thought (approximately 5-10 minutes in length). If the program is hosted by one of our dear widows, or by a family in which the husband is not a Christian, one of the men of the congregation will share a message.
- After the message we will break up into small groups, led by able men. We'll have a word of prayer, and then spend about an hour going door to door - talking to people in that particular neighborhood. We will **invite** these folks to the "pot-luck" meal at the host's house. Also, invitations to Sunday and Wednesday service will be extended and literature (those orange flyers) will be handed out.
- After we have sown some gospel seed, the groups will meet back at the host's home for a wonderful meal and a time of great fellowship.

Brethren, this is going to be wonderful! Please plan to be a part of these monthly 'Teach, Reach, & Eat' events. This gets under way on February 4. The hosting couple will be **Jones and Dawn Gamble**. The pot luck theme will be "Soup, Salad, and Sandwiches". The goal will be saving the lost as our Master told us:

**“And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying ... Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.” - Matthew 28:18-20**

- Scott Parker, Evangelist, West Columbia church of Christ, South Carolina

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### RECORDS 1/8/06

Sun 10 AM Bible Study: 48  
 Sun 11 AM Assembly: 91  
 Sun 6 PM Assembly: 63  
 Weds 7 PM Bible Study: 70  
 CONTRIBUTION: \$1830

### SERMONS 1/15/06

AM Scott Parker: A Simple Definition  
 PM Scott Parker: They Missed it All

**"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and ALL these things shall be added unto you." - Matthew 6:33**

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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, and PHYLLIS JOHNSON. 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.
- Let's continue to remember Margaret Herring in our prayers and her daughter Ann Gunter who recently had surgery.
- Gwen Pittman requests prayers for Charles Pittman and family.
- Ethel Smith requests prayers for her brother-in-law, John Collins who is to have tests at the Mayo Clinic to see if he's eligible to receive a lung transplant.
- Eddie Sheppard and Marilyn Brooks have been a little under the weather.

"Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:" - Matthew 7:7

### “WEEP WITH THEM THAT WEEP!”

- Barbara Gunter, mother-in-law to Margaret Herring's daughter Ann, passed away last week. Many West Columbia members attended the funeral service at Thompson's Funeral Home to comfort Margaret. Let's remember Ann and Donny Gunter in our prayers.

"Without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God MUST believe that he is, and that he is a REWARDER of them that diligently seek him." - Romans 11:6

### “REJOICE WITH THEM THAT DO REJOICE!”

- Patti Honeycutt is happy to be a grandmother - again. Her son Robert and his wife Nicole had a girl this past week. Ask Patti to show you her pictures. ☺

### “PROVOKE TO LOVE AND GOOD WORKS”

- Bobby Giles came forward requesting the prayers of the church, that he might do better. He's been having some problems at home. Also, he requested prayers for his father, Kelly Giles who is in Houston Texas.
- 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.
- Our thanks to Eileen Lester for donating the beautiful flower arrangement in front of the baptistery.
- The Ladies had a good Bible class this last Tuesday at the building.
- Scott and Tricia Parker's new home telephone number is: 740-2105

"Lord, to whom shall we go? THOU hast the WORDS of eternal life." - John 6:68

### “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 sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the foyer for all who are interested in any way in helping with the Bible Bowl.
- It was good to see Tracie Honeycutt out, with her new daughter Lacie. Remember her in your prayers.

"Abraham believed God and it was counted unto him for righteousness" - Romans 4:3

### **You Are Invited! To a Christian Block Party!**

We told you last week to get ready, that we'd be asking you to help. Well, here it is! The elders encourage everyone, young and old, to meet at the church building Saturday January 22 at 9AM. We'll be distributing biblical literature in the near by community. We won't be "door knocking", we'll just be leaving the literature on the door knob of each house we visit. The whole effort should take under 2 hours. Scott has put together an orange card for members to hand out. It's titled "DO YOU KNOW WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS" and is intended to get people thinking about God and His Bible. Samples are in the foyer. Remember what God said:

"and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labor." - 1 Cor 3:8

### **THANKS**

Don't you like to hear people say "Thank you"? And even more so when you know they *mean it* by some *action* of theirs. Do you thank a cook better by saying thank you, or by enthusiastically eating what they've prepared for you? Do you thank a teacher better by saying thank you, or by *using* what they've taught you in some good way? God has given us something we should be thankful for: "But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." - 1 Corinthians 15:57 Wouldn't you like to hear God say, "You're welcome"? Let's thank him then, not in word but in **deed** (1 John 3:18) by *using* what he's given us, as He told us: "But to **DO** good and to **COMMUNICATE** forget not: for with such **SACRIFICES** GOD is **WELL PLEASED**." - Hebrews 13:16

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