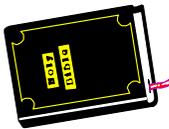


# WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

## DON'T YOU HAVE ANY FUN?

Have you ever thought of this in regards to being a Christian? Does it seem maybe a little **wrong** for a Christian to “have fun”? While it **is** wrong for the church to provide worldly **entertainment**, it's **not** wrong for Christians to enjoy themselves. But as in all things, there are **right** ways and **wrong** ways to go about this. Think of David, who God said was a man after his own heart (Acts 13:22):

**“I have REJOICED in the way of thy testimonies, as much as in ALL RICHES. I will meditate in thy precepts, and have respect unto thy ways. I will DELIGHT myself in thy statutes: I will not forget thy word.” - Psalm 119:14-16**

Does this sound like a person who wasn't happy to you? Like a person who had no joy in what he was doing? No! But, **what** was it he was doing? Was it something of the **world**, or something from **God**? God seeks a **holy** people, separate from the world. Our “fun” should be holy too!

People tell us today to change the way we eat. When we want a snack, don't get a candy bar, get an apple instead. It's better for us and just as satisfying. They say that our desire for **junk food** is just a **habit**, that can, and should, be changed into a desire for more healthful food. (“Repentance” anyone! ☺)

Well, our idea of what's “Fun” should change also. We should want to do things that glorify God; that will build us up **eternally**, rather than enjoying the “empty calories” of worldly pleasures that last only a little while. We should want to help others above ourselves (Romans 15:1-3, Acts 20:35). We should enjoy God's word more than a novel or the Sunday funnies (Psalm 1:2). Remember, “Blessed are they who hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled.” (Matthew 5:6) This is a promise from God. Do you believe it? Well, how are you acting?

The world's idea of “having fun” involves doing things of the world. Instead, let's be wise and remember what God has told us: “**And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.**” - **Colossians 3:17**. Let's go after the “True riches” that last forever. Let's be like our Lord who said “My meat is to do the will of Him that sent me”. Let's find fulfillment and true joy in being like Christ—Christians.

--- Ed Kelleher, elder West Columbia church of Christ, South Carolina  
“For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also”—Luke 12:34

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Sun 11 AM Assembly: 118  
Sun 6 PM Assembly: 73  
Weds 7 PM Bible Study: 58  
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### SERMONS 6/11/2006

AM Don Klieves  
PM Ed Kelleher

"Better it is to be of an humble spirit with the lowly,  
than to divide the spoil with the proud." - Proverbs 16:19

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

- **REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** Ted Stidham, Beryl Parks, Ron Banks, 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), and Jack and Elma Berrier.
- **Marcella Klieves'** father, **John Meadows** had to have an emergency heart catheterization.
- **Margaret Herring** had a procedure to reduce the terrible pain in her neck.
- **Tricia Kelly** is to have a procedure Friday to reduce her severe back pain.
- **Marilyn Brooks** has had a recurrence of gout in her leg which is extremely painful and is keeping her from getting out to the assembly.
- **Roger Comstop**, a friend of **Don Klieves** from the East Tennessee School of Preaching has been diagnosed with serious cancer.
- **John Berrier**, son of **Jack and Elma Berrier**, is home after surgery and is soon to start chemotherapy.
- **Ted Stidham** is not doing well and is steadily deteriorating, not recovering.
- **Melissa Parks'** father, **Jack Edwards** is having difficulties after cancer surgery.
- Let's remember **Talitia and Jerome Zimmerman** who were both recently baptized as they struggle against Satan.
- **Don and Nancy Fields** are back home safely from Arkansas, talking of their beautiful grandson **Nehemiah James** who weighed 7 lbs. 8 oz. Unfortunately, **Nancy** has thrown her back out and is in bed recovering.
- **PRAY FOR ALL THESE AND THE CHURCH!**

"Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear him,  
upon them that hope in his mercy;" - Psalm 33:18

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

- **Bobby Giles** has moved to a new home off Broad River Road and Piney Grove and needs a ride to the assembly on a regular basis.
- We've raised our weekly **budget figure** to **\$1900** due to rising interest rates affecting our payments on the building. We're pleased that for the year our weekly contribution has averaged over \$2000, but interest rates will likely continue to rise so we're trying to pay down the construction loan as quickly as we can.

**“But Jesus said unto them, They need not depart; give ye them to eat.” - Matthew 14:16**

**“WEEP WITH THEM THAT WEEP” - Romans 12:15**

- **Johnny Rollins**, brother-in-law to **Ethel Smith** passed away after a long illness.
- **Ralph Davenport**, **Charles Davenport's** brother passed away. Funeral is to be Friday at Honea Path but a time is yet to be set.
- One of sister **Marilyn Brooks'** cousins passed away.

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

- **Michael and Christina Watkins** and **Aiden** and **Keira** visited Sunday AM.
- **Courtney Gamble** made it back home safely from Greece.
- **Steven Rinehart** is doing fine after minor surgery on his lip.
- **Beryl Parks** who was facing the prospect of lung cancer after a large mass was found in his lung has just had **wonderful** news from his doctor after a follow up visit. They sent this heart felt thank you note to the church:

**Dear Brother and Sisters, Thanks for all you have done. We serve a Powerful, Merciful, Almighty God and our Savior Jesus Christ. The mass in Beryl's lung has almost completely dissolved! We give God the glory and thank all of you for the many prayers offered on his behalf. We love all of you. Beryl and Trevia Parks**

**“What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee” - Psalms 56:3**

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

We had a good meeting Sunday, Monday and Tuesday with brother **Daniel Freeman** of Bellevue, Tennessee, an evangelist we are considering supporting for the work here in West Columbia. He brought very sound lessons from God's word on the topic of Evangelism, which is what we had asked him to speak on. He was accompanied by his wife **Patti** and daughter **Shelby** (8). We had better than average attendance Sunday AM and PM with many visitors. Monday the elders went with Daniel to visit several members and non-members which was an encouragement to all. Here's one of the many scriptures he used:

**“The law and the prophets were until John: since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every man presseth into it.” - Luke 16:16**

We still have more men we are in the process of evaluating and expect to have several more visit in the upcoming weeks. Please pray for the work here and that we find a sound, zealous man.

—Ed Kelleher and Donald Klieves, elders, West Columbia church of Christ

**Books of the New Testament—Please memorize them!**

<b>Matthew</b>	<b>2 Corinthians</b>	<b>1 Timothy</b>	<b>2 Peter</b>
<b>Mark</b>	<b>Galatians</b>	<b>2 Timothy</b>	<b>1 John</b>
<b>Luke</b>	<b>Ephesians</b>	<b>Titus</b>	<b>2 John</b>
<b>John</b>	<b>Philippians</b>	<b>Philemon</b>	<b>3 John</b>
<b>Acts</b>	<b>Colossians</b>	<b>Hebrews</b>	<b>Jude</b>
<b>Romans</b>	<b>1 Thessalonians</b>	<b>James</b>	<b>Revelation</b>
<b>1 Corinthians</b>	<b>2 Thessalonians</b>	<b>1 Peter</b>	