

WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

Have You Ever?

Have you ever told anyone about a **radio** station you like listening to, or a **restaurant** that has good food, or a **store** that has good bargains?

Have you ever told anyone which **ball team** you like, or about **fishing** at the Lake or a recipe that **all** your family enjoys?

Have you ever told anyone about a **painter** that does good work, or a person who does **yard work** reliably?

Have you ever told anyone to watch out for **wet paint**, or for **slippery** steps, or held a **door open** for someone?

You've likely done many of these things, on many occasions. Not to show off, but because you wanted to **help** someone out; to **give** them the benefit of your experience; to help them **do better**; or to keep them from being **hurt** or making a **mistake**. That's good. We **should** care for our neighbor.

But, how often have you told someone about the **church** you're a part of? Have you ever told anyone of the great **hope** you have for eternity? Have you ever told anyone of the **peace** we can have with God through our Lord Jesus Christ? Have you ever told anyone of the **Bible** that has the **answers** to what we're looking for; that has words of **comfort, encouragement, strength and hope** to get us through this world?

Which things do you **think** are most important? Which things will make a difference **100 years** from now? Is any ball team more important than the church? Is any TV show or movie or book more important than the Bible? Does any restaurant have a meal better than the Lord's Supper? Remember, **“out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks”** (Matt 12:34). What we **tell** others, is what we tell God is **really** important to us. Let's send Him the right message. Tell others of Jesus' church and to come see.

“But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only,
deceiving your own selves.” - James 1:22

“And be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you
a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear.” - 1 Peter 3:15

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

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SERMONS THIS SUNDAY:

AM: **ED KELLEHER**

PSALM 1

PM: **ED KELLEHER**

THE NECESSITY OF GOOD WORKS

“And now why tarriest thou? Arise, and be baptized,
and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.” - Acts 22:16

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NEW TESTAMENT
CHRISTIANITY
TODAY!**

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“PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER” - James 5:16

- **REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** *Wilson Burton, Betty Mathis, Margaret Herring, Lamar Reeves, Elma Berrier and Phyllis Johnson.*
- **Lorraine Porter** fell and injured her left eye last week. Several stitches were required. She'll be resting at the home several weeks.
- **Janet Boyd** requests prayers for her grand daughter, **McKala** who has been in the hospital with pneumonia.
- Prayers are requested for **Dianne Barr**, wife of **Joseph** who is the minister at the Conway church of Christ. She has a cancer that is spreading rapidly.
- **Jason Parks** was in the ER last week with apparent kidney and gall stones.
- **Jones Gamble's father** is holding his own, about the same, but Jone's sister **Margaret** is doing well after a kidney transplant.
- **Margaret Herring** continues to suffer many health problems.
- Prayers are requested for **Mrs. Smith**, the other grandmother or **Brianna and Brittney**, grandchildren of **Connie and Floyd Richbourg**, also for **Ashley**, a friend of **Brianna's** who was in a bad car wreck.
- The funeral for beloved brother **Ralph Jones** was last Friday at St. Andrews Road.
- **Pete Glott**, had a kidney removed, fortunately his bladder wasn't involved in the cancer.
- **Eddie Sheppard** was in LMC with pneumonia.
- **Jan Kelleher** and **Merrie Chrismus** were visiting **Anne Louise Gordon** last week.
- Give thanks to God for His mercy, and pray for all these, and the work of the Lord here at West Columbia.

"Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God." - Philippians 4:6

“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:42

- **Singing** this Sunday (29th) afternoon 2-4 pm at **Twin City** church of Christ. **Ed Kelleher** plans to leave from the building at 1:10 if you'd like a ride.
- **Building Cleaning** signup for the New Year is posted in the Foyer.
- We appreciate brother **Jones Gamble** publishing a list each week of those we missed on Sunday. Give those folks a call, or send a card to see if their ok, and to encourage them and let them know we miss them.
- **Bible Study** at **Church Building, Saturdays 3 pm**, all are invited and please invite visitors to come! It's a good way for people to learn more of us. An informal session around a table with everyone using their bibles and Strong's Concordances.

“Preserve me, O God: for in thee do I put my trust. O my soul, thou hast said unto the LORD, Thou art my Lord: my goodness extendeth not to thee; But to the saints that are in the earth, and to the excellent, in whom is all my delight.” - Psalms 16:1-3

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KNOWN FOR THEIR WATER

Our community is definitely not known for its drinking water. First time imbibers usually react with a quick spewing out of the malodorous sulfur water found in various household wells around the Hill Country. The **Laodiceans** of the Bible weren't exactly known for their water, either. Unlike their neighboring cities of Hierapolis and Colossae, the inhabitants of Laodicea often had to rely on a water source some six miles away which was transported through stone pipes. By the time the water reached its destination, it was lukewarm and uninviting. On the other hand, both Hierapolis and Colossae were well known for their water supplies. The former was known for the medicinal value of its hot springs, and the latter for its refreshing cold springs.

When Jesus made His assessment of the various churches of Asia in Revelation 2 and 3, He equated the Laodicean Christians to their current water situation. In effect, they were providing neither refreshment for the spiritually thirsty, nor medicine for the spiritually sick. Like their water supply, they were lukewarm and totally unpalatable to the Lord. If only they had been hot like those of Hierapolis or cold like Colossae, then there would have been cause for praise. Instead of seeing their wretched condition, they were blind to their own deficiencies.

What about you and me? What are we known for? Are we by our actions seeking to heal or refresh others? Are we known for bettering our community, our school, or our family? Is the church known for upholding what is good and abhorring that which is wrong? Are leaders known for their integrity? Are you known for your faithfulness to God and the courage to speak out? Let none of us become distasteful to the Lord. Let none of us become lukewarm in our works for God.

- **John W. Moore**, minister, Dripping Springs church of Christ, Texas

“And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God; 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. Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.” - Revelation 3:14-19

So this doesn't happen to you, let's make sure that ...

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