

WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST



"And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." JOHN 8:32

Dishes, Pots, Pans and US

Choosing a dish, a pot or a container isn't something we think much about. If asked, I'd bet you'd say, "Well, I just look for one **large** enough to hold what I want to put in it". But there are other things we consider without even being aware of it.

For example, does it **leak**? A dish with a crack might be alright to hold candy in, but we wouldn't use it for soup. Is it **strong**? Something strong enough to hold popcorn might not hold sand or dirt from the garden. Is it **clean**? A glass with a lipstick stain will likely go back in the sink. Is it **appropriate**? A dish the dogs have eaten from probably won't find it's way to the table when company comes for dinner. When we look for a container to do something with, there's actually quite a bit we look for.

It's the same with **us** and the Lord you know. The Lord thinks of **us** as *vessels*, things He can use in different ways—or not at all. Do we **leak** and lose what the Lord has given us, or do we hold fast the faithful word? Are we **strong** and able to bear up under heavy loads or do we fail at the mildest of temptations? Are we **clean** or have we soiled ourselves with the cares and things of this world? Are we appropriate, **are we holy**, or have we fallen back to sinful ways as pigs returning to wallow in the mire? The Lord has much work he wants done. He's not willing that any perish, but all should come to repentance (2 Peter 3:9). Who will he choose to **help** with that work? If we want Him to use **us**, we have to remember that we've repented from dead works. The Lord chose Paul to write much of the New Testament. There was a reason. He can choose us too, or not.

"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 honor and some to dishonor. If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honor, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work." - 2 Timothy 2:20,21

Let's be faithful, and hold fast what the Lord has given us: His **word** and the **hope of glory** with Him in heaven. Let's **purge** ourselves of the things of this world and not dirty ourselves with them. If we do, God will be pleased to use **us** as vessels of honor.

— Ed Kelleher, West Columbia church of Christ, SC

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RECORDS 8/21/05

Sun 10 AM Bible Study: 48
 Sun 11 AM Assembly: 86
 Sun 6 PM Assembly: 57
 Weds 7 PM Bible Study: 60
 CONTRIBUTION: \$1565

SERMONS 8/28/05

AM Ed Kelleher
 PM Don Klieves

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

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 10:00 AM

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- Congratulations to **Rick Porter**, son of the late Ernie Porter, on making **Brigadier General** in the US Army. Anna Porter was tickled pink to tell us.
- The **South Eastern Children's' Home** is having their annual "**Change for Children**" campaign. Cans for your loose change are available in the foyer of the church building. Cans are due back in October.
- We had a good **teacher's meeting**, though in the dark, Sunday after the evening assembly. The power went off about half way through the lesson but the brethren stayed to the finish and then for the meeting afterwards in which we got teachers assigned for all classes, **very** encouraging!
- **Jason and Melissa Parks** are needing **boxes**, lots of boxes! They are buying a new house and plan on moving by September 9.
- **Join our church email group!** If you do email, this is an easy way for you to communicate with other West Columbia church members and share tips, needs and other worthwhile things of interest. If you'd like to sign up, send an email to Ed Kelleher Ed@westcolumbiachurchofchrist.org.
- The **St. Andrew's Road** congregation is having a **YOUTH RALLY**, Saturday October 1, 2005. Details are on the bulletin board in the foyer.

"IS ANY SICK AMONG YOU?"

- **Remember in prayer: MARGARET HERRING, BUDDY PARSON, BERYL PARKS, ETHEL SMITH, MARY HONEYCUTT,** and our shut-ins **JESSICA HERRING, ZUDORA CLEGG, PHYLLIS JOHNSON.** 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), **KATHYRN HALL** (Melissa Parks' sister).
- **VIOLET BRUNSON** is in the nursing center of the Lowman home. She's in quite a bit of pain and not doing well.
- **Marilyn Brooks** has to be off her feet for several weeks on doctor's orders.
- **Margie DeYoung**, mother of **Carolyn Stidham**, had a stroke, but seems to be recovering very well from it. She's in Providence hospital Room 613.
- Remember **Carolyn and Ted Stidham** (phone 808-0756) in your prayers.
- **Want to do something good for our Lord?**

"For I was an hungered, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. ... Lord, when? ... And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." - Matthew 25:35-40

GIFTS TO THE CHURCH FOR LOVE'S SAKE

In Memory of **Mrs. Mellie Hare**
BY Mr. and Mrs. Garland Matthews

In Memory of **Mr. Al Pittman**
BY Mrs. Anna Porter

In Memory of **Mrs. Bessie Tracer**
BY Mrs. Ellene Lester
Mrs. Anna Porter
Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Boyd

In Memory of **Mr. Ernie Porter**
BY Mrs. Anna Porter

- We've rescheduled the **Men's business meeting to this Sunday**, August 28 at **4PM** because of the Labor Day holiday weekend falling on September 4. Some people will be gone that weekend and wanted to make the meeting. Here are some of the things on the agenda:
 - Committee assignments to fill in
 - Elder search, review of elder qualification sheets
 - Minister search procedure to be discussed and approved
 - Involvement of more church members in business meetings
 - Expanding mailing bulletin to all members who want it again, particularly those who need encouragement in attending and participating.
 - Evangelism, visitor program, encouragement program for members.
- The **North Columbia** congregation is having a **Gospel meeting 9/11-9/15.**
- Let's continue to **remember in our prayers** 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. Who haven't you seen lately? Our Lord gave us many examples of a good heart. One was in **praying for others.** Jesus prayed for the **apostles** many times. He also prayed for **us— you and me.** Can **we** do any less, and still call him Lord?

"Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word" - John 17:20

"He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much:" - Luke 16:10