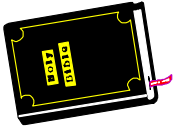


WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

WHY PAUL?

The apostle Paul wrote much of the New Testament. Have you ever wondered **why** God chose **Paul** to record so much of **His** word? There were other apostles, for some we don't even have words recorded. The Lord could have used them. Why did God choose Paul so often?

One reason may have been because Paul **knew**, more than the others whose words they were, where the **power** was; they weren't **his** words—they were **God's**:

“And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: that your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.” - 1 Corinthians 2:4,5

Paul also was **concerned** about God's people. He was zealous for them. He **wanted** them to be saved—just as God and Jesus did. Not for Paul's sake but for **their** sakes and also that **God** might be glorified for his grace and mercy. Read the first chapter of any of Paul's letters and you'll see this. For example:

“without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers;” Romans 1:9

But you know, above all, Paul **acknowledged God**, that it was God who was **first, last and always**. Paul craved God's blessing, not man's (read **2 Tim 4:8**). David did, Jesus did, so did Abraham, Sara, Job, Moses etc.—all those mentioned in **Hebrews 11**. Paul didn't think anything of himself and was thankful to **God** for everything he had, even the comfort of his brethren:

“And from thence, when the brethren heard of us, they came to meet us as far as Appiiforum, and the three taverns: whom when Paul saw, he thanked God and took courage.” - Acts 28:15

Do we want to **accomplish** good things for the Lord? Would we like God to **choose** us? Let's follow Paul's example then. Let us believe and demonstrate **by our actions** our faith: That God's word is the power to salvation (**Romans 1:16**), not ours; That we are concerned for men's souls (**Philippians 2:4,5**), not ourselves; and That it is God that gives the increase (**1 Corinthians 3:6**) and give Him the glory, honor, praise and thanks. **Do** these things and we'll be faithful **servants**, ones God will be pleased to use: “Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.” - Matthew 25:21

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

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Weds 7 PM Bible Study: 78
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SERMONS 2/12/2006

AM Scott Parker:
You Are What You Eat
PM Scott Parker:
Love 'em or Leave 'em?
Souls added to the church in 2006: 3

“Every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labor” - 1 Corinthians 2:8

“Every one of us shall give account of himself to God” - Romans 14:10

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

- **Ray and Holly Wilson** are settling into their new home: 101 Deer Run Road, Elgin, SC 29045. Their telephone is 803-419-8268.
- **Kathryn Hall**, Melissa Parks' sister in Virginia, has a new baby boy, Trenton.
- **Donna Lowe, Gene and Evalina's** daughter-in-law, is ok after thyroid surgery in Wyoming. They believe they got all the cancer.
- **Tommy White's** biopsy came back negative, but asks that we remember **Leon Mathias**, his brother-in-law's brother who is ill.

“THE PRAYER OF FAITH SHALL SAVE THE SICK” - James 5:16

- **REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Ron Banks, Beryl Parks, Mary Honeycutt, 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), **Frances Griffin** (Melissa's aunt), **Jack and Elma Berrier**, and **Margaret Herring** and her daughter **Ann Gunter**,
- **Jones Gamble's** father is recovering from a mild heart attack.
- **Ted Stidham** visited Sunday AM, but is doing poorly and not improving.
- **Ashley Williams** and **Stacy Reynolds** greatly need our prayers at this time.
- **Marilyn Brooks** has been out, recovering from a fall.
- **Gwen Pittman** reports **Linda McVey**, wife of Billy McVey, in Kingstree has an ongoing case of debilitating osteoporosis and that **Marguerite Pittman** suffered a back injury in an auto accident and surgery may be required.
- **Bobby Gile's** sister, **Cheryl Porter**, is to have surgery 2/15/05.
- **Don Klieves** was ill Wednesday and **Jean Boyd** is out with an infection.
- **Jennifer Falstitch, Don and Nancy Fields'** daughter needs our prayers.
- Pray that a door will be opened at the **Lexington County Detention Center** for us. **Anne Louise Gordon**, a prisoner there, has been studying her bible, taking a bible correspondence course from the church in **Walterboro** and wants to be **baptized**, but prison officials are **balking** at letting us immerse her there.

“Our soul waiteth for the Lord; he is our help and our shield.” - Psalm 33:20

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

- Twenty sisters in Christ met with the elders after the Sunday evening assembly to discuss the work and the church here at West Columbia. It was a good meeting and one we'll hold each month, Lord willing.
- **Men**, be sure to speak into the **microphones** in the assembly so all can hear.
- It is important for **ALL** to attend **Sunday Morning bible study!** If you feel you're missing something, Bible class is a good place to go and find it.

“Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another:” - Hebrews 10:25

“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:42

- **Whoa!** We had **31** people at the Gamble's home last Saturday for the first **Reach, Teach and Eat meeting**. Two teams went out knocking doors in the neighborhood which was relatively small. Not everyone could go (15 people knocking on your door seemed a tad intimidating). Members talked with maybe 10 families, several of whom it turns out were looking for a church home and glad for our visit. Church Invitation fliers were left at the other homes. One family came over to visit with us at the Gambles. All in all, **very successful!** We spread the word a little in the neighborhood, people saw us working and more importantly, members were encouraged to wax more bold in the work. Having a neighbor (Dawn or Jones in this case) present when we knocked on doors was a big ice breaker. The next one is scheduled for Saturday March 25.
- **Double Whoa!** We had to get another **table** to hold food at this last First Sunday luncheon! And this was just the day **AFTER** our big meeting at the Gamble's home! A **huge** crowd stayed for fellowship. It was **GREAT!** Thanks all!
- About a dozen members of the **North Fort** congregation visited Sunday evening. Evangelist **Anthony Weeks** was with them and said they had been getting the bulletin and wanted to see for themselves how well we were doing. It was very encouraging to see so many of our brothers and sisters pay us a visit. They meet at **Trenholm Park**, 3900 Covenant Road in Forest Acres.

“Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the Lord.” - Psalms 31:24

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

- **Jan Kelleher** invites all the widows, divorcees and other single women of the church to her home, for a **Lonely Hearts Lunch on Valentine's day**, Tuesday 2/14/2006. (Ed said it was his home too! ☺ But he'll be working.)
- **Bible Bowl, St. Andrews Road, Sat. March 4 9AM.**
- **Carolina Men's Fellowship, Sat. March 11, 2006** at Rock Hill. 9 AM—3 PM.
- **SPIRITUAL GROWTH seminar at West Columbia**, Friday **March 17**, from 7-9PM and Saturday **March 18**, from 9AM-12PM. There will be 30-45 minute presentations with breaks in between for folks to meet and talk; two on Friday evening and three on Sat. morning. This first seminar will be "The Bible VS Pre-millennialism", with Scott Parker, **Jon Macon of the North Columbia** congregation, Don Klieves and Ed Kelleher speaking. We'll be inviting area preachers and men to speak on various topics at future seminars, Lord willing.
- Next **Reach, Teach and Eat** meeting, Saturday 3PM, **March 25, 2006.**
- **Carolina Lectures, April 2-6, 2006** at Kannapolis, NC, Gospel of John.
- **Bible Bowl study times: Friday 6:30PM, Wed. 7 PM, Sun. 10 AM** and 4:30PM. Food on Friday's and refreshments are donated by church members supporting the teams.
- **Ladies, Louise Tucker** would like help with **Ronnie** when she has to go out.

“And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness.” - Colossians 3:14