

# WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

## Churches of Christ

The church of Christ is a non-denominational body of Christians. We have no earthly headquarters. Our leader is in Heaven at the right hand of God. We are not affiliated with any organization such as the National Council of Churches. Rather, each local congregation of the churches of Christ looks to God and His word for guidance. We believe the Bible to be the inspired word of God and that it furnishes us completely for every spiritual need. We stand for a return to New Testament faith and practice. And we are confident that by believing and doing what New Testament Christians did, we can be the same kind of Christians they were. We know this is right before God. We see no need, therefore, for denominational names, creeds and organizations.

Jesus said that worship must be in spirit and in truth (Jn. 4:24). Worship among churches of Christ follows the Scriptural pattern.

When the Lord established the church, He organized it into local autonomous congregations, with each taking care of its own affairs. He made no provisions for a national or international headquarters. In matters of faith all are to be guided by the New Testament. In other decisions, each congregation was to govern itself.

The work of the church Jesus built was to preach the gospel, as well as edify its members and care for the needy. Churches of Christ do not exist as political tools, nor do they exist as recreation clubs. Their work is spiritual, doing what God intended the church to do.

Remember, Jesus built His church. It is found in the New Testament. We can be a part of it by letting the Bible be our only guide.

– David Pharr, Gospel preacher

“Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and *that* there be no divisions among you; but *that* ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.” - 1 Corinthians 1:10

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### SERMONS THIS SUNDAY:

AM: Ed Kelleher

#### THE CHURCH OF CHRIST

PM: Ed Kelleher

#### SUFFICIENCY—THE SECRET THINGS BELONG TO GOD

"Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God,  
that he may exalt you in due time:  
Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you." - 1 Peter 5:6,7

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COME JOIN US THIS  
NEW YEAR!

CAROLINA MEN'S  
FELLOWSHIP  
Rock Hill Sat 3/12

*A Warm Welcome awaits you at all our services. Come see!*  
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Sunday 11 AM, 6 PM Assembly  
Wednesday 7 PM Bible Study  
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*Nursery provided*

*Bible Classes for all ages*

#### **LADIES CLASS**

2nd Tuesday of month 7-9 PM

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## **“PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER” - James 5:16**

- **REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Margaret Herring, Jean Godley, Amy Wintermute, Lamar Reeves, Elma Berrier and Phyllis Johnson.**
- Remember little **Madisen Manz** in your prayers. Her condition is deteriorating and is becoming very difficult to control at home. The family is very concerned, pray for them.
- **Jamie and Debbie Sheppard** continue to be under the weather.
- **Anthony Harris**, son of **Jerry Harris**, preacher for the church in Clinton, SC, will be going to Afghanistan very soon.

**"But my God shall supply all your need  
according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." - Colossians 4:19**

**Prayer is a good way to keep your... EYES ON HEAVEN IN 2011**

## **“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:42**

- **First Sunday! Luncheon, congregational meeting, business meeting at 1:30pm.**
- **Daylight Savings Time** begins Sunday March 13, **next week!**
- **Jan Glott** from the North Columbia congregation will be preaching for us next Sunday evening.
- **Carolina Men's Fellowship** in Rock Hill Sat 3/12/11 9am-3pm. Details in foyer.

**"Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to  
continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation  
enter into the kingdom of God." - Acts 14:22**

**“Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.” - Philippians 4:8,9**

Note that the apostle says **“DO”**. We **all** must be **doing** the things told us by the apostles in the Bible. Read your Bibles, learn what God wants of us and then **do it!**

**Volunteers** are needed to **clean the building** in January and upcoming months. This is a good way **you** can **participate** in and support the **good work** going on here at West Columbia. If you're willing to team up with others, sign up and we'll put teams together. Many are working very hard. This is a good way **you** can join in and encourage them! Please sign up—now! It will be encouraging to others.

It you can't, that's fine. If you can, and you don't ...

**“For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not. “ - 2 Corinthians 8:12**

## **IF THE ANSWER IS YES**

**“... upon this rock I will build my church;  
and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.” - Matthew 16:18**

In determining whether or not any given denomination is the one true church revealed in the New Testament, a simple question can be posed to its sectarian adherents. The question is as follows: "Can an individual be saved outside your denomination?" If the answer is yes, then that religious group is most assuredly not the church. Here is why.

In Matthew 16:18, Jesus promised that He would build His church. Notice that Christ said HE would build the church and that only one would be built. That church is identified by the apostle Paul as the body (Eph. 1:22-23) and is said to be the only body (Eph. 4:4), hence the only church. This church is also identified as the bride and Christ as its bridegroom (Eph. 5:22-23; cf. Matt. 9:15; 25:1). Christ is not a polygamist. He has but one bride for which He nourishes and cares.

The beautiful bride of Christ, the church, consists of a blood-bought people who, by faith, have been baptized for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38,47). Collectively, these baptized believers are known as the saved, the church, the body, the temple, and the kingdom (Acts 2:47; Col. 1:18; 1 Cor. 12:27; 1 Cor. 3:16; Col. 1:13, respectively). They belong to Christ, and wear His name (Rom. 16:16; 1 Pet. 4:16). It is this entity of people whom Christ will take to glory at the Judgment. Christ is clearly and unmistakably the Savior of this body - His body, the church (Eph. 5:23). Undeniably, salvation is to be found in the church and only in the church. Since the church is the body of Christ, and salvation is only in Christ (2 Tim. 2:10; Acts 4:12), it follows that one cannot be saved outside the church. When Christ comes again, He will save only those who are in His church.

Therefore, if an individual tells me that I do not have to be a member of their church to be saved, then I can know with certainty that their church is not the church of our Lord. Nearly all denominations assert that you can be saved even though you are not a member of their church. However, no one can be saved apart from the Lord's church. Thus, any religious group espousing the doctrine that salvation can be procured outside the church is not a church which belongs to Christ. Salvation is in the church. If you want to be saved, then you must be in the church.

**“And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved” - Acts 2:47**

**John Moore**, minister, Dripping Springs church of Christ, Texas

**“And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.” - Eph 1:22,23**

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