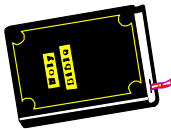


WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

MINISTER RESIGNS

With deep regret and sorrow we announce the resignation of our evangelist, **Scott Parker**. Scott resigned Tuesday evening after a meeting with the elders. Scott had, in the last few weeks, come to the conclusion that **we did not have scriptural authority to eat a meal that was not the Lord's Supper in the church building**. He wanted to preach a lesson condemning what we practice here at West Columbia. But the elders would not allow that until Scott had preached to them first. The elders studied and presented their understanding on the matter citing approved examples or accounts in **Acts 20:11, 2 Peter 2:13** and **John 12** and other scriptures. The elders met with Scott Tuesday to study but could not arrive at agreement on the issue at which time Scott said he **would not change** and resigned.

Scott and Tricia weren't with us long, but we all learned to love them for their love for the church, good works and good hearts. We deeply regret losing them as Scott was a good evangelist, sound in the word, energetic and zealous, and Tricia worked and fit in so well with the women of the church. Unfortunately Scott and Tricia believe we are **sinning** and that they can not in faith meet or be in fellowship with us. We respect their conviction, but pray that the Lord will give them a repentance to acknowledging the truth.

Scott has requested that members not call or stop by. He wrote me, “Can you please detour any visits to our house. We need time to absorb what is going on. I will not hurt the church here. ... We need some space. Please.”

The elders regret this division, but we did not bring it on. We have not changed. We know that we have scriptural authorization for what we do and to **not** do as we know we should is to be as the 1 talent man who, out of fear, hid his talent and did not use it. On our Lord's return, **we do not want to hear** as he did: “Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strawed: Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and then at my coming I should have received mine own with usury. Take therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him which hath ten talents. For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath. And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” - Matthew 25:26-30

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SERMONS 5/21/2006

AM Donald Klieves:
PM Jon Macon, North Columbia

"Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy; To deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine.
Our soul waiteth for the LORD: he is our help and our shield. " - Psalm 33:18

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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**.
- **Remember also Margaret Herring, Ashley Williams and Bobby Giles.**
- **Anna Porter** has been at home for almost 2 weeks now, having difficulty breathing. She's improving, slowly. She's very close to Scott and has been especially hurt with the resignation. Remember her in your prayers.
- **Ted Stidham** is not doing well and is steadily deteriorating, not recovering.
- **Melissa Parks' father, Jack Edwards** is not doing well and has been in and out of the hospital several times after his initial cancer surgery. Remember him and Melissa.
- **Kaitlyn Sheppard** has mono and is able to get out some, but you can tell she's not hitting 100%. She's missed some school as she slowly recovers.
- Let's remember **Talitia and Jerome Zimmerman** who were both recently baptized as they struggle against Satan.
- **Ron and Margie Banks**, who've been away in Ohio since last year, are building a house in the area. It will be good to have them back.
- Brother **Craig Robinson** requests the prayers of the church to help him deal with the aggravations and stress of this daily life we all live in the world.
- **PRAY FOR ALL THESE AND THE CHURCH!**

"I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live:

I will sing praise to my God while I have my being." - Psalm 104:33

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

- **Keith Carter** announced Wednesday evening that he wishes to be identified with the congregation here; to work and be under the oversight of the elders. Keith is the proprietor of Carter's Lawn Service and Pinestraw. Update your directory:

309 State St., West Columbia, SC 29169 309-3087

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

Many things make us happy and please and satisfy us. With so many choices it's easy to lose sight of the goal and choose the wrong thing. What do **you** glory in?

Paul wrote, "But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ" - Galatians 6:14

"Thus saith the LORD, Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches: But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the LORD which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the LORD." - Jeremiah 9:23,24

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

- Remember our Vacation Bible School coming up **July 24-28**, Mon-Fri 7:00-8:30 PM—**The Bible is YOUR Book**.
- Sister **Marilyn Brooks** needs a ride to our assemblies. The **Sheppards** have been bringing her faithfully for quite awhile but with Eddie's illness we need someone else to pitch in and help. Marilyn lives on 109 Super Dr, West Columbia 29172. That's off Old Wire Road, off Charleston Highway #176 close to I-26 Carolina Eastman exit #119. Marilyn's phone number is 926-9899. She's in a wheelchair and needs help getting in and out of the car.

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

We regret to announce that **Gaynelle Johnson** passed away. The service was Wednesday at Elmwood Cemetery with **Haskell Yenny** presiding.

MINISTER RESIGNS (—continued from page 1)

We are presently actively looking for a **new evangelist** and already have several prospects. We intend to do as we did before. We'll review the men's qualifications. Those that look fitted for the work, we'll invite to visit here with their families. We'll have a short Gospel Meeting Sunday and Monday and Tuesday evenings. Sunday we'll eat at the building so we all might meet and talk with the visiting evangelist and his family. During the day Monday and Tuesday, the prospective evangelist will go with the elders to visit members, and non-members to see how we work together.

The elders are convinced, as we all should be, that these things will work together for good. That by the examination and trial of our faith, we all will be stronger for it and grow to the perfection (telios—"full age") the Lord wants.

“But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.” - Hebrews 5:14

Once again Satan is buffeting us. Let's be assured that we are doing right and not get discouraged and lose sight of the goal.

“but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.” - Philippians 3:13,14

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