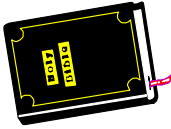


WEST COLUMBIA CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

GOD IS MERCIFUL AND HEARS OUR PRAYERS

Anne Louise Gordon was baptized into Christ this past Saturday. She is being held in the Lexington County Detention Center awaiting trial on 2 charges of murder. She might receive the death penalty. She has been there about 2 years. Anne and other prisoners in LDCDC have been taking Bible Study Correspondence courses by mail with the **church in Walterboro, SC**. Frank Shepard, minister of the church in Walterboro called and invited us to help in this good work which we very much appreciated and were glad to do.

Through her study of God's word, Anne came to realize that she needed to obey the Lord's command and be baptized for the forgiveness of her sins. There were some difficulties with her being in jail, but our merciful, gracious and humble God heard our prayers and once more opened the prison door.

Four Lexington county deputies brought Anne, bound in chains hand and foot, to our building Saturday afternoon, 2/25/2006. She came in saying she couldn't believe it. She was crying with her happiness. It all happened very quickly for her. She likely didn't know until she actually arrived at the church building what was to happen. The elders and the evangelist had a few minutes to talk with her. When asked why she wanted to be baptized, she quoted and explained Acts 2:38. She confessed before us that she believed Jesus was the Christ and she wanted to obey God's command to be baptized.

Around 2:30 pm, Anne was buried with Christ in baptism. On coming up from below the water she asked: “Now I've been added to the church?” She was assured that indeed the Lord had added her to His church. It was very evident a great weight had been lifted from her. Though having many difficulties still to face in this world, she truly went on her way rejoicing, with the hope of heaven to sustain her.

This is just the beginning for Anne. She will need to be strong in Christ because Satan won't be pleased. She will likely be sorely tried as she strives to follow our Lord.

She wrote immediately on her return to jail thanking God and us, inquiring about the Lord's supper, bible study and other things. She also wrote, “*Is there anything I can do in here to share the gospel much better than signing them up for Sister Sarah's lessons in Walterboro? Please advise me. ... The truth of the gospel needs to be taught in prisons. Perhaps Christ will use me for that purpose.*” Let's pray that indeed the Lord will use her, and also that **we** will be encouraged by her example to do more ourselves. Invite people to attend, show up for our next evangelizing **Christian Block Party**, Saturday April 8!

Pray for Anne. Her address is listed on the bottom of page 3. (continued on page 3)

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

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Sun 10 AM Bible Study:	52
Sun 11 AM Assembly:	106
Sun 6 PM Assembly:	83
Weds 7 PM Bible Study:	86
CONTRIBUTION:	\$1740

SERMONS 3/5/2006

AM	Scott Parker:
	An “Either—Or” God
PM	Scott Parker:
	The Day Peter Held His Ground
Souls added to the church in 2006: 4	

"Praying us with much intreaty that we would receive the gift, and take upon us the fellowship of the ministering to the saints." - 2 Corinthians 8:4

A Warm Welcome awaits you at all our services!. Come see!
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SERVICES

Sunday 10 AM Bible Study
Sunday 11 AM , 6 PM Assembly
Wednesday 7 PM Bible Study
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“REJOICE WITH THEM THAT DO REJOICE!” - Romans 12:15

- Anne Louise Gordon was baptized into Christ this past Saturday at the building.

“THE PRAYER OF FAITH SHALL SAVE THE SICK” - James 5:15

- **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), Jack and Elma Berrier, and Margaret Herring and her daughter Ann Gunter.
- Mary Honeycutt was rushed to Providence Hospital Monday and is in very serious condition.
- Anna Porter is doing better and came home from the hospital Wednesday.
- Melissa Parks' father Jack Edwards is to have surgery for esophageal cancer next week. Jason and Melissa will be driving up to Virginia where Melissa will remain for awhile to help her parents. Remember them all in your prayers.
- Marilyn Brooks is in much pain and unable to get out.

"Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and God of all comfort; Who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God." - 2 Corinthians 1:3,4

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

- 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.
- **Volunteers** are needed to **clean the building** for March and the following 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!

"For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's." - Romans 14:8

“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:42

- Almost 75 people stayed for a birthday party for **Scott Parker** after the evening assembly. He was totally surprised, and moved. It was a good time for all.
- The next **Christian Block Party** to pass out bible literature and invitations to visit the church will be **Saturday April 8**, Lord willing. Plan on participating! It's the easiest evangelism there is and takes less than 2 hours.

"Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, wither thou goest." - Ecclesiastes 9:10

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

- **Pray for the success of our Bible Bowl teams! Plan on attending at St. Andrews Road, Saturday, March 4 at 9AM.** We have 3 strong teams:
 - Preteen: **Chris Parks, Grant Parks, Thomas Rinehart, Kaitlyn Sheppard**
 - Teen: **Courtney Gamble, Michael Gamble, Kelly Kennedy, Brian Parks**
 - Adult: **Martha Geiger, Marcella Klieves, Tricia Parker, Faye Parks**If our teams **WIN**, we'll have a “**sleep in**” at the church building Friday, 3/10/06.
- **Fellowship Luncheon** this Sunday after the morning assembly.
- **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 at the home of **Gerald and Janet Boyd**.
- **Carolina Lectures**, **April 2-6**, 2006 at Kannapolis, NC, Gospel of John. **Jan Kelleher** will be speaking at this Monday April 3.
- **Senior Rally**, St. Andrews Road, Saturday April 29, 2006.

"And I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified." - 1 Corinthians 2:2

Anne Louise Gordon—In the few minutes we had after her baptism, before her return to jail, we shared these words with her:

“Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.” – 1 Cor 6:9-11

There was much risk and cost for Sheriff Metts to allow an accused murderer to leave the jail. Four deputies brought Anne to the church building. You might want to write Sheriff Metts and thank him:

Sheriff James Metts, Attn: Dale Blackmon, PO Box 639, Lexington, SC 29071

Please pray for our new sister in Christ. You may write Anne at this address:

Anne Louise Gordon, 2-B-1, Lexington County Detention Center
PO Box 2019, Lexington, SC 29071