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Modesty

Eternal Truth or Opinion?

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It is not uncommon for those who wear the name “Christian” to also wear other things not so complimentary. The onset of summer causes the real character of some to surface. It is easy to become reckless with appearance and to compromise example. This can be hazardous to an individual’s soul and do harm to the Lord’s church.

Paul made a special appeal to Timothy to address the issue of women adorning themselves in “*modest apparel, with propriety and moderation*” (I Tim. 2:9-10). Vines states that “the well-ordering is not of dress and demeanor only, but of the inner life, uttering indeed and expressing itself in the outward conduct of life.”

There is acceptable apparel as well as objectionable dress in God’s sight. It should be the intent of every Christian to conduct himself/herself “*...with fear and trembling; for it is God who works in you both to will and to do his good pleasure*” (Phil. 2:12-13). The issue of consideration is not altogether an outward appearance, but an issue of the heart, “*For out of the heart proceeds evil thoughts*” (Mt. 15:19). There is a two-fold obligation: First, we are to dress in an appropriate manner so as to not incite lust or wantonness in the heart of another. Second, the onlooker has an obligation to not feed on or seek visual fulfillment and stimulation. Solomon said that a man’s heart plans his way (Prov. 16:9) and out of the heart comes forth the issues of life (Prov. 4:23). He further stated that a perverse heart is an abomination to the Lord (Prov. 11:20). Proper adornment by the Christian “*is very precious in the sight of God*” (I Pet. 3:3-4). Who in their right mind, and truly in love with the Lord, would seek to or allow themselves to dress in a lewd and lascivious manner? To do so would be an utter disregard for the will of God! Marshall Flowers once wrote, “Modesty demands that all Christians, and particularly women, not wear clothes which call attention to certain parts of the body that would arouse erotic impulses in the opposite sex. *It would be better that we be drowned in the sea with a millstone about our neck than to cause someone else to sin*” (Cf. Mt. 17:6-7).

Parents, it is time for you to report to your post of duty to insist and insure that you and your children give proper consideration to appearance and modesty. It is expected at all times, but by all means when attending worship services!



PARENTS HAVE TO LIVE IT

At one point during a game, the coach said to one of his young players, “Do you understand what cooperation is and what teamwork is all about?” The little boy nodded in the affirmative.

“Do you understand that what really matters is not whether we win or lose, but that we play together as a team?” The little boy nodded yes.

“Good,” the coach continued. “And, when a strike is called, or you’re thrown out at first, you don’t argue, curse, attack the umpire with a bat, or throw dirt in the opposing team members’ faces. Do you understand all that? Again the little boy nodded, “Well, sure, coach. That’s what you taught us.”

“Good,” said the coach. “Now, please go over there and explain all that to your mother.”

I’ve been to a few Little League games when the above conversation needed to take place? It’s sad to see parents who act in an irresponsible manner because you know that they are teaching their children (and others’ children) to behave in a similar manner.

God has given those of us who are parents an awesome responsibility—not only to teach our children what is right, but to live in such a way that they can see that we are willing to practice what we’ve been teaching them to do.

Moses told the parents of Israel to take the laws, which God had given them, and “*Teach them diligently to your children...*” (Deuteronomy 6:7). But before telling parents to do that, he warned them: “*Therefore hear, O Israel, and be careful to observe it...*” (Deuteronomy 6:3).

Before we can teach the love of God to our children and others it must be in our own hearts. May God bless those of you who are parents as you strive to do just that. May your life be so filled with a desire to follow God that your children will be open to hear all that you have to say to them.

~ Alan Smith, Thought for the Day



YOUTH NEWS

- Forms for Maywood Christian Camp are on the table in the foyer. These forms along with a deposit need to be sent in by the first part of June. See *Sarah Walker* for more details. Camp week for New Albany youth is July 17-23.
- *Andy Brown*, our summer youth intern, will begin his work with us this week. We look forward to him being with us and working with our youth.
- Area Wide Youth Meeting will be held June 12 at Church St. congregation in Pontotoc.
- Many of our youth received awards at the end of the school year. We are very proud of them!

I’LL BE LIKE YOU

To get his goodnight kiss he stood
Beside my chair one night
And raised an eager face to me,
A face with love alight.
And as I gathered in my arms
The son God gave to me,
I thanked the lad for being good,
And hoped he’d always be.

His little arms crept ‘round my neck,
And then I heard him say
Four simple words I shan’t forget,
Four words that made me pray;
They turned a mirror on my soul,
On secrets no one knew.
They startled me, I hear them yet:
He said, “I’ll be like you.”

~selected~

PRAYER LIST

Mark Caples, son of *Betty Caples*, that was announced to have surgery on May 28 was incorrect . His surgery will be on June 28, to remove a cancerous tumor from his esophagus.



Continual Prayer

Billy Joe Bray, Ailene Cain, Donna Haynes, Glenda Cox, Linda Martin, Shelly Trout, Willie Jackson, David Harendt, Maxine McCarley, Hugh Collins, Shane Crotts, Terry Young

Shut-Ins

Lessie Bryant, Jean Drummond, Billy Joe Garner, Laura Mae Harris, Belle Cross, Pauline Smith, Raymond & Amy Vest

Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

Corrine Hall, Anna Davis & Mattie Golden

Military List:

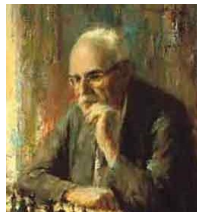
David Wilhite, Barry Wilhite, Jimmie Stutts, Tiffany Erwin, Aaron Raines, Michelle Ham, Raegan Cole

AREA EVENTS

- Verona Church of Christ invites you to their Gospel Meeting June 10-12. *Michael Bates* will be the guest speaker.
- Verona Church of Christ Youth Rally ~ June 11
- Ashland Church of Christ invites you to their VBS, Sat. June 11, from 9:00am-2:30pm.

“I’VE LEARNED”

That everyone you meet
deserves to be greeted with a
smile.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- June 02.....Tyler Weaver
- June 04.....Jim Dickerson
- June 05.....Mike King
- June 06.....Sallye Bowlin
- June 06.....Pat Reed
- June 10.....David Clayton
- June 11.....Christy Wall

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- June 01.....Bill & Helen DePriest
- June 02.....Bobby & Dixie White
- June 03.....Ronnie & Linda Griggs
- June 05.....Brad & April Pounders
- June 08.....Dalton & Marie Beard
- June 10.....Ray & Pat Kennedy

GUEST SPEAKERS SUNDAY

Guyton Montgomery of Northwest Florida School of Biblical Studies will be speaking to us on Sunday morning. We look forward to having *Guyton* back with us again. For the evening service *Andy Brown*, our summer youth intern, will be speaking. We encourage all to be present to hear these young men.

YOUR OWN VERSION

You are writing a Gospel,
A chapter each day,
By deeds that you do,
By words that you say.
Men read what you write,
Whether faithless or true;
Say, what is the Gospel
According to YOU?

OUR RECORD

Sunday School	100
Sunday A M	127
Sunday P.M	88
Wednesday	85
Contribution	\$3,227.50
Budget	\$3,455.70

TO SERVE

Scripture	Ruston Adams
A.M. Prayer	Richard Adams
Closing Prayer	Drew Drummond
P.M. Prayer	Greg Clayton
Closing	Olen Clark
Wed 6/8	Harold Russell
Wed. 6/8	Gary Turner
Usher & Lock	Greg Clayton
Greeter	B & A Pounders



PANTRY ITEM:
Canned Vegetables

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday School	9:30
Morning Worship	10:30
Evening Worship	6:00
Wednesday Bible Study	7:00

ELDERS

Richard Jennings	534-6671
Troy Robertson	534-3491

DEACONS

Bill Botts	316-2422
Greg Clayton	252-9762
Roger Clayton	534-5240
Andy Clemmer	816-5887
Harold Russell	534-4648
Randy Wall	316-9255
Lonnie Weaver	801-8448

MINISTER

Mike King	507-0625
Home	534-6872
Office	534-4649

MONTH: JUNE 2011

SOUND ROOM	Dean Dillard	ANNOUNCEMENTS	Greg Harrison
LEAD SINGING		USHER	Chris Smithey
<i>SUN AM:</i>	Richard Jennings		
<i>SUN PM:</i>	Dalton Beard	PREPARE	
<i>WED:</i>	Ray Kennedy	COMMUNION	Amy Jennings

LORD'S

SUPPER

<i>N Head:</i>	Dalton Beard	<i>S Head:</i>	Ray Kennedy
<i>N Help I:</i>	Brad Pounders	<i>S Help I:</i>	Matt Jennings
<i>N Help II:</i>	Shane Crotts	<i>S Help II:</i>	Steve Todd

SUNDAY

PRAYERS A.M.

Opening		Closing
<i>1ST</i>	Richard Adams	Drew Drummond
<i>2ND</i>	Roger Clayton	J.L. Eaton
<i>3RD</i>	Andy Clemmer	Jason Jennings
<i>4TH</i>	Greg Harrison	Mark Jennings
<i>5TH</i>		

SUNDAY

PRAYERS PM

Opening		Closing
<i>1ST</i>	Greg Clayton	Olen Clark
<i>2ND</i>	Dan Cobb	Ronnie Griggs
<i>3RD</i>	Harold Crowe	Bill Lyon
<i>4TH</i>	Bill Botts	Paul Ormon
<i>5TH</i>		

WED PRAYERS

Opening		Closing
<i>1ST</i>	Dan Drummond	Bill DePriest
<i>2ND</i>	Harold Russell	Gary Turner
<i>3RD</i>	Richard Jennings	Randy Wall
<i>4TH</i>	Jerry Gibson	Lonnie Weaver
<i>5TH</i>	Troy Robertson	Bobby White

SCRIPTURE READING

Ruston Adams
Dillon Clayton
Phillip Young
Phil Young

USHER & LOCK

Greg Clayton
Roger Clayton
Andy Clemmer
Harold Russell

GREETERS

B & A Pounders
G & K Clayton
T & N Robertson
R & K Jennings

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