

Announcements and Church News

Our Sick

William McRoy—health issues; Sandy Caldwell—for pain; Teresa Broyles, Alison Harris and Vicky Lube—cancer trmt; Joyce Stanley, Kim Taylor, Fran Barclay, Nancy VanWinkle, Kerry Wygal, John Nickl - health issues.

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR FAMILY/FRIENDS;

Samantha Jones brother, Eddie/Heart issues; Carol Mitchell- tumor on her liver; The Stewart's— brother-in-law Russell Holt/serious injuries; Clifton Reynold's son Bryce; Susan Villoch's dad James/heart issue; The Stewart's neighbors Rich & Betty Folger/health issues; The Kozola's son Tim for prayers; Carol Untied's—dad, Tony/health issues; daughter Kayla/diverticulitis and Uncle David/health issues; Sam York-recent surgery; David Sain's—wife Phyllis; Yllka Bejo's—mother; The Bernhardt's—relative Rustin Osburn; Van Stewart's—aunt, Linda Parsons; Dianne Stewart's—brother, Bobby Goodfield; The Stingles—niece's baby; Paula Davis'—niece/lupus; Carol Mitchell's—mother, Mary; Darrell Broking/in the hospital; Samantha Jones son, Joshua

PRAYERS FOR CANCER:

John Benson's-grand nephew Nick Clinkscale; Ranny Reeves neighbor, Linda Wall; Linda Hadsock's niece, June McCray; Carol Untied's stepmother Emily; Debbie Methvin's-co-workers father Vasilos and Michele Fuguero; Deb Adams friends son, Jason; Van Stewart's sister Tracey and cousin Paula; Ronnie Somerville's dad, Ron; Mattie Simmons friend William; Sandy Caldwell's bro-in-law Larry; Kay Jessup's friend, Lou Fiore and wife Rose

INMATES: Antwaun Thompson, Willie Newton & Tom George.

OUR SERVICE MEN: Sam Wagner and cousin Mark Wagner (Navy) Austin Reyes (Marine) Matthew Holleran (Army)

OUR SHUT-IN AT HOME: Winston Sandlin

Activities

NEXT LADIES BIBLE CLASS— Friday, August 19th at 1:00pm in the small building.

BAPTIZED—Wayne Bishop put on the Lord in baptism last Sunday night. Wayne has been attending services here for awhile and we are thankful for his obedience to the Gospel. Please welcome our new brother in Christ to our Central family. Add his address to your directory: 5049 Edgewater Lane, Oldsmar, FL 34677-6345; Phone# 727-784-5391.

Make Me Worthy

Make me worthy, Lord and Savior,
Of Your blessings and Your care
That enrich my life with graces
And fulfill my crying prayers.

Let me be a faithful servant
To the Christian ways of life
That are worthy of Your blessings
And deny me pains of strife.

Make me worthy too, Lord Jesus,
Of the friendships I endear
That have proven true and treasure
In my trials of many years.

Make me worthy and deserving
Of these loves of Christian hearts
Who are partners to my struggles
And the blessings You impart.

REMINDER—Weekly sermons are available on CD, our website and livestream on Facebook and YouTube Sundays at 10:30 & 5:00pm and Wednesdays at 7:00pm. If you need the Bulletin, Christian Service List, Calendar or Directory call the office at (727) 446-4808.

Those Serving Today

Announcements—James George

Song Leaders—Matt Pryor/James George

Opening Prayer—Joe Bonelli/Jesse Lancaster

Lord's Table—Van Stewart

Closing Prayer—John Benson/Bob Hadsock



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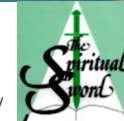
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Elders:

Joe Bonelli Charles Broyles
James George

Deacons:

Max Herman
Van Stewart

Preacher: Charles Broyles

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Sunday Bible Study—9:30AM

Mark Bernhardt

How To Cope With Temptation

Hebrews 2:18

Sunday Worship—10:30AM

Mark Bernhardt

Joshua

Joshua 24:15

Sunday Worship—5:00 PM

Mark Bernhardt

I Can't Miss

Hebrews 10:25

Ladies Bible Study—Friday

August 19th at 1:00pm

Wed. Bible Study—7:00PM

Charles Broyles

Who Is God?

All of our services are available
on Facebook Live and



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From the Preacher's Pen

CHRISTIANS AND DRESS

Keith A. Mosher, Sr.

Clothing certainly does not determine character for God looks on the heart not the appearance (1 Sam. 16: 7). But, one's character can and does determine the clothing one wears. For some reason, however, some professed Christians seemingly give little thought to their attire even though there are a number of biblical principles relating to one's dress.

In the very first book of the Bible one can find reference to God's attitude toward public display of the human body. After the fall of Adam and Eve, they "made themselves aprons" (Gen. 3:7). But God did "make coats of skins, and clothed them" (Gen. 3:21). Obviously, Adam and Eve did not cover enough of themselves with the "aprons," and a principle of modesty is seen.

The Bible also teaches that Christians are to dress in such a way as not intentionally to discomfort another, nor are Christians allowed to "judge" another by his poor dress (Jam. 2:1-9). Some would overdress to impress, but the Bible demands "modest apparel" (1 Tim. 2:9-10). The term, modest, is kosmios, which word contains the idea of orderly or decent. A kosmios person, to the Greeks, had grace and dignity in all of life—including dress. The style of the world in the first century tended to gaudiness, but Christians then (and thus, now) are not to be slaves to style but to decency.

The Bible also teaches personal cleanliness for Christians: "let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God" (2 Cor. 7:1). The term, flesh, includes personal hygiene. One who loves his fellow man will not offend. During the hippie culture, American medical doctors were reporting epidemics of scabies (itch). Such is amazing in a supposedly enlightened culture.

One's dress can provoke lust (Mat. 5:27-28). (Many parents used to understand this and so teach their children. With the influence from the most decadent society in the history of man, overwhelming all the media, even Christians are found now in skimpy wear on beaches; in sloppy wear at worship; and generally dressed like the world). Surely men and women must control their thoughts, and their exhibitionist tendencies. One who influences another to lust is as guilty as the one who lusted.

The Bible further teaches that one should avoid harmful influence to the church and to one's personal influence. "Give none offence, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the church of God" (1 Cor. 10:32). The church, i.e., all Christians, is responsible for teaching and for setting good examples. Members of the body of Christ must respect God, others, and themselves in all things covered by the principle of love (Mat. 22:37-39). A word of caution is needed here. Sometimes the newly baptized, secular visitors, etcetera, who are not familiar with Bible principles of dress visit the church. (A poor farmer was once baptized where I preached. He came to service that first Sunday dressed in his best—bib-overalls, a white shirt buttoned at the top, a dark sport coat, and field shoes. An unloving elder told the man that he was not dressed "properly." The man never would come to services again and returned to the

Methodist church. Christians, while trying to improve their own lives, must be patient with the untaught.

The Bible teaches that God demands that the distinctions between males and females are to be maintained. There is a curious passage in Revelation that reads: "and on their heads were as it were crowns like gold, and their faces were as the faces of men. And they had hair as the hair of women" (Rev. 9:7-8). Of course the former passage is figurative, but hermeneutical rules state that figurative speech must have some basis in the literal. God established distinctions between males and females and does not want such distinctions blurred (Rom. 1:26-27). The principle of male leadership involves a clear understanding of the differing roles of men and women (1 Cor. 11:3). The "unisex" movement in America is an abomination before God, and clothing (including jewelry) is a hallmark of the movement. Men need to be masculine. Women need to be feminine. Sound, sensible, decent judgment by Christians concerning appropriate dress for worship, workplace, recreation, and home is much needed in today's "anything goes" culture.

The Bible condemns, in principle, immodest public attire, show-off dress, and indecent, inappropriate clothing. Surely Christians can learn not to offend in what they decide to wear. Personal preferences as to style are matters of liberty. Preferences as to decency are matters of faith.

I'LL GET TO IT IN A MINUTE!

Chad Ramsey

"I'll get to that in a minute," is a phrase that every parent has probably heard at least one hundred times. Many young people use that phrase to deal with just about every situation. However, when it comes to following God's Word and obeying the Gospel, putting off obedience is fruitless.

One of the hardest things for young people to understand is the fact that we are not sure how long our lives will last. James tells us that life is just like a vapor, here today, gone tomorrow. "Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away" (Jam. 4:14). Do you believe God? If so, there are some things you need to do with your life.

First, stop putting off obedience. Don't wait like the rich man in Luke 16 to decide after death to live as you should and set the right example. Do it now! The Lord said, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven" (Mat. 5:16).

Second, don't use an excuse to put off obedience. Excuses don't produce results, and results are what is required for entrance into the kingdom of heaven. "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven" (Mat. 7:21).

Third, make heaven your goal and make doing the work of the Lord the number one thing in your life (Col. 3:1-2). Don't just talk a good game; back it up with actions (Jam. 2:26). Instead of putting off obedience and "getting to it in a minute," why not "get to it now!"