

The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST

June 3, 2018



JUNE 10 – 14



NOAH'S ARK

Vacation Bible School
at Coldwater Church of Christ

June 10 – 14, 6:30 nightly
Classes for ALL ages!

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This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you... (1 John 1:5).

**VISITORS,
WELCOME!**

Sunday:

9:30 a.m. Bible Class

10:30 a.m. WORSHIP

1:00 p.m. WORSHIP

Wednesday:

7:00 p.m. Bible Class

We have Bible classes
for all ages & fellowship
for lunch every Sunday!

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MODESTY

BY KEITH A. MOSHER, SR.

Paul wrote: "In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array; But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works" (1 Tim. 2:10-11). Bauer has as synonyms, for the Greek term translated modest in the foregoing passage, respectable and honorable. He then added that when the adjective modest is used with an impersonal pronoun (in this passage, *apparel*, K.M.), the idea refers to the person wearing such (Lexicon, 445). The latter facts would account for Paul's having insisted that such clothing was becoming (Greek, *prepi*, meaning suitable or fitting; *Ibid.* 669) for women who professed to be Christians.

It seems to me that we now live in a culture where there is little, if any, concern about how women dress, even among Christians. Given the above definitions of the Greek terms used by the apostle, being modest means not drawing undue attention to oneself; or, is what you are wearing (or not wearing) just pride on display? Modesty means far more than just being fearful of causing lust, for the idea taught by Paul includes far more than just the external. Modest clothing, for the Christian, is to represent a heart desiring to bring glory to God and to bring blessings to others.

It would be the case, then, that discerning between proper dress and "being on display" starts from within the thought processes of the Christian who is in love with God. What one wears flows from an understanding that men and women are made in the image of God (Gen. 1:26-27). God created that which is beautiful and not ugly, and His servants live and dress differently from the world of fleshly display. Modesty is an attitude that is motivated by biblical knowledge and every "word of God is pure" (Pro. 30:5). But shameful dress is a sinner's problem: "For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts" (Mat. 15:10a).

What a Christian's dress should cover has become a controversy among God's people, but if one is truly a believer, one will not allow one's body to become public property. The true Christian will also not facilitate lust in others (Mat. 5:28). God made proper clothing for Adam and Eve, who could only fashion aprons, but God made them coats of skins (Gen. 3:7, 21).

Spiritually speaking, Adam and Eve needed a blood sacrifice (and not vegetable) because of their sins, but they also needed to have their bodies correctly and modestly dressed. Note that they were the only two on the earth, but God made them coverings! [Note: the term aprons is *chegorah* meaning girded about; but the animal skins are hides, from the Hebrew 'or; Wilson, 18 and 398. One wonders whether the whole hide of an animal was used by God for each person, since the Bible says that God used skins (plural).]

The phrase being clothed is used metaphorically in Scripture in an honorable way. One saved and in Paradise is clothed in a white garment (Rev. 3:5) and he is, while in this life, desiring to be clothed with the house or new body to be received one day in Heaven (2 Cor. 5:2). Christians are to be clothed with humility (1 Pet. 5:5). Interestingly, a lack of clothing is associated with sin, heathens, apostasy, and judgment (Gen. 3:7; Isa. 47:2-3; Jer. 13:26; Nah. 3:5; Rev. 3:18 et al). Christians are a clothed people both spiritually and physically.

Modest clothing encourages holiness, not lust. Christians who say that nudity or near nudity does not bother them are either self-deluded or without reason, for "the days are evil and we are called to holiness" (Eph. 5:15). The Christian honors God in dress as well as in all areas of life, and one would do well to ask oneself whether one would dress that way if Jesus were present. Modest clothing is always moderate and never elaborate, decadent, or flashy. So, Christian, is your heart in love with yourself or with God and how would you dress to show that you wish to honor the Master?

NEWS & NOTES

Please Pray

Tim Wilkes, Sr, heart cath/stint Tuesday; **Ginna Honeycutt**, breast cancer; **Williams family, Mary, & Hunter**, traveling; **Sammy Williams**, treatment for prostate cancer soon; **Wiley Tuggle**; **Dylan Moore**; **Clarence & Faye Edwards**.

Far East Missions Fishers of Men NetCasters

Family & Friends

Josephine Ray family, she passed recently; **John Martin family**, Grace's sister Gladys' husband died; **Macadden Easley**; **Jeff & Janie Brister**; **Becky Williams**, Sammy's sister in law, health rapidly declining.

Birthdays

6/3 Amanda Ferrell 6/13 Melaney Ferrell
6/6 Betty Culbreath 6/18 Grace Williams
6/6 Bodie Meredith 6/21 Tim Meredith

Anniversaries

6/3 Clarence & Faye Edwards
6/3 Carl & Ginna Honeycutt
6/4 Larry & Joyce Campbell
6/5 Andy & Molly Ratliff
6/8 Caleb & Elizabeth Baker
6/20 Carl & Mary Zluticky
6/26 Jeffrey & Amanda Ferrell
6/28 Jim & Mischel Jackson

Get Involved!

Independence Gospel Meeting, June 3 – 6

See flyer on bulletin board

Southaven VBS – June 3 – 6 – 6 PM

Trade Days Booth – June 9

Sign up to help with the booth!

Cordova Vac. Bible Time: June 9, 8:30 AM

Coldwater VBS – June 10 – 14, 6:30 PM

Start bringing drinks (individual sizes)

SLCC Session 2 – June 17 – 23

Register ASAP @ sardislakechristiancamp.org

Privileged to Serve

Sunday, June 3

Morning

Prayer Before Class	Jerry Davis
Announcements	Billy Bland
Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	Jeffrey Ferrell
	Jason Bayless
Assist	Will Brooks
	Dalton Owen
Opening Prayer	Tim Wilkes, II
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Closing Prayer	Seth Daniel

Afternoon

Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Opening Prayer	Jim Jackson
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper	Jeffrey Ferrell
	Jason Bayless
	Tim Meredith
Closing Prayer	

Wednesday, June 6

Song Leader	Andy Ratliff
Prayer	John Wofford
Invitation	Clifton Angel
Prayer	Joe Owen

TECH:	Daniel Owen
HALL:	Jeffrey & Amanda Ferrell