

NEWS & NOTES

THE SICK OR THOSE IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS: A relative of Steve Parker, **Billy Parker** has cancer and is in need of our prayers. ~ **Jack and Onzell Tucker** continue to be confined at home. ~ **G.W. Long**, Tanya Hammond's father is receiving cancer treatments. ~ Eric White's father, **Jim White**, continues his cancer treatments. ~ Judy Williams' mother **Flossie Kizzire**, continues in a nursing facility in Fayette ~**Jerry Dickey** and his fight with cancer. ~ **C.L Weathers** is home and is recovering. ~ **Helen Trousdale** is having complications with blood pressure and is shut in.

LET US KEEP OUR EXPECTING MOTHERS IN OUR PRAYERS: Amy Bassham, Andrea Butler, Laurie Chancellor, Katy Garner, and Sarah Blakely. **There may be others that need prayers, please let us know.**

YOUNG ADULT CLASS: Our next study will be on June 21st. If you would like to have this class in your home, the sign up sheet is in the young adult classroom. Thanks

COMMUNICATIONS GROUP: Tonight after our evening service will be the meeting time for "Group C". If you are in this group, be sure to attend this meeting.

CHILDREN'S BULLETIN: There are now children's bulletin's in the foyer. Bulletins are in two groups: Ages 3-6 and Ages 7-12. Grab your copies today!

GOSPEL MEETING: June 8-11 - COLLEGEVIEW in Florence is having their annual lectureship this week. Speakers include **David Banning, Ed Harrell, Bob Owen, David Posey** with **RJ Stevens** leading the singing. Monday – Thursday 9:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 6:30 PM (Congregational Singing), 7:00 PM, 7:50 PM.

VBS: June 7-12 - NORTHSIDE in Lexington with **Lee Wildman** teaching the adult class. "Lessons from the Life of Moses". Mon – Fri 7:00 PM. ~ **SOUTH CULLMAN** with **Bob Dickey**. "Fishing with the Master" Sunday at 3:00 PM. Mon – Fri 7:00 PM. Mon – Thur 10:00 AM. ~ **June 8-11 – MARKET STREET** in Athens. Adult class included each day with speakers including Jeff **May, Bill Hall, Buc Chumbley, John Gibson**. Mon-Thur 10:00 AM.

FOR THE RECORD	Sunday Bible Class	Sunday Morning	Sunday Evening	Wed Evening
Last Week	94	111	74	89

Schedule of Services

Sunday
 Bible Classes9:45 AM
 Morning Worship10:45 AM
 Evening Worship6:00 PM
 3rd Sunday Worship (Singing) .3:30 PM
Wednesday
 Bible Classes7:00 PM

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Men Serving This Week:

Sunday Before Class
Song Leader – Mark McIntyre
Bible Reading – Rodney McCrary (*Joshua 18:11-20*)
Prayer – Aric Butler

Sunday Morning Worship
Song Leader – Mark McIntyre
Prayer – Jimmy Glass
Lord's Supper
Presiding – Phil Pressnell
Assisting – James Adams, Brian Blakely, Billy Wallen, Jeffrey Bassham, Daniel Clemmons
Closing Prayer – Cecil Cox

Sunday Evening Worship
Song Leader – Kevin Chancellor
Bible Reading – Brad Hammond (*Joshua 20:1-9*)
Prayer – Scottie Goode
Lord's Supper – Phil Pressnell, James Adams
Closing Prayer – Rocky Rose

Wednesday Bible Classes
Song Leader – Ronnie Phillips
Prayer – Jerry Dickey
Bible Reading – Daniel Clemmons (*Joshua 21:1-8*)
Invitation – Phil Pressnell
Closing Prayer – Kevin Chancellor

CHILDREN'S BIBLE DRILL



This afternoon at 5:15 PM

Memory Verse: "I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."

Genesis 3:15 (ESV)



SIX QUESTIONS ABOUT MODESTY

Kyle Pope

The Holy Spirit instructs in I Timothy 2:9, 10 – “...That the women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with propriety and moderation, not with braided hair or gold or pearls or costly clothing, but, which is proper for women professing godliness, with good works” (NKJV) With warmer weather upon us it might be good for us to remind ourselves (and ask ourselves) some basic questions about the matter of modesty.

1. How Is Modesty Defined? – There are three words used in the text above which help answer this question: “Modest apparel.” In the Greek this is the word *kosmios* (hōpjft), meaning – “Put in order, Adorn or Decorate” (Bauer, Arnt & Gingrich, p. 445). The verb form of this word is translated “adorn” in this same passage. We could say they were instructed to “order themselves in orderly apparel.” Our clothing must be that which matches the responsibilities and relationships which are a part of the Christian life (respect for others, morality, humility, avoidance of sin, etc.). “Propriety.” The word here is *aidos* (ʌʔaʔt), which communicates both a “sense of shame” and a “sense of honor” (Little Kittel p. 26). The King James renders this “shamefacedness.” The Bible teaches that our bodies are “temples” of the Holy Spirit (I Corinthians 6:19). Christians should feel a sense of honor that leads us to present ourselves decently, and a sense of shame when this is not the case.

“Moderation.” The Greek is *sophrosune* (pscolp-ke) meaning – “Good sense, Sound Judgement” (Newman, p. 178). This speaks of soundness of mind as opposed to intoxication or senility. The King James renders this “sobriety”. We must think soberly about what our attire communicates to others about our values, intentions and priorities.

2. Do I Know What The Bible Says About Modesty? – While the Bible does not lay down a “dress code” for Christians, principles and instructions regarding modesty run throughout both Old and New Testaments. First, we learn in I Corinthians 12:23,24 the

basic truth that there are “presentable” and “unpresentable parts.” Though the world around us has rejected this basic truth, Scripture teaches that the unpresentable parts “have greater modesty, but our presentable parts have no need.” The reason Scripture offers for concealing certain parts of the body relates to the marriage relationship. In marriage a man and woman give themselves physically and emotionally to one another. I Corinthians 7:2-5 teaches that each partner has authority over the body of the other. Leviticus 18:1-30 condemns a variety of sexual relations. Verse eight of this text forbids a person from “uncovering” the nakedness of his father’s wife, the reason being - “it is your father’s nakedness.” There are certain parts of our bodies which should be preserved for our mates alone. Not because they are “dirty” but because God would have us save them for that one person in our lives to whom we have committed our life, love and honor.

3. Does My Apparel Provoke Others To Lust? – In the sermon on the mount Jesus taught - “...whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart” (Matthew 5:28). While this is primarily a challenge to each of us individually to control our thoughts, we must also recognize the responsibility we all have not to put temptation before others. The man who takes off his shirt while working in the heat may unwittingly put an obstacle before someone he doesn’t even know. The woman dressing in tight fitting or low cut attire may do the same. Of course we can’t control fully what others choose to think but we can avoid unnecessarily presenting temptation.

4. Do I Dress To Show Off? – Of the specific items of clothing mentioned in some of the texts related to modesty, what is specifically condemned is high priced “showy” clothing (gold, pearls, etc.). In my judgment the emphasis is not a condemnation of those specific items but rather anything which serves to show off our wealth, physical attributes or status. In Christ we are to emphasize the inner man. Clothing that attempts to flaunt one’s beauty or material standing demonstrates an improper

perspective on spiritual matters, and an attempt to exalt ourselves over others.

5. How Do I Carry Myself? – Modesty is often demonstrated as much by our attitude and conduct as it is by our clothing. When Proverbs six and seven warns the young man of the peril of adultery it speaks of both the attire and a disposition to guard against. The Adulteress is clothed - “with the attire of a harlot” (7:10). She has a - “crafty heart” (7:10). She is “loud and rebellious” (7:11). She uses “enticing speech” and “flattering lips” (7:21) in order to “allure...with her eyelids” (6:25). Christian men and women must demonstrate modesty in both their manner and their disposition.

6. Am I Willing To Be Different? – It would be nice to imagine that the standards of modesty and decency will improve in our world. If recent trends are any indication I don’t think we can count on that happening anytime soon. As a result we must come to grips with the fact that the way we cloth ourselves and conduct ourselves must be dramatically different from what the world does. That demands courage on our part. We must choose “long” when short is popular. We must look “old fashioned” when the new is revealing. Our assurance (as with all things) must be that when we do what God asks, He is pleased with us regardless of what the world thinks of us. Remember - “...Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart” (I Samuel 16:7). **(END) From Faithful Sayings, Vol. VIII, No. 28, July 23, 2006**

Did Jesus Use Carnal Methods to Attract Crowds?

Greg Gwin

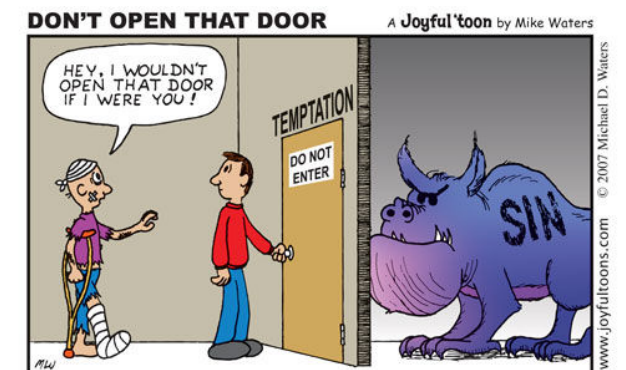
Many religious groups use a variety of carnal appeals to draw people to their assemblies. For instance, there are suppers and ice cream socials, ball games and entertainment events, etc. When asked to justify these activities they will commonly refer to the episodes where Jesus fed the

multitudes. Some have said, 'If you first feed a man's body, then you'll have a chance to feed his soul.' Let's see if their reference to Jesus' activities will really support their practices. There were two separate instances in which Jesus miraculously fed huge crowds of people with small quantities of food. One time there were 5000 men, plus women and children (Mt. 14:15-21; Mk. 6:30-44, Lk. 9:10-17; Jn. 6:1-14). On another occasion there were 4000 men, plus women and children (Mt. 15:32-38; Mk. 8:1-9).

In both instances, the people had followed Jesus to hear His marvelous teaching and to see His amazing miracles. There had never been a promise of food to draw them. In fact, both episodes show the people following long distances and for a long time before they were offered food. For example, in Matthew 15:32 we read "Then Jesus called his disciples unto him, and said, I have compassion on the multitude, because they continue with me now three days, and have nothing to eat: and I will not send them away fasting, lest they faint in the way." Do you see it? The people were not lured to follow by an offer of food. The food came AFTERWARDS, as an act of compassion. The people had NOT come in anticipation of being fed.

We have one reference where Jesus suspected that the people did, indeed, come with a desire of receiving food (Jn. 6:22-ff). On that occasion He DID NOT feed them!

Those who would use the example of Jesus feeding the multitudes to justify their carnal practices today are simply wrong! **(END) From Charlottesville Beacon, Vol 1, Issue 37, June 4, 2006**



"If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door. And its desire is for you, but you should rule over it." **(Genesis 4:7)**