

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**APR 19, 2009**

**SICK LIST:**

**HEALTHCARE CENTERS:** Gertrude Hall, Bertharine Burton

**HOME:** Flora Millwood, Lottie Townley, Ruby Harrison, Johnny & Lizzie Banks, Freddie Alexander, Gloria Windham, Paul Mays, Audie Estus, Maudie Jones, Daniel Dzielinski

**PRAYER LIST:** April Lazenby, Tommy Hollingsworth, David Ray, Amanda Rutledge, Andrew Elliott, Kimberly Wilcox, Pat Cush, Emmitt Pendley, Fritz Pendley, Jerusha Key, Jill Martindale, Larry Myers, Sonya Parnell, Michelle Howell, Anna Turner, Francis Rushing

AM SERMON - BEN WRIGHT - "DRESS FOR SPIRITUAL SUCCESS"

PM - SINGING AND FELLOWSHIP NIGHT

**DESSERTS FOR APRIL 23: MARGIE MAYS; 30: LESLIE EARNEST**

**GOSPEL MEETING AT FAYETTE, APR 26-29**

**DAVID RAY & ANDREW ELLIOTT ARE IN NEED OF ENCOURAGEMENT.  
THEIR ADDRESSES ARE ON THE BULLETIN BOARD**

**SEE GENE OR LINDA FOR BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE COURSES**

**PLACE QUESTIONS IN THE QUESTION BOX**

**SEE DAVID OR GLEN FOR TAPES**

**BIRTHDAYS:**

Apr 24: Brandi Busby & Stephen Phillips

25: Carl Myers

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## TIMES OF SERVICES

**SUNDAY MORNING**

**BIBLE CLASS 9:30**

**WORSHIP 10:20**

**SUNDAY EVENING 5:00**

**WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 7:00**

### ELDERS:

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Good Morning!  
Ben Wright

April 19, 2009  
Sermon Advantage

**DRESS FOR SPIRITUAL SUCCESS**  
**(1 Timothy 2:9-10)**

- I. Dress \_\_\_\_\_.**
- A. \_\_\_\_\_ of God's people must be modest dressers.
  - B. The word "modest" literally means \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.
  - C. What Paul is saying is that we need to dress in such a way that shows to the world our \_\_\_\_\_ life is orderly and in line with God's will.
  - D. The problem in all of this is that man's view of modesty \_\_\_\_\_.
  - E. Again, we must \_\_\_\_\_ to God's standard not man's.
  - F. One must remember that what is worn says a lot about the \_\_\_\_\_ (Proverbs 7:7-10).
- II. Dress \_\_\_\_\_.**
- A. Another word in 1 Timothy 2:9 is "\_\_\_\_\_."
  - B. When we come to \_\_\_\_\_, we should show reverence to God.
  - C. You and I, as Christians, are a royal \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Peter 2:9).
    - 1. When we come before God in worship we need to dress in a way that shows \_\_\_\_\_ for God.
    - 2. If that is what God demanded under the Old Law that was imperfect, what about under the "perfect law of \_\_\_\_\_"?
  - D. We should wear the \_\_\_\_\_ we have before God.
  - E. Now we should keep in mind that our best should be \_\_\_\_\_.
  - F. Our \_\_\_\_\_ with God comes before all else (Matthew 6:33).
- III. Dress \_\_\_\_\_.**
- A. When we dress we should think of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - B. We should never want to give people the wrong \_\_\_\_\_ of us.
  - C. Also, we may dress in a way that is not sinful but our \_\_\_\_\_ may have a problem with it.
    - 1. If my brethren have a problem with it, I am going to \_\_\_\_\_ to them.
    - 2. Not because they are right or wrong, but because that is how \_\_\_\_\_ is maintained (Ephesians 4:1-3).
  - D. If we give some thought, we know what \_\_\_\_\_ modest and what \_\_\_\_\_.

1. Our \_\_\_\_\_ may not and we need to teach them.
  2. \_\_\_\_\_ need to speak up in this area.
- E. We should give great \_\_\_\_\_ to what we put on.

## **PRACTICAL CALVINISM**

### **Patrick Morrison**

The teachings of John Calvin are widely accepted by the majority of those in the religious world today, at least in some form. Calvin formulated his theology in his Institutes of the Christian Religion, published in 1536. Calvin believed that man was born totally depraved, and as such, could never in such a condition move toward (nor would he ever desire to do so) reconciliation with God. These ideas led Calvin to conclude that man was unconditionally elected to salvation or damnation, with no choice in the matter. Further, he concluded that the death of Jesus was limited only to those elected to salvation, and once one was drawn to that salvation (an irresistible calling according to Calvin), he/she could do nothing to lose it. Calvin was heavily influenced by Augustine (4th-5th centuries) in his theology. Those who uphold the Bible have vehemently stood against (and rightfully so) the false doctrines of Calvinism. While we decry his teachings, I am afraid that in the church of our Lord we are displaying a practical Calvinism in regard to evangelism and in regard to keeping the saved saved.

We exhibit a practical Calvinism in our aversion to evangelism. Calvinism asserts that man is irresistibly drawn to God's grace when he is among the elect. We are instructed to go to the world with the Gospel (Matt. 28:19; Mark 16:15-16). Yet, we often sit back and wait on the world to come to us before we will teach another soul the message of salvation. Erecting a building and putting up a sign which reads "church of Christ" is the extent of evangelism for some congregations. Have we convinced ourselves that by some strange phenomenon God will bring the lost to us when we make no diligent effort to go to them? Have we bought into the idea that those who are interested in salvation will somehow find their way to us? Gospel begins with "go." Let us not be guilty of hiding the gospel in the church building (2 Cor. 4:3; cf. 2 Kings 22:8ff).

We also exhibit a practical Calvinism in the way we handle those who have obeyed the Gospel. Calvinism asserts that once an individual is saved by God's grace, he/she can do nothing to lose that salvation. The Bible clearly teaches otherwise (Gal. 5:4; 2 Pet. 2:20-22). We reject the idea of "once saved, always saved," for the Bible contains far too many warnings about the possibility of apostasy. Yet, sometimes we feel we have won the battle when a person is baptized into Christ for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Gal. 3:27).

While this is a monumental step in the life of a believer, it marks only the beginning of his/her journey with God. Many breathe a sigh of relief when a friend or loved one is baptized, thinking that the hard work is now over! That could not be further from the truth! What parents would simply abandon their newborn child to the elements to fend for itself? Yet, we often do this to new babes in Christ. We simply leave them to fend for themselves against the onslaughts of Satan, against the enticements of worldly friends, against the difficult decisions that must be made. It is imperative that we continue teaching those who have obeyed the Gospel (Matt. 28:19; 2 Pet. 3:18). Let us not be guilty of leaving these precious newborn babes in Christ to the wolves.