

spiritually ask Christian women to clothe themselves in a way that does not overtly accentuate the sexual aspects of the body—a problem which seems to be the *essential* goal of most modern fashion.

Requesting such is not hateful, not judgmental, not patriarchal, and not restrictive. It is spiritually mature. And Christian women have every right to ask the same of Christian men (see #3).

6. Modest clothing may require effort and discomfort. It can be hard to find modest clothing that fits. It can be uncomfortable to wear modest clothing in certain weather or while engaging in certain activities. I have never found the biblical passage that indicates I can disregard a spiritual principle because it requires effort or discomfort. We seem to be explicitly told otherwise (Luke 9:23). Jesus came to endure the cross; I will not complain about clothes.

7. Christians are meant to be distinct from the world. "Do not be conformed to the world" (Romans 12:2). But if we don't fit in with the

crowd, isn't that a way of attracting undue attention to ourselves? Our clothing is an opportunity, by aiming to avoid attracting worldly attention, to instead gain the world's attention to spiritual choices. Be different, including in how you dress.

8. Sexual sin has pulled humanity away from God for thousands of years. Sexual immorality and industry hold the world in the palm of their hands. Great leaders of God's people have fallen prey to it. Church members have proudly engaged in it, even defending it. Preachers have fallen. Elders have fallen. Deacons have fallen. Men have fallen. Women have fallen. Youth have fallen. And families have fallen apart.

My brethren, this is not the time to lower the standards of genuine propriety. This is not the time to follow culture away from reasonable boundaries. This is not the time to neglect the applications of spiritual principles and biblical passages. This is a time to "consider it, confer, and speak up!" (Judges 19:30).

May God give us modest hearts.

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday Bible Classes.....10:00
Morning Worship11:00
Evening Worship..... 6:00
Wednesday Classes.....6:30

Free Bible Correspondence Course to all who ask. Please call us or write to us and we will help you get started.

The Spirit is Willing!



The Flesh is Weak.

Burdens and the storms of life can weaken anyone, but Jesus is at the door of your heart, and His Spirit stands ready to help you.

You may be in pain, but Jesus has the soothing touch.
You may be disappointed, but Jesus can give you your heart's desire.
You may be suffering, but Jesus has the strength you need.

Then claim His strength, claim His healing power, and claim His mercy in your life.
For Jesus is at the door of your heart, ready to help. His Spirit is ready, and

Your Spirit is Willing!

A FEW NOTES ON MODESTY FOR CHRISTIAN MEN AND WOMEN:

Caleb Griffith

1. Modesty is broader than sexuality. 1 Timothy 2:9 warns against overdressing, not underdressing. Modesty means dressing in a way that does not draw worldly attention to us. This definitely applies to sexuality, too.
2. Modesty is broader than clothing; it is a matter of the heart. Balance in truthful teaching on this subject, from Scripture and not from cultural biases in either direction, is vital. We must emphasize the heart (1 Peter 3:3-4). But this is not a rebuttal against the applications of modesty to clothing, unless one can explain biblically why internal modesty would ever lead us to external immodesty. Being clothed in character will never result in being "unclothed" physically. "For a tree is known by its fruit" (Matthew 12:33).
3. Modesty applies to men and women. Christian men and women alike should be thoughtful and prudent about how we dress and what we present to others—in person and in pictures. Modesty is not a switch our hearts should turn off at the gym, the game, the pool, or the beach. Be conscientious. Take the initiative in helping guard yourself and others from sexual temptation (Romans 13:13-14).
4. While modesty applies to both men and women, there is an intelligent reason why the Scriptures specify men in the command to guard their gaze (Matthew 5:28) and women in the command to clothe themselves appropriately (1 Timothy 2:9; 1 Peter 3:3-4). Brothers, we have a responsibility before God and our sisters. Sisters, you have a responsibility before God and your brothers.
5. Christian men can (and must) guard their eyes and thoughts (Job 31:1). And they can

FAMILY MATTERS

ONGOING HEALTH PROBLEMS

SICK:

Pat Joiner, Leslie Guevara, Letha Angst, Gracie Pope, Michael Baugh, Melba Wilkins, Brenda Rogers, Jackie Flowers, June Breazeale, Sharon Joiner’s mother, James Parlor, and Gail Brown, Tim Franks, Jan Moses, Barbra Jenkins, Cody Coleman Melissa Hickman’s cousin and Karen Jones. Jiff Dunn, brother-in-law to Joe Blackburn needs our prayers.

LOCAL NEWS

PANTRY ITEMS FOR THE WEEK:
Complete pancake mix and Syrup

CEDAR LANE:

March 29th the adults’ will be going to Cedar Lane for a night out of fellowship. We will meet there at 6:00 pm., if you want a ride, the van will leave here at 5:00 pm. If you are going, please sign the list in the foyer so we can have a room reserved.

AREA-WIDE SINGING:

Today at 3:00 pm is the area-wide singing is at Hillbridge.

MONTHLY SINGING: Next Sunday night is our Monthly singing.

MEN’S MEETING: Next Sunday at 4:00 pm., the men will meet for our business meeting.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARY FOR THE MONTH OF Mar.

- Lynne Brown3/9/1957
- Lorraine Bureks3/4/1963
- Vivian Foster3/24/1945
- Melissa Hickman3/4/1975
- Ryan Hinson3/12/1985
- Heaven Richardson3/19/2008
- James and Sherri Smith3/1/2008
- Scott Smith3/2/1973
- Amorous Williams3/5/2016

Jim Dearman and the TV program “Good News Today” airs on Macon TV every Sunday morning at 6:30 A.M. on WGXA-ABCTV16 both on Cox Cable and over the regular airwaves and may be picked up on an antenna. You can even download an app and see the programs any time you wish. See the website at <http://gnttv.org/> and on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/Good-News-Today-TV>.

SHUT-IN:

Sonny Teagle, Mary Harris
Crystal Pierce

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