

Noteworthy

Prayer Requests: Joe Brown (*cancer*), Karen Berry, Marian Church (*back*), Kelly Cochran, Betty Eubanks (*out of town*), Larry Hicks (*recovering from knee replacement surgery*), Linda James (*on-going medical*), Paul Lloyd, Butch Morgan (*ongoing medical*), Wayne Ryland (*blood pressure irregularity*), Mike Sadler (*sick*), and Ken Turner.

Our family and friends: Elnora Bennet (*Moses Stevens' sister*), Mildred Church (*Shut-in*), Diane Fields (*Keri's mom will need chemotherapy*), Ned Hicks, Brian James (*cancer*), and Ardis Tucker (*scheduled to have knee replacement tomorrow morning*).

Out of Town: Jordan Lawson, and the Marschalls.

Bible Class Review: The next review class for the kids will be July 10th shortly after the evening services, in classroom # 7.

Group Meeting: Group (2) meets tonight after worship.

Gospel Meetings: There is an ongoing series of lessons being presented every Thursday night at the Lutz Church of Christ. Please see the announcement flyer (in the foyer) for details.

Upcoming Changes: The fourth Sunday evening(s) will continue to provide preaching opportunities for the men of the congregation; however, we will discontinue the expanded selection of songs on those nights. Also, the 3rd Sunday singing (in the afternoon) will be discontinued. Instead, we will now have the Bible class hour devoted to singing - every 1st Wednesday of the month. *The 5th Sunday night singings will remain.*

Assignments for Worship Service

Wednesday Night: 6/29/16

Song Leader: Keith Marschall
 Opening Prayer: Neil Miller
 Invitation: Mike Sadler
 Announcements: OPEN
 Closing Prayer: Trent Stevens
 Recordings: Colby Sadler
 Usher: Bob Marschall

Sunday Evening: 7/3/16

Song Leader: Keith Marschall
 Opening Prayer: Ben Cunningham
 Lord's Table: Charles Rawdon
 Announcements: Larry Wisdom
 Closing Prayer: Paul Lloyd
 Recordings: Clay Sadler
 Usher: Mike Sadler

Sunday Morning: 7/3/16

Lord's Table: Charles Rawdon (B)
 Jordan Lawson (C)
 Serving: Ed Lawson
 Eddie Lawson
 Song Leader: Colby Sadler

Opening Prayer: Nick Ross
 Announcements: Larry Wisdom
 Closing Prayer: Neil Miller
 Recordings: Clay Sadler
 Usher: Mike Sadler



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SERVICES

Sunday
 Bible Study 9:00 A.M.
 Morning Services 9:50 A.M.
 Evening Services 6:00 P.M.
 Wednesday
 Bible Study 7:30 P.M.

DEACONS:

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“Attention Ladies!”

Ladies, your **short** dresses are making it more unlikely for you to be surrounded by honorable minded gentlemen. Dresses too short, too low, and too tight may attract men, but such do not attract **gentlemen**. And, they are not inclined to produce honorable thoughts. Think for just a moment — honestly now; you must admit this is true. If you want the men around you to be gentlemen and think about you as gentlemen should, dress (and act) like a lady — better still, as becometh women professing godliness. (1 Tim. 2:10)

Ladies, you sometimes make it uncomfortable for a gentleman to be in your presence. Your dresses are too short when you are standing, and when you are seated a gentleman cannot look in your direction without being embarrassed for you. This presents no problem to unprincipled men, but a gentleman expects, and respects the privacy of a lady. He seeks to maintain her dignity, and looks the other way when she is uncovered. But your indiscretion shows no respect for yourself, nor for his manners.

Frankly, you are embarrassing us. We cannot help being embarrassed when you do not wear enough clothes to hide your nakedness. One high school Bible class studied around tables arranged in a horse—shoe shape. The young men continually refused to sit at

the tables but rather went to the rear of the room. Finally it was discovered that they were embarrassed to sit facing the short skirted girls seated at the tables. But the brethren corrected the problem; they enclosed the tables with wooden skirts.

I thought then it would be better to put skirts on the girls rather than on the tables.

I understand the boys' problem. I teach classes and it is sometimes embarrassing to stand before the class. You find it impossible to freely look at the audience because some of the women do not have on enough clothes. If we can't get ladies to wear more clothes, churches may need to consider buying some lap robes.

Ladies, can you honestly say you think these short, tight skirts are modest apparel? Not, "are they the style" but "are they modest"? If so, how would a woman be immodest? A belt is about the only article of outer clothing that is tighter or shorter! Women who profess godliness ought to be concerned with adorning themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety. (1 Tim. 2:9-f.) They should learn to be discreet, chaste. (Tit. 1:5) Styles should be considered, but I fear some of my sisters in Christ have sacrificed modesty and discretion for style.

Ladies, consider the impression left by such scanty attire. It is by such advertising that the lewd and vulgar appeal to their counterparts. These are the tools of risqué cartoons, dirty jokes, and outright pornography. Do you suppose anyone suspects you are a Christian, on the basis of such clothing? Ladies, wake up! Adorn your inner person for heaven, and allow this primary consideration to dictate correct outer garments.

— Joe Fitch

"From Heaven or from Men"

During the week that led up to Jesus' crucifixion, our Lord was met with opposition concerning the authority by which He taught. Luke records it in this manner...

"Now it happened on one of those days, as He taught the people in the temple and preached the gospel, that the chief priests and the scribes, together with the elders, confronted Him ² and spoke to Him, saying, "Tell us, by what authority are You doing these things? Or who is he who gave You this authority?" ³ But He answered and said to them, "I also will ask you one thing, and answer Me: ⁴ The baptism of John—was it from heaven or from men?" ⁵ And they reasoned among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' He will say, 'Why then did you not believe him?' ⁶ But if we say, 'From men,' all the people will stone us, for they are persuaded that John was a prophet." ⁷ So they answered that they did not know where it was from. ⁸ And Jesus said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things." (Luke 20:1-8)

Matthew also records this confrontation of Jesus by the chief priests, scribes, and elders (Matthew 21:23-27). What we find in this scenario was essentially this: men tried to test the Lord, yet they in turn — were actually tested by Him! Furthermore, in their failure to acknowledge God's authority concerning the baptism of John, they also failed the test in acknowledging Jesus' authority in teaching! Therefore, when considering the matter of authority in religious teaching today, would it be prudent on our behalf to think in terms of what Jesus quizzed these men? With regard to ANY religious teaching; may we ask the question "was it from heaven or from men?" The answer to such questions should therefore involve our searching the Scriptures to determine whether any teaching originated with man — or with God (Acts 17:11). Consider a few sample questions in order for us to see how this can be done.

Are the following propositions from Heaven or from men?

- 1) Your sins have separated you from God. Therefore, in order for one to see the kingdom of God, you must be born again, born of water and the Spirit. Unless you do that, you cannot enter the kingdom of God!
- 2) Repentance is necessary, lest you perish!
- 3) With the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. Therefore, believing in Christ and confessing Him before men are also necessary conditions of salvation.
- 4) Since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and the wages of sin is death. Therefore, one must have their sins washed

away by the blood of Christ; while being baptized for the remission of sins.

- 5) Once one becomes a Christian, he/she can never forfeit their salvation.
- 6) We are saved by "faith only".

*Answers: **Question 1)** From Heaven: Isaiah 59:2; John 3:3-5. **Question 2)** From Heaven: Luke 13:5; Acts 26:20. **Question 3)** From Heaven: Matthew 10:32; Romans 10:9-10. **Question 4)** From Heaven: Romans 3:23, 6:23; Revelation 1:5; Acts 2:38, 22:16. **Question 5)** From Man, it is FALSE: See what God says in Hebrews 10:26-39; 2 Peter 2:20-22; Revelation 2:10. **Question 6)** From Man, it is FALSE: See what God says on that subject in James 2:14-26.*

These are merely a few examples to make the point. Whether the topic is on elementary principles, or is more difficult to discern — seek the authority of the Scriptures. The question the Lord asked his opponents should be one in which we use to determine if any religious teaching is "from heaven or from men". If it is from men, it is therefore without authority, and thus, FALSE (1 John 3:4); needed to be rejected! If from heaven, accept the teaching with all readiness, and apply it to your way of life!

(All Bible quotations from the New King James Version of the Holy Bible)

— Ian Rice