

**Noteworthy**

**Prayer Requests:** Jo Anderson, Joe Brown (*cancer*), Marian Church (*back*), Mildred Church (*shut in*), Jim & Mary Elliot (*taking care of Jim's ailing sister*), Linda James (*shut in*), Yvonne Jordan, Paul Lloyd, Ahrea Miller (*health concerns*), Butch Morgan (*ongoing medical*), Dottie Reynolds, and Suzette Stevens.

*Family and friends:* Roger Church (*Marian's husband*), Ned Hicks (*ongoing medical*), Chuck Goodall (*Charles and Vernita's son*), Denise Jacobs (*health concerns; undergoing testing*), Brian James (*cancer*), Lisa Ross (*Nick Ross' mother*), Wayne Ryland (*medical*), and Ardis Tucker (*ongoing medical*).

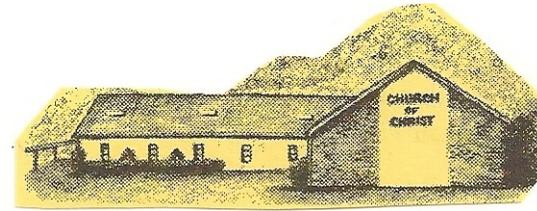
**Group Meeting:** Group 2 will meet tonight after the evening worship service.

**Kids' Review:** Class will be **June 11th** in classroom number 7, shortly after the evening worship service.

**Upcoming Meeting:** The Trilacoochee Church of Christ is currently holding a Gospel Meeting with Ian Rice, May 21th-26th (*Mon thru Fri services begin at 7:30pm*).

**Preaching:** Ronnie Henderson will preach during the AM service, and Jordan Lawson will preach during the PM service, today.

**Fourth Sunday:** Larry Wisdom will preach during the PM service next week, as it will be the 4th Sunday of the month.



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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.

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Robert Marschall  
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***How Does God Address Dress?***

Let's first identify some areas of concern: most, if not all current swimwear; at least some of the uniforms worn by those who participate in sports; shorts that only go down to about mid-thigh, and get even shorter when one sits down; short skirts; low-cut tops, which seem to be very popular with women today; see through clothing; tight clothing; men who walk around without a shirt, or who wear a "muscle shirt"; and even the revealing wedding dresses that some brides wear. How does God address the subject of dress in general, and these areas of concern in particular?

God teaches us a number of qualities or virtues to "put on," all of which have an effect on what we wear, or don't wear. Here's at least a partial list of those qualities: self-control (Galatians 5:23); modesty, shamefastness, and sobriety (1 Weekly Bulletin April 30, 2017 Timothy 2:9, ASV); meekness and quietness (1 Peter 3:3-4); humility (1 Peter 5:5); chastity and discretion (Titus 2:5). Put these on, and we'll have a difficult time putting on any of the outfits mentioned above.

**Assignments for Worship Service**

**Wednesday Night: 5/24/17**

Song Leader: Larry Wisdom  
Opening Prayer: Jim Elliot  
Invitation: Bob Marschall  
Announcements: Mike Sadler  
Closing Prayer: Neil Miller  
Recordings: Clay Sadler  
Usher: Leon Miller

**Sunday Evening: 5/28/17**

Song Leader: Keith Marschall  
Opening Prayer: Nick Ross  
Lord's Table: Bucky Day  
Announcements: Larry Wisdom  
Closing Prayer: Jerry Williams  
Recordings: Bob Marschall  
Usher: Gus Johnson

**Sunday Morning: 5/28/17**

Lord's Table: Bucky Day (B)  
Trent Stevens (C)  
Serving: Jim Abram  
Clay Sadler  
Song Leader: Joe Brown

Opening Prayer: Larry Hicks  
Announcements: Larry Wisdom  
Closing Prayer: Jordan Lawson  
Recordings: Bob Marschall  
Usher: Gus Johnson

God says it's shameful to be naked (Isaiah 47:3; Nahum 3:5; Revelation 3:18), unless, of course, we're in the presence of our spouse, or perhaps members of the same sex (although we would advise great caution with the latter). Sounds rather obvious, but bear in mind that God's definition of naked is a little different than ours. Yes, we're naked when we don't wear any clothes (Job 1:21), but we're also naked when we wear just a "loin covering" (Genesis 3:7, 10), when we show our buttocks (Isaiah 20:4), when we reveal our waist and thighs (Exodus 28:42), and when we expose our breasts (Ezekiel 16:7). Shouldn't a Christian, at least one with the virtues cited above, be more concerned with concealing than revealing?

God warns us about the seriousness of causing others to sin, in passages like Matthew 18:6-7: "But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were drowned in the depth of the sea. Woe to the world because of offenses! For offenses must come, but woe to that man by whom the offense comes!" If speech can be enticing (Proverbs 7:21), so can clothing. Woe to us, if we wear such clothing!

God calls us to a very high standard—His own holiness. "Be holy in ALL your conduct, because it is written, 'Be holy, for I am holy'" (1 Peter 1:15-16). Any-

one willing to argue this does not apply to dress? And here's another passage to ponder: "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed..." (Romans 12:2). For too long, we've allowed the standards of the world to become ours—in many areas, and particularly in the area of dress. Remember, if you're a Christian, you've been sanctified, or set apart from the world (1 Corinthians 1:2; 6:11; 2 Timothy 2:21). Dress accordingly, and that doesn't mean as close to "the line" as possible.

God wants us to set a good example, before both our fellow Christians and the people of the world (1 Timothy 4:12; Titus 2:7-8). When it comes to how we dress, could we join with Paul in saying, "Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ" (1 Corinthians 11:1), or, "Brethren, join in following my example..." (Philippians 3:17)?

- Bryan Gibson

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### *A Neglected Question*

Among the most disappointing stories related in the Bible is the one about the remarkable young man who comes running to Jesus with the important question about eternal life (Matt. 19; Mk. 10; Lk. 18). His composite picture as set forth in the Scriptures is impressive. Not only does he have youth, he also has position and wealth (the very things that

seem to keep many from Jesus!). In addition, he is one of high moral character, having kept the commandments of God from youth. However, his crowning quality is revealed in the question, "What lack I yet?"; he **is still seeking to improve himself!** Who couldn't respect such a man?

But, then comes the disappointing part of the story. It comes when Jesus tells him something he evidently didn't want or expect to hear. Because Jesus knew his heart, He also knew his lack. "And Jesus looking upon him loved him, and said unto him, one thing thou lackest: go, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, follow me. But his countenance fell at the saying, and he went away sorrowful..." (Mk. 10:21, 22). To him the price of following Jesus and gaining eternal life was more than he was willing to pay.

In one way or another, many are repeating the tragic mistake of this young man. Their decision may not be so obvious, but it's the same in that they demonstrate an unwillingness to give up their ways in favor of His. So, they too go away. Oh, not necessarily away from the church building, or away from religion or morality — but they go **THEIR** way and reject His rule. And worse, many go their way without seriously considering the needful, yet easily suppressed question, "what lack I yet?"

Consequently, this needful question becomes the neglected question. Why? Obviously, because of the unwelcomed and incriminating answer! And that poses still another question: "**Do I really want to know wherein I am lacking?**" If not, the other question means nothing. I once knew of a man being considered for elder who invited the offering of any possible objections to his serving. He got plenty. Then, he got plenty mad and began objecting about his objectors! Those who don't want to know of their "lack" will always be lacking — they will forever be going away from Jesus.

On the other hand, those who sincerely seek improvement WANT to know of their lack; they WANT to know what can keep them from heavenly treasures and eternal life. Jesus alludes to the necessity of such a spirit when he tells the young ruler, "if thou wouldest be perfect..." Strong desire underlies every worthwhile achievement, whether doing or learning. "If any man willeth to do His will, he shall know of the teaching..." (Jn. 7: 17). He who truly hungers and thirsts after righteousness (who wants to be right more than all else) will continually confront himself with the question, "what lack I yet?" If he is willing to listen, the Lord still answers through His word. It provides all things that make us complete (2 Tim. 3:16,17). The question is, will I face the question?

- Dan S. Shipley