

**Noteworthy**

**Prayer Requests:** Jo Anderson (*on-going medical*), Joe Brown (*cancer*), Mildred Church (*shut in*), Mary Elliot (*complications with her ear*), Charles Goodall (*on-going medical*), Vernita Goodall (*sick*), Larry Hicks (*sick*), Linda James (*recent fall; pending unrelated surgery*), Bennie Jones (*rheumatoid arthritis*), Paul Lloyd (*rehabilitation in Toledo, Ohio*), Linda McKenzie (*medical*), Butch Morgan (*ongoing medical*), Dottie Reynolds (*back, ongoing medical*), Suzette Stevens (*ongoing medical*).

*Family and friends:* Mary Ergiyit (*Bob Marschall's sister*), Ned Hicks (*Larry Hicks' father, on-going medical*), Brian James (*cancer*), John Marschall (*Bob Marschall's father*), Lindy McReedy (*Cindy Hicks' aunt, cancer*), Wayne Ryland (*ongoing medical*) and Ardis Tucker (*Paula Sullivan's sister-in-law*). Remember and encourage others who are struggling physically and spiritually.

Out of Town: Colby, Kaitlyn Sadler & family; Paula Sullivan

**Group Meeting:** Group 1 will meet next week after the evening worship service.

**Fifth Sunday:** There will be an added emphasis on singing & Scripture reading during the PM assembly next Sunday.

**Men's Training Class:** The 4th Sunday of each month at 5 pm (*Today*).

**Gospel Meetings:** The Trilacoochee Church of Christ has an upcoming meeting with David Eldridge *Sept. 30-Oct 5th*. The Zephyrhills Church of Christ will have a song-service on *Oct. 12th at 7:30PM*. Our fall meeting with Leon Mauldin will be next month (*Oct. 21st-26th*).

**Kid's Review:** Immediately following the PM service next week.

**New Quarter:** Teachers, do not forget that a new quarter begins October 3rd (albeit that is the 1st Wed. of the month & will be a singing night ;-)) New classes therefore begin *Sunday, Oct 7th*.

**Assignments for Worship Service**

**Wednesday Night: 9/26/18**

Song Leader: Joe Brown  
Opening Prayer: Jerry Williams  
Invitation: Larry Wisdom  
Announcements: Larry Hicks  
Closing Prayer: David Williams  
Recordings: Bob Marschall  
Usher: Mike Sadler

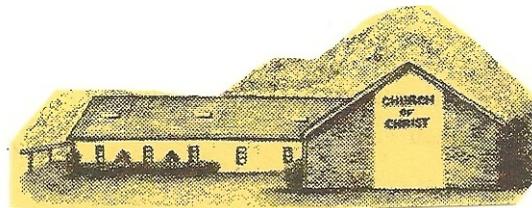
**Sunday Evening: 9/30/18**

Song Leader: Keith Marschall  
Opening Prayer: Leon Miller  
Lord's Table: Sherman Johnson  
Announcements: OPEN  
Closing Prayer: David Williams  
Recordings: OPEN  
Usher: Gus Johnson

**Sunday Morning: 9/30/18**

Lord's Table: Sherman Johnson (B)  
Jordan Lawson (C)  
Serving: Trent Stevens  
Clay Sadler  
Song Leader: Bob Marschall

Opening Prayer: Jim Elliot  
Announcements: Larry Hicks  
Closing Prayer: Bucky Day  
Recordings: Kirk Marschall  
Usher: Gus Johnson



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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 7:00 P.M.

**DEACONS:**

Robert Marschall  
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Moses Stevens  
David Williams

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***"Why Go to Class?"***

Besides assembling for worship on the first day of the week, this church meets regularly to study the scriptures in class settings. Some may ignore these opportunities and others may simply take them for granted, so it is worth inquiring: Why go to class?

We go to class because "*He gave some to be ... teachers*". The Lord equipped the church with people in various roles to foster its growth, as Paul penned, "*He gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ*" (Ephesians 4:11-12). Certainly, each position listed — apostle, prophet, evangelist, and pastor — is one whose work includes teaching. Nevertheless, mentioning "teachers" as a distinct role implies that it is possible to be a teacher without being an apostle, prophet, evangelist, or pastor. Since there are teachers who are not evangelists or pastors, then there must be teaching that is neither preaching nor shepherding. A class is the setting in which such teaching would occur. By neglecting to participate in these classes, one diminishes the ability of the body to effectively edify itself.

We go to class because some need "milk" and some need "meat". Any healthy church will include members from across the spectrum of spiritual growth. There will be the mature

and knowledgeable, as well as the uninformed, and those in between. Members of every standing are necessary (I Corinthians 12:14-24), and each has different needs, as it is written, *"For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil"* (Hebrews 5:13-14). Just as a nursing infant would choke if fed a steak or pork chop, so the novice Christian may be overwhelmed by some of the controversies debated among brethren, requiring instead *"the first principles of the oracles of God"* (Hebrews 5:12). Paul explained to the Corinthians, *"I fed you with milk and not with solid food; for until now you were not able to receive it"* (I Corinthians 3:2).

Conversely, an adult cannot receive sufficient nourishment from milk. It will not sustain him; he needs meat. The Christian who is fed nothing but a constant repetition of *"the elementary principles"* (Hebrews 6:1) will never grow to the maturity desired by God. As Paul admonished, *"Brethren, do not be children in understanding ... but in understanding be mature"* (I Corinthians 14:20). Thus, opportunities are needed to address various members of the church at their respective levels of knowledge and growth. Classes furnished by the church are an appropriate setting in which to accomplish this.

Christians have a responsibility to *"grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ"* (II Peter 3:18) and the Lord has supplied the church with teachers to expedite this purpose (Ephesians 4:14-16). Members of the

church need to let the teachers teach by attending and participating in their classes.

~ By Bryan Matthew Dockens

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### ***"Three Reasons I Do Not Wear Shorts"***

Modesty in our society is a lost virtue. Anywhere you go, you will see men and women in all manner of clothing which is immodest and sometimes embarrassing to look at. Women wear clothing that reveal as much as possible and men are not any better.

This trend of immodesty has made its way into the church. Many justify their immodesty because, "It is not as bad as what the world is wearing". God's law for modesty transcends all dispensations. When Adam and Eve sinned, their efforts to cover themselves were not sufficient to cover their nakedness. God made clothing that was sufficient for them to cover their bodies (*Gen.3:7; 3:21*). Under the Law of Moses, God gave the priest specific instructions on how they were to dress so as not to uncover their nakedness (*Ex.28:42*). In the New Testament we are instructed to dress modestly in such fashion as to not draw attention to ourselves (*2 Tim.2:9-10*).

Some Christians who wear immodest clothing are newer converts, and must be taught. Some who dress immodestly are mature Christians who possess a self-willed attitude. Some of these Christians will get angry if you

approach them with their sin and will stubbornly resist any teaching from the pulpit on the subject. Some will even wear that which has been spoken against in defiance against what has been taught. As a man, it is uncomfortable for me to talk to a sister at the worship services because her dress is too short, or may be too low cut in the front or the back.

Other Christians will wear clothing that are borderline concerning modesty. It is embarrassing to me to go to a gathering of Christians at a social event and see Christian men and women wearing shorts. They justify their shorts because they come down to or below the knee. If you are guilty of this please ask yourself the question, why am I wearing them and what is my motivation in doing so?

There are Three Reasons I Do Not Wear Shorts.

Reason Number One:

God expects us to be different from the world. We are the light and hope of the world. We cannot be an influence to sinners and talk like they talk, act like they act or dress like they dress. God expects us to *"Come out from among them and be ye separate"* (*2 Cor.6:14-18*)

Reason Number Two:

God considers uncovering the thigh as nakedness (*Ex.28:42*). Most shorts that come to or below the knee are loose fitting. No matter the length of these shorts, there is no way to sit in them without uncovering the thigh. I will not dress in a way that God considers

nakedness. We all have our weaknesses. Some Christians struggle with a weakness to lust. I will not be one to cause a brother or sister to be uncomfortable nor will I place a brother or sister in a position to give into their weakness and sin.

Reason Number Three:

I am to set an example. How can I preach on immodesty if I as a preacher wear shorts in public? If I am an elder, how can I be an example to the flock if I dress in a way that is considered inappropriate or immodest? How can I as a Christian speak to a brother or sister about their dress if I myself wear that which is immodest, or bordering on such? How would I be able to justify myself? I do not need to be in a position where I have to defend my dress if that situation arises.

How I speak, act and dress are indications of my heart. People are influenced by my behavior. My Lord will hold me responsible for negatively influencing others to sin. If you are guilty of dressing in a manner that could be considered immodest, I ask you to consider why you dress in such a manner as to call attention to yourself. If you are honest, you will discover a deeper problem of the heart. I implore you to consider what you are manifesting to others, have the proper attitude, and dress in a manner that is appropriate and becoming of a Christian.

~ By Larry Wisdom