

**JULY 05, 2015  
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Announcements**

Larry Wood

**Song Leader**

Dalton Beard

**Scripture Reading**

Casey Harris

**Opening Prayer**

Blair Chapman (A.M.) Ricky Cissom (P.M.)

**Closing Prayer**

Chris Moore (A.M.) Michiel Criswell (P.M.)

**Lord's Table**

Brad McAlister (Presiding),

Starrett Chapman, Kevin Shackelford, Junior Derrick

**Count and Usher**

Eric Melton

Jack Harris

**Prepare Communion**

Brandi Reese and Karen Yancey

**Wednesday Night Song Leader**

Brad McAlister (07/08/15)

**OUR RECORD**

**June 28, 2015**

**Sunday Bible Study: 107**

**Sunday Morning Worship: 125**

**Sunday Evening Worship: 99**

**Wednesday Night Bible Study: 103**

**Budget: \$3,500**

**Contribution this week: \$3,189**

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**What Must I Do To Be Saved?**

1. **Hear** the Gospel (Romans 10:13-17).
2. **Believe** the Gospel (Acts 15:7; Mark 16:15, 16).
3. **Repent** of Sins (Acts 3:19).
4. **Confess** Faith in Christ (Acts 8:37).
5. **Be Baptized** for Remission of Sins (Acts 2:38).
6. **Be Faithful** (Revelation 2:10).

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# THE CHAPMAN CHALLENGER

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Rickey Loveless, Brad McAlister,  
Joel Moore, Wayne Vandygriff, Larry Wood  
**PREACHER:** Mark Lindley

## God Versus Culture: Modesty (1)

By Richard Mansel

It is a sign of the cultural upheaval of our day that modesty is continually prefaced by "old fashioned." It apparently is seen as an outdated notion that has no place in our modern society. This is not surprising since cleavage has now become a fashion accessory. Modesty is commonly referenced in terms of the amount of skin shown in public. Yet, to properly understand the term, the focus of our investigation must be expanded. Modesty is a mindset and a mode of existence. It is the way we see the world and our place within it. Modesty is more than being tethered to moderation in all things, as if it were founded on timidity and self-loathing. Instead, it is a liberation from cultural conventions and a pronouncement of the exaltation of individuality.

C. S. Lewis once said that the traditional idea that when we are nude, our individuality is expressed, is erroneous. On the contrary, he notes, in the nude we are blended together. It is when we are clothed that we are freed from the masses of uniformity.

Summer weather brings the disrobing of society. The false notion that only the "sexual parts," and then only segments of them, must be covered feeds the continual denigration of modesty. Considering that, that which is called modest today would have brought incarceration in previous times evidences the general decline in standards.

Modesty which is prescribed in Scripture encompasses much more than clothing. It is an expression of purity and self-respect. In language, attire and behavior, we exhibit restraint and a higher focus. Jeremiah's lament that Israel had forgotten how to blush, points to the lack of appreciation for the consequences and influences of our actions ( Jeremiah 6:15). This focus brings us to weigh our thoughts, words and behavior against the backdrop of God's Word and its subsequent standards. We realize that we are parts in a whole not simply insignificant dots on a landscape.

Modesty in word means we weigh our words against God's Word. Remembering that evangelism can happen when least expected, we are careful to pull people to God, rather than driving them away. We live as transformed citizens of the kingdom of God who live and work in the secular world ( Ephesians 4:17-19; Romans 12:1-2).

Modesty in behavior means we maintain self-control and employing the Lord's armor, we wage war against our fleshly passions ( Ephesians 6:10-13).

Modesty in behavior, words and deeds will come to bear on modesty in dress. It will not be wildly out of alignment with the remainder of the aspects of modesty. Restraint and godly focus will still be the barometers of our modesty.

In Scripture, modesty refers to being orderly and well-arranged. In 1 Timothy 2:9 we read, "in like manner also, that the women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with propriety and moderation, not with braided hair or gold or pearls or costly clothing" (NKJV). This passage is concerned with the motivations behind what is worn and what it says about the wearer. Does our clothing exhibit a godly attitude? Or, does it portray us as being a fleshly person? Modesty, therefore, will require a transparent honesty and a knowledge of God's will. And it requires a discipleship devoted to bringing glory to God in all that we do.

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## God Versus Culture: Modesty (2)

By Richard Mansel

Modesty is when we adhere carefully to a higher calling in all aspects of our lives. We are careful to be godly in our speech, behavior, attire and attitude. We are more than just reserved, we are respectful of God's blessings and oversight.

Our bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 6:19). Moreover, we carry Christ's name wherever we go. We are in his body and walk according to his will ( Acts 2:47; Ephesians 1:22-23). We are not our own anymore because we have been purchased by Christ (1 Corinthians 6:20; Acts 20:28).

When we work with a company and wear their uniform, we must always be mindful of what we are representing. We would have to watch our language, clothing and behavior. Why would this be any less true of our actions while we wear Christ's name?

Romans 12:1-2 says, in part, that we are to "present our bodies as a living sacrifice, holy acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that [we] may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God" (NKJV).

Several points in reference to modesty can be made.

First, our bodies are not our own. If we are married, our spouses "have authority over [our] bod[ies]" ( 1 Corinthians 7:4). So, when we are immodest, we are showing off that which belongs first to God and second to our spouses.

Second, our bodies are to be sacrifices to God. Do our clothes tell the world we are living sacrifices for Christ? Or, do they just say we are sexually available?

Third, we are not to be conformed to the standards of the world. In Western culture the standard of dress is that most of the "sexual parts" must be covered. But, is what we can get away with good enough for God? Do we not live in his kingdom under his guidance ( Acts 2:47; Ephesians 1:22-23)? Should we not rise above the ways of the world?

The world's standards of modesty and fashion in Western culture are degenerating at an alarming rate. Even in worship, immodesty is everywhere. Some men won't serve the Lord's Supper because of the cleavage and thighs that are on display! Is baring our body during worship respectful of God?

Knowing men are visually stimulated, why would sisters in Christ flaunt their bodies? Do they want men to lust after them? If so, why?

A Christian woman wears barely any clothes and uses the excuse that men aren't supposed to be lusting anyway. This is a pathetic excuse. Women are not supposed to be provoking men to lust. What he does with his eyes and her responsibility to be modest are two separate issues.

Christian men must realize that women are also stimulated by men's bodies. They can be caused to lust, also. Christian men should not be seen without their shirts on or wearing tight, revealing clothing.

Fourth, we are to be transformed and prove that which is good. We are to be glorifying Christ with our bodies and drawing people to his Church. If we are modest in our language, behavior and actions, then our dress will take care of itself. And we will show that inner beauty far transcends man's shallow definition of "good looks."

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### MARK'S SUNDAY EVENING BIBLE CLASS 4:30 PM

Chapman Singing - July 5, 2015  
Tippah County Hospital  
Nursing Home at 2 PM

Visitation Group: July 5, 2015  
Will meet Sunday Night after services  
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Bring finger food or desserts.

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•**MILITARY:** David Spires - GOT TO COME HOME THIS WEEK!!!

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:**

Taylor Crawford, Genice Collette (Mildred Shackelford's Sister), Tony Morrison, Terry Jumper (myasthenia gravis), Renae Koon, Brandon King, Jane Bates, Lylah McGauhy, Fagin and Johnnie Carpenter, Sandra & Niles Jones, Thad Berryman. •**CANCER:** Deborah Gullick (Mother of Stephanie McAlister, Bo & Brian Chapman), Don Allen Riggs, Sam Camp, Sam Warrington (cystic fibrosis & leukemia), Rodney Hilliard, Eva Crawford, Elaine Mauney, Bob Shelton, Sue Mauney, Wade Hodges, Jennifer Pannell (Niece of Sharon Pannell), Grey Roberson, Merida Bane (Barrett & Starrett Chapman's Sister), Donna Daniel (Clint Stroupe's Mother), Katherine Finley, Kane Pannell, Ann Bennett, John Tiesney, Danny Edmonds, Dean McNutt, John Reno, Ruth Greer, Margie James.

•**SHUT-INS: Resthaven:** Oleta Phillips (Mailing: Resthaven Care Center, 103 Cunningham Drive, Ripley, MS 38663), Tippah County Hospital Nursing Home: Bonnie Chapman, Lorene Willis, Lorene Daily, Christine Chapman, Pauline McBryde (Rita Smith's Grandmother) (Mailing: Tippah County Nursing Home, 1005 City Avenue North, Ripley, MS 38663)

My peace  
I give unto you  
Let not your heart  
be troubled,  
neither let it be afraid.  
John 14:27