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Meeting Times:

Sunday:

Bible Study9:45 AM
Worship10:40 AM
Care, Inc. Service 2:30 PM
Worship 6:00 PM

Wednesday:

Ladies Bible Class.10:00 AM
Bible Study 7:00 PM

Elders:

Gene Bannister..... Billy Chism

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Mike Bannister..... Don Smith

James Thomas

Preacher:

Johnny McCaghren

Works We Support:

Cherokee Home for Children
Gospel Broadcast Network
Heart of Texas Bible Camp (Bangs)
House to House, Heart to Heart
Mission Printing
Rohan Jones, Africa
The Truth in Love
World Bible School

Let us know if you want to study
the Bible to know more about
Christ and His Church.

A great reminder as we head into the summer months!

Modesty Is NOT Situational

Inconsistency is a dangerous habit for Christians to fall into, both for our own spiritual sake and because of the example we show to others through our lives. Sadly, modesty in what we wear is one of the areas in which it is easiest to fall into such inconsistency.

In the Bible, we see that God puts a lot of emphasis on making sure that we don't become a stumbling block to others, to the best of our ability. This includes dressing in such a way as covers our nakedness, that does not expose our bodies to those who could more easily stumble if we didn't dress modestly. Most Christians agree that such modesty should be a priority, and so we dress according to certain standards in our daily lives.

However, these standards are often either lowered or outright discarded in certain situations or during certain activities, like at the pool or beach, where most families wear swimwear that reveals more than they would ever consider showing with regular clothing; during weddings, when many brides and bridesmaids show far more skin than they usually would any other day; at school formals, where dresses are often more revealing than most of the other clothing in the girls' closets; or at the gym, where tight yoga pants are worn by women who would otherwise only choose to wear loose-fitting clothing and men are equally likely to reveal more of their bodies.

Any situation can become someone's "modesty exception." Why do we put up with this in our lives? How do we justify this obvious inconsistency? I believe that we most often compromise our modesty standards by falling into one of two traps.

Sometimes, we slip into a "situation ethics" mindset, as if the activity is what determines modesty. We begin to think that what is immodest to wear day-to-day is not immodest for swimming/prom/etc. This line of thinking simply doesn't hold up, logically or biblically. If we believe wearing a certain article of clothing could cause us to become a stumbling block in *some* situations, then it is a potential stumbling block in *any* situation. For example, underwear would be considered incredibly immodest attire anywhere outside of a person's own bedroom and a stumbling block to those around... yet in the presence of a swimming pool or beach the same cut of material isn't considered to be a stumbling block.

The Bible is not ambiguous in describing stumbling blocks and how we should avoid becoming such. It does not make exceptions or use qualifiers. In 1 Corinthians 8:13, Paul said he would give up eating meat completely rather than risk causing a fellow Christian to stumble. He didn't say he would cut down on eating meat as often, or that he would restrict himself to eating meat only in certain settings. He said he would *never* eat meat so as to not become a stumbling block to a

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"Jesus said to him, **"If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me."** But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions." **Matthew 19:21-22**



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brother or sister.

Other times, we develop a defeatist attitude when modest options for a given activity aren't immediately apparent to us. We resign ourselves to the fact that our culture just won't accommodate our modesty standards, and so we settle for the most modest option of what's readily available. We take a "lesser of two evils" stance and figure that'll have to be good enough, consoling ourselves by looking around and saying, "At least I'm dressing more modestly than the majority of people." The two implications here are that we've exchanged Biblical modesty standards for our culture's modesty standards, and also, that modesty is defined by the majority. This line of thinking in no way excuses us when we dress immodestly.

First of all, we should never use the world's standards in setting our own standards. Romans 12: exorts us to be transformed by the renewal of our minds rather than conforming to the world. Additionally, in 2 Corinthians 6:14-18, Paul reminds us of the inherent difference of priorities between those who are slaves to Christ and those who are slaves to the flesh... our goals are intrinsically opposite. Whereas the world ultimately seeks self-gratification, we ultimately seek to love and serve God and to love and serve others. These conflicting goals and priorities will never agree on the same modesty standards.

Secondly, the only way we should be setting our standards is through careful Biblical consideration and prayer, never by listening to the majority. This principle is a foundational biblical truth. Throughout history, God has been proven time and time again to be the *only* reliable source through which we define our moral standards, and whenever God's people started listening to the opinion of the majority over God's standards, the results were always disastrous.

These are common pitfalls and it's so easy for us to slip into these traps unintentionally, which is why it's so important to be aware of them. Since it can be very easy to unknowingly slide into the world's way of thinking that

nudges us away from God's will, we must be in a constant state of self-evaluation. We needn't be paranoid... God's grace *does* cover a multitude of sins. Yet we must still always be seeking to grow and improve and expand our understanding of God's Word and His will.

Why do we place such emphasis on consistent modesty? Because we love God and we love others! We desire to obey God, and in His wisdom He showed us how important it is to look out for each other's' spiritual wellbeing. Dressing modestly is one way to put this principle into action in our lives. Let us strive and pray for God's help to do so consistently!

Allison Wilkie (focuspress.org)

2017 SUMMER YOUTH SERIES
IMITATING CHRIST - Called Unto Holiness

June 6 – *The Holiness of Christ*
BANGS

June 13 – *Holiness and Worship*
HAMILTON

June 20 – *Holiness and Respect for God's Word*
RISING STAR

June 27 – *Junior Camp - No SYS*

July 4 – *No SYS*


July 11 – *Holiness and Purity of Speech*
DE LEON

July 18 – *Senior Camp - No SYS*

July 25 – *Holiness and Modest Appearance*
HICO

August 1 – *Holiness and Good Companionship*
HILLCREST

August 8 – *Holiness and Overcoming Temptation*
4th and STEWART



Television

The Truth In Love (Robert Dodson)

Sunday @ 7:00am on KTAB

In Search of the Lord's Way (Phil Sanders)

Sunday @ 7:30am on KTAB

Life In The Light (Chris McCurley)

Sunday @ 10:30am on KTAB

Radio

Preaching the Word (Michael Light)

Sunday @ 9:00am on KOXE 101.3

Internet

TheGospelRadioNetwork.org

Gospel Broadcasting Network (Gbnv.org)

God's Plan for Redeeming Man

Hear Learn the saving message of Christ's sacrifice (1 Cor. 1:18; Rom. 10:17).

Believe Jesus is the Son of God (John 8:24)

Confess Jesus as your Lord, Lawgiver, and King (Rom. 10:9-10; Matt. 10:32-33)

Repent of your sinful conduct (Luke 13:3,5)

Complete your initial obedience to the gospel by being **baptized** for the forgiveness of your sins (Acts 2:38; 22:16)

Live faithfully (Rev. 2:10; 2 Tim. 4:7-8)

Bible Reading Schedule

- June 4 Job 27-29; Acts 10-11
- June 5 Job 30-32; Acts 12-13
- June 6 Job 33-35; Acts 14-15
- June 7 Job 36-38; Acts 16-17
- June 8 Job 39-41; Acts 18-19
- June 9 Job 42; Psa. 1-2; Acts 20-21
- June 10 Psalms 3-5; Acts 22-23
- June 11 Psalms 6-8; Acts 24-25

"Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."



Visitation Meeting

- ◆ Each Sunday night immediately before the evening worship. Last week **32 contacts** were made.

Announcements

- ◆ **First Sunday Fellow Meal today.**
- ◆ **Vacation Bible School this week at Bangs.** 9:00-11:00am. Monday-Thursday. Ages 3 years through 7th grade.
- ◆ **Summer Youth Series at Bangs,** Tuesday at 7:00pm.

Upcoming Special Events at 4th & Stewart

- ◆ August 8—Summer Youth Series
- ◆ August 12—Back to School Family Game Night
- ◆ October 15-18—Fall Gospel Meeting w/ Dave Rogers
- ◆ November 4—Ladies' Day w/ Lasha Dennis

Other Opportunities to Learn and Grow

- ◆ June 25-29—Junior Camp
- ◆ June 30-July 2—Gospel Meeting @ Meridian w/ D.J. Stucky, "The Great High Priest"
- ◆ July 1—Youth Day @ Meridian
- ◆ July 9-13—"Shine" camp (girls, incoming 7th-12th grade) @ Oldham Lane (Abilene).
- ◆ July 16-21—Senior Camp
- ◆ August 2-4—VBS @ Hamilton (All ages)
- ◆ August 6-9—Gospel Meeting @ North Main (Weatherford) w/ Wade Webster
- ◆ August 18-24—Polishing the Pulpit



Kids! Make sure your parents get you to Time Travelers, Wednesday evenings, June-August, all ages through 6th grade. Bring a friend!

SYSS

FREE FOOD
For the soul.

DATE: June 6th **SPEAKER:** Bryan Braswell

TIME: 7pm **TOPIC:**

PLACE: Bangs Church of Christ
306 Goodwin St. Corner 5th & Fitzgerald **The Holiness of Christ**

Celebrate

"Rejoice with those who rejoice..." (Romans 12:15)

June Birthdays: Mike Bannister (4), Caleb Dennis (6), Loutrell Dobbins (8), Shannon Dennis (13), Tiffany McCaghren (22), Donnie Evetts (24), David Greer (26), Stormy Barnum (27), Ashley Kahlich (29).

June Anniversaries: James & Laverne Thomas (5), Johnny & Cindy McCaghren (8), Wayne & Mileen Kahlich (19), David & Lisa Greer (28).



Records

	May 21, 2017	May 28, 2017
Bible Class	40	40
AM Worship	60	57
PM Worship	52	40
Wednesday PM	44	43
Contribution	\$1,976	\$2,250

Privileged To Serve

"...be ready to every good work" (Titus 3:1)

	This Week: 6/4/17	Next Week: 6/11/17	June 2017 Make Announcements: John Barnum Prepare Communion: James & Cindy Fuller Clean Building: Randy & Laura Huckaby Karen Bland July 2017 Make Announcements: James Fuller Prepare Communion: Johnny & Cindy McCaghren Clean Building: Johnny & Cindy McCaghren	
Sunday AM:	Song Leader: Joe Dennis	Song Leader: James Fuller		
Greeters	John Barnum Family	Tom & Carol Wilcox		
Opening Prayer	Gene Bannister	Allen Griffith		
Communion	James Thomas*, Allen Bland Larry Petty, James Fuller	Rafe Smith*, Jack Turner Ken Maninger, Chase Churchwell		
Closing Prayer	Ryan Rudloff	John Barnum		
Attendance Cards	Ian Barnum	Jaceten Evetts		
Sunday PM:	Song Leader: Joe Dennis	Song Leader: James Fuller		
Opening Prayer	Rafe Smith	James Fuller		
Scripture Reading	Allen Griffith	Don Smith		
Communion	James Thomas	Rafe Smith		
Closing Prayer	Don Smith	Gene Bannister		
Wednesday Devotionals:	June 7 Prayer Night	June 14 Rafe Smith	June 21 Tom Wilcox	June 28 Don Smith

Search the Scriptures

Be like the Bereans who "received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so." (Acts 17:11)

Studies for the week of June 4, 2017	Sunday Class Romans 6:12ff
	Wed. Class Prayer

<u>The Difficulty with Riches – Matthew 19:16-26</u>	<u>Behavior in the Church – 1 Timothy 3:14-16</u>
<p>The rich young ruler came to the right person, asked the right questions, received the right answers, but made the wrong decision. What is it about being rich that makes salvation so difficult?</p> <p>I. The Difficulty with Riches.</p> <p>A. The Captivating Interest of Riches.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Riches do not satisfy (Eccl. 1:8; 5:10). With riches comes the preoccupation with them. <p>B. The Fraudulent Promise of Riches.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Jesus warned about the deceitfulness of riches (Matt. 13:22). Riches promise much, but really offer little in return (Prov. 23:5; Matt. 6:19; Ps. 49:6-9, 16-20, Zeph. 1:18). Riches can deceive one into thinking they need nothing (Luke 12:16-21). <p>C. The Irrational Conceit of Riches.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Wealth tends to promote a sense of arrogance and pride (Deut. 8:11-17). It was such pride that was the downfall of Sodom and Israel (Ezek. 16:49-50; Hosea 13:4-6). <p>D. The Hardening Self-Interest of Riches.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The wealthy often close their hearts to the cry of the poor. This was one of Israel's sins (Amos 2:6; 5:11-12; 8:4-6). <p>II. Lessons Learned from the Difficulty of Riches.</p> <p>A. The Foolishness of Covetousness.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Covetousness is viewed by God as a form of idolatry (Eph. 5:5; Col. 3:5). It not a sin to be rich, but the desire to be rich is wrong (1 Tim. 6:9; Prov. 28:20). <p>B. The Responsibility of Contentment.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Contentment along with godliness is true wealth (1 Tim. 6:6-7). Contentment is a virtue that is learned (Phil. 4:11-12). Christians are to be content with what things we have (Heb. 13:5). <p>C. The Necessity for Compassion for the Rich.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Jesus loved the rich young ruler (Mark 10:21). The rich are in need of salvation as much as the poorest beggar. <p>D. Faith in the Power of God.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Though it is hard for a rich person to be saved, it is not impossible (23-26). There were many rich people who became Jesus' disciples. 	<p>I. Paul's Purpose in Writing (14-15).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Paul wrote so that we might know how to conduct ourselves in the "house" of God (15) – which he then identified as "the church of the living God". The Lord's church is the, "pillar and ground of the truth". The church is to hold up and support the word of God in a world lost in sin! <p>II. The Mystery of Godliness (16).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> There was no "controversy", no dispute, about the mystery of godliness. "Mystery" does not mean something which cannot be understood. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Often used in connection with Christ's coming to save mankind. This use is confirmed by the six phrases that follow. "God Was Manifested in the Flesh". <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A reference to Jesus as deity coming to earth to become a man. He took on flesh and blood to help us win the victory over sin and death! God was "manifested" in His beloved Son Jesus the Christ. "Justified in the Spirit". <ol style="list-style-type: none"> "Justified" – cleared from accusations or charges made against someone. Many false charges and accusations were made against Jesus. Yet, Jesus was cleared from those false accusations by the Holy Spirit! "Seen by Angels". <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Angels were associated with and ministered to Jesus throughout His life. Angels were truly interested in the unfolding of the "mystery of godliness" "Preached Among the Gentiles". <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Jesus commanded to preach the Gospel to all people and nations. His disciples did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ – to the Jews first, then to the Gentiles. Christ broke down the barrier between Jews and Gentiles through the blood of His cross, reconciling both to God in His one church! "Believed on in the World". <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The message of the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ was so powerful that it created faith in honest and good hearts. "Received Up in Glory". <ol style="list-style-type: none"> This is a clear reference to Jesus' ascension back into Heaven. And Jesus was received up, "in glory".