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Bible Study.....9:30 a.m.
Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Ladies Class.....10:00 a.m.
Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

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**IN
SEARCH**
OF THE LORD'S WAY

Sundays @ 8:30 a.m. Check local listings



*All ladies are invited to join us for
coffee and conversation about modest living at our*

2018 Ladies Day

Dressing the Hidden Woman of the Heart

with speaker

Susan Stearsman

Saturday, October 6, 2018

8:30 a.m. Registration & Breakfast

Program begins at 9:30 a.m. & will conclude with lunch



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The Attire of a Woman's Heart

First Timothy 2:9-12 is a passage of Scripture most “modern thinkers” do not like. The very idea that God would limit what women can do in the church is a real turn-off to many people. What people need to realize, however, is that the Almighty God, who created us, knows what works best in human relationships, whether in the home or in the church! Concerning leading worship where both men and women are present, God wills that “men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting” (1 Tim. 2:8). The word translated “men” (from *aner*, ἀνὴρ) is gender specific for males (same word in Acts 8:12; 17:12; 1 Tim. 2:12). In contrast to men who are to worship by providing holy leadership, women are to worship by allowing the men to lead. This is not easy to those of a worldly-mind. However, when Christian women correctly “dress” their hearts, God’s “commandments are not burdensome” (1 Jn. 5:3), and His will is done!

Internal Wardrobe

Paul, through the Holy Spirit, addressed the proper, spiritual clothing when he wrote, “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, ¹⁰but, which is proper for women professing godliness, with good works” (1 Tim. 2:9-10). In these verses, Paul gave three pieces of the character-outfit Christian women are to wear appropriate to their God-given role in the church.

First, Christian women are to dress modestly. The term “modest apparel [proper clothing, NAS; respectable apparel, ESV]” is from a word (*kosmios*, κοσμίος) that means respectable, honorable; in good taste. The Greek word occurs again only one other time, where it is used of an elder’s qualification to be “of good behavior [orderly, ASV; respectable, NAS]” (1 Tim. 3:2). A person’s outward appearance is a mere reflection of her heart (cf. 1 Pet. 3:3-4). What do Christian women reflect when they wear clothes that attract undue attention to themselves, whether it is too much or not enough? A woman who wants all the attention will not easily be submissive to men in matters of leading worship.

Second, Christian women are to dress their hearts respectfully. The word “propriety [shamefacedness, KJV; modestly, NAS; with modesty, ESV]” is translated from a word (*aidos*, αἰδώς) that means modesty, reverence, respect. The word occurs again in some manuscripts only in Hebrews 12:28, where it is translated “reverence.” Respect, or reverence, for God is necessary for a woman to fulfill her role of submission to a man’s leading in worship. Respect for God’s word will allow her to submit and follow God’s instruction on any matter, including worshipping God in spirit and in truth (Jn. 4:24).

Third, Christian women are to dress in sound judgment. The word translated “moderation [sobriety, KJV; discretely, NAS; self-control, ESV]” (from *sophrosune*, σωφροσύνη) means reasonableness, rationality, mental soundness; good judgement, moderation, self control (1 Tim. 2:9, 15). When a Christian woman’s heart is dressed in this spiritual garment, she will be able to discern the boundaries that God has set and what actions, even those of a particular culture, would transgress those boundaries (cf. 1 Cor. 11:2-16; 14:34-35). A heart that is not clothed in these three traits will promote the opposite of a submissive spirit!

External Fashion

Rather than dressing to receive excessive attention given to physical adornment, Christian women are to dress themselves outwardly with good works (1 Tim. 2:10). Good works are to be her attraction and proof of a life given to God (cf. 1 Tim. 5:10). Jesus told all Christians, “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven” (Mt. 5:16). As male prayers are to come from holy lives, so female dress is to come from godly hearts that translate into submissive lives. Women who claim to be followers of God ought to internally dress and externally act as such, but that can only happen when their hearts are clothed with modesty, respect, and sound judgment! Indeed, “Charm is deceitful and beauty is passing, But a woman who fears the LORD, she shall be praised” (Pr. 31:30). ♥ Brian

SFA FAMILY MATTERS

Prayer List

Our Members: Sharon Washington, Dorothy Trice, Bill Long, Ron Cox, Wayne Shearer, Faith West, Jim Turner, Ginny Hamby, and Margaret Coone.

Shut In Members: Carol Eason, Virginia Plumlee, Dick & Joyce Burbage and Sharon Edler.

Others: Harold Hooks, Lynn Stevens, Chrissi Fuesner, Ruth Brunson, Chip Bolding, Ray Parker, Tonya Mathis, (daughter of Darlene Thompson), Alexa William's mother, Sandy (daughter of Tim Croson), who has had a heart attack, Barbara Paulin, Connie Jordan, (daughter of the Edmonsons), and Maureen Nichols, relation to Darlene Thompson.

Upcoming Events.

Saturday Sept 29th: Farewell to Summer, Cook-Out and Corn Roast. Games at 2:00 p.m. Dinner served at 5:00 p.m. Please bring side dishes and drinks.

Sunday Sept. 30th: Monthly Fellowship Meal. David Williams team has set-up and clean-up.

Saturday Oct. 6th: Ladies Day here at S.F.A. at 8:30 a.m. for registration and breakfast. Program begins at 9:30 a.m. Speaker is Susan Stearsman.

Sunday Oct 7th: Fellowship In-Service after evening worship service.

Saturday Oct. 27th: Youth Seminar here at S.F.A. at 8:30 a.m.

Thank You

Dear church family, Thank you so much for the cards, calls, food and most of all prayers. I am so blessed to be in such a loving family. Love you all, Linda McShane

Dear church, Thank you for the visits, cards, calls and food you have prepared for us. It was very much appreciated. We will be moving to our new home at Carpenters Estates this week. We hope to continue to have you come by to visit.

Congratulations

David Fera, son of Tania Portelle's, was baptized into Christ on Sunday Sept. 23rd. Let us welcome him into our family.

Sympathy

Joyce Stearsman passed away on September 18th in Tennessee. Please keep all the family in prayer.

Response

Ron Cox asked for the prayers of the congregation.

Visitors

Jenifer Waldon, Eric Bunch, Joshua Vandervort, Katherine Nester, Junior Erickson, Sebastian Wagner, Stacey Wilson and Johnny Davidson.

SCHEDULED TO SERVE

October

David Anderson **Table** Phil Fife
Tyler Anderson **Assist** Kyle Faneuf

Sunday, September 30, 2018
9:30 A.M.

Song at Bible Class Matt Willcut
Prayer Wesley Brunson

10:30 A.M.

Announcements Wayne Shearer
Song Leader Jason Hendrix
Opening Prayer George Beals
Sermon Hiram Kemp
Closing Prayer Tucker Sweeney
Sound Booth Casey Paulin

6:00 P.M.

Song Leader Paul Romine
Opening Prayer Kenny French
Sermon Hiram Kemp
Closing Prayer Dennis McCarter
Sound Booth Casey Paulin
Greeters Nona and Jeanelle (before) T. Andersons (after)
Att. Cards Colby/Sawyer
Open & Close Building Jimmy Sweeney

Wednesday, October 3, 2018

Song Leader Vince Daugherty
Opening Prayer Fred Strickland
Closing Prayer Matt Willcut

*Please meet in the library. If you cannot serve, please call
Stacey Paulin so he can get a replacement - (863) 838-8911*

Sunday, October 7, 2018
9:30 A.M.

Song at Bible Class Ken Walker
Prayer Kyle Bingle

10:30 A.M.

Announcements Wayne Shearer
Song Leader Jason Hendrix
Opening Prayer Alex Parramore
Sermon Brian Kenyon
Closing Prayer Wesley Brunson
Sound Booth C.J. Grimes

6:00 P.M.

Song Leader Paul Romine
Opening Prayer John McShane
Sermon Brian Kenyon
Closing Prayer Casey Paulin
Sound Booth C.J. Grimes
Greeters Longfellows (before) Dixs (after)
Att. Cards Willcut boy's
Open & Close Building Jimmy Sweeney

Wednesday, October 10, 2018

Song Leader Matt Willcut
Opening Prayer Dustin Walling
Closing Prayer Alex Parramore

~ HOW ARE WE GIVING ~

Sept	2	\$7,194.09
Sept.	9	\$5,823.01
Sept.	16	\$5,625.80
Sept.	23	\$5,728.87
Contribution Average		\$5,792.70
2018 Weekly Budget		\$4,887.98

~ Communion to Shut-ins ~

Sept	30	Shearer
Oct	07	Sweeney
Oct	14	Potvin
Oct	21	Parramore
Oct	28	Kemp

A Great Resource has become available for every member of the South Florida Avenue church of Christ! The apostle Peter's last written words were, "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen" (2 Pet. 3:18). Knowledge of God's word is of supreme importance! Not only must our faith originally come from Bible knowledge (Rom. 10:17), it must continue and end through Bible



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knowledge! We must constantly learn about "Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith" (Heb. 12:2). Our eldership has made available this treasure trove of Bible based information. This resource contains sound information on almost every Bible topic of major interest. There are lessons on Bible verses, Bible characters, Bible places, and Christian living. There are workshop-type lessons on being a more effective elder, deacon, preacher, Bible class teacher, and song leader. There are also lessons to improve our parenting skills and on being a better neighbor. We can even take the lessons with us and listen to them in the car or on break at work. Let us constantly improve ourselves as Christians to God's glory ❤️ *Brian*



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Return Service Requested

The End of Your Search for a Friendly Church . . .



We rejoice with the angels that David Feria was baptized into Christ Sunday, Sept. 23, 2018. We thank God for giving us His plan of salvation (Mt. 28:18-20; Acts 2:38). Let us welcome our new brother in Christ!

Falling in love with Jesus

South Florida Avenue church of Christ
invites you to the

October 27th Youth Seminar



Attention Song Leaders & Future Song Leaders

In response to the recent congregational "vision survey," our elders would like, if at all possible, our evening song leaders to also use the PowerPoint to display their songs. This will be new for some and will involve a learning curve, but it is doable for the betterment of Christ's cause (Phil. 4:13). If you are not familiar with nor have access to PowerPoint, we will have volunteers to put the songs you select into PowerPoint. We will need assistance in this. If interested in serving in this capacity, **Please Attend the Meeting Sunday, Oct. 7, After Evening Services.** God can accomplish great things through us when we serve Him!