

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

WEEK OF SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

Announcements	Todd Webb
---------------	-----------

SUNDAY DOOR MONITOR

Gary Robinson	Ricky Davis
---------------	-------------

MORNING WORSHIP

Adult Bible Class Prayer	Dereck Crawford
Song Leader	Jondan Rothfus
First Prayer	Henry Robinson
Sermon	John Chowning
Lord's Table	Todd Webb
Closing Prayer	Jay Whitson

EVENING WORSHIP

Song Leader	Jonathan Whitson
First Prayer	Allen Cantrell
Sermon	John Chowning
Lord's Table	Ron Brown
Closing Prayer	Bobby Rothfus

Wednesday September 27, 2023

Song Leader	Adam Swallows
Scripture Reading	Gary Robinson
First Prayer	Ron Brown
Devotional Talk	Allen Cantrell
Closing Prayer	Glen Belcher

Wednesday Door Monitor

Jere Whitson

Jere Whitson is responsible for worship assignments. If you are going to be absent or need to request changes, please contact him.

Gospel Broadcast Supported
Preaching the Gospel
Sunday 7:30 A.M. – Ch. 11

Important News:

2023 Theme Back to Bible Basics

Example of the Lessons to be Taught:

- New Testament church
- Christian Living
- Matters of Salvation
- How to Teach Others
- Organization of the Bible

The intent of 2023's theme is to teach a wide range of subjects throughout the year.

THIS WEEK'S TEXTS

AM class-- Colossians 3:22-4:6

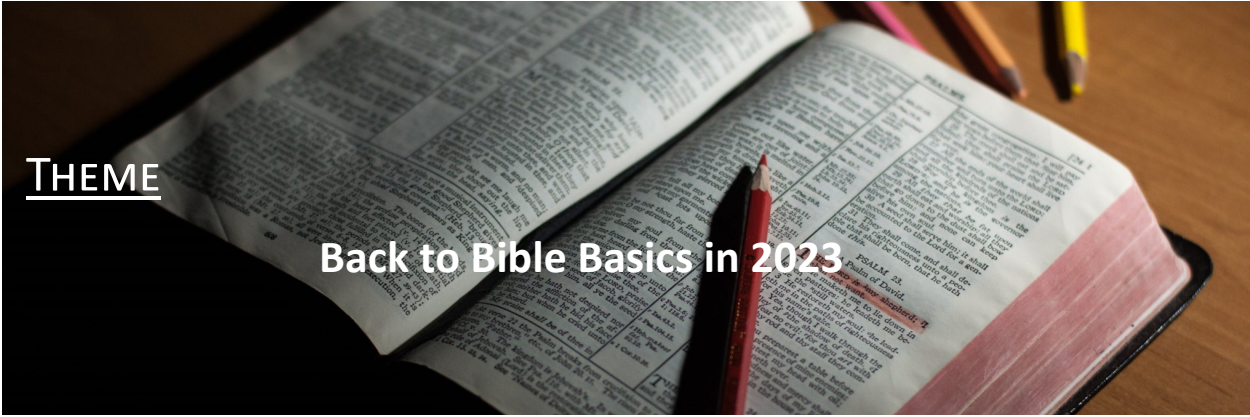
AM sermon-- Hebrews 6:1-2

PM sermon-- Mark 9:30-50

CHRISTIAN MESSENGER
(USPS 961-220)
Published weekly by
Algood Church of Christ
395 West Main Street
Algood, TN 38506-5391

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to:
Christian Messenger
395 West Main Street
Algood, TN 38506-5391

**PERIODICALS
POSTAGE
PAID
COOKEVILLE, TN
38501**



CHRISTIAN MESSENGER

A publication of the ALGOOD CHURCH OF CHRIST located at
395 West Main St. | Algood, TN 38506

SUNDAY

Bible Study9:00 AM
Morning Worship.....10:00 A.M.
Evening Bible Study.....5:25 P.M.
Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study.....7:00 P.M.
Ladies Bible Class10:00 A.M.
(September - May)



www.algoodcofc.com



It Is Written



readthewordtoday.com

Volume XLIV Thur. September 21, 2023 Number 38

What Shall I Wear Today?

This is a question we ask ourselves every day of the week. Because we own more to wear than the outfit we currently have on, a decision has to be made. What we select in response to this recurring question communicates much about our character and our commitment to God and His will.

Prior to the introduction of sin into our world, this was not a question Adam or Eve had to consider (Genesis 2:25). However, since that fateful day when “the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew they were naked” (Genesis 3:7), humans have needed to clothe themselves in harmony with God’s standards (Genesis 3:21).

The Scriptures give four righteous principles to govern our daily choice of clothing.

Dress in submission to the Lordship of Jesus Christ. “And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him” (Colossians 3:17).

Jesus’ authority over each of His disciples is absolute. We have been redeemed by His blood; therefore, we are to glorify God in our body and spirit (1 Corinthians 6:20). Every decision we make is to be governed by His authority and in harmony with His will. Just as God was not silent on the matter of dress in the Old Testament—garments could not be made out of linen and wool (Leviticus 19:19), tassels were to be worn on the corners of garments (Numbers 15:37-41), and priests were not to be improperly dressed when ministering in the tabernacle (Exodus 28:40-43)—the New Testament declares that God’s will, not the world’s “fashion” is to be followed by all His children (Romans 12:2).

Dress modestly and inexpensively. “In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array; but (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works” (1 Timothy 2:9-10).

A Christian’s clothing should not flaunt his/her wealth, looks, or body. Modest apparel is orderly, well-arranged, and decent. It is an expression of the godly virtue of chastity. “Shamefacedness” includes the idea of seeking to not embarrass yourself by being attired in something inappropriate in appearance or for the occasion. “Sobriety” is an indicator of self-control and sanity. A person committed to godly living and good works will clearly dress differently than those who are not. God has a distinctive dress code for His royal family.

Give greater concern and priority to the beauty of the inner person, not the outer one. “Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; but let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price” (1 Peter 3:3-4).

No matter how expensive they may be, pretty clothes cannot hide an ugly spirit. Though few may have the good looks of Joseph (Genesis 39:6) or Esther (Esther 2:7), all of God’s children can cultivate the beauty of holiness in their character. The beauty of a godly woman with a meek and quiet spirit, living in submission to her God and her husband is highly prized in heaven. Every Christian has a far greater, higher, and holier calling than clothing of his/her body.

Dress appropriate to your sex and the occasion. “The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman’s garment: for all that do so are abomination unto the Lord thy God” (Deuteronomy 22:5).

God created men and women to look different; thus, each should dress appropriate to his/her sex. God is honored when a Christian woman dresses in a feminine way and a Christian man dresses in a masculine way. He is dishonored every time such does not occur.

In the Old Testament, the priests of God had garments which were unique to their work at the tabernacle (Leviticus 16:4). In Jesus’ parable of the marriage feast, a man was removed from that special occasion because he was not dressed appropriately for it (Matthew 22:12-13). Because the Lord’s day is unique from the other six days of the week and because we are assembling together to worship the great king (Malachi 1:14), our dress for worship ought to reflect the occasion. Garments which best communicate reverence and respect according to our means are appropriate; intentional sloppiness and unbecoming casualness are not. We ought to be ever vigilant to avoid the sin of profaning the sacredness of the Lord’s Day by wearing inappropriate apparel.

ILLNESSES

James Conner, had eye surgery last week and is recovering well.

Sam Qualls, is at home not doing well at this time and plans to start radiation treatment for pain management this week.

Betty Reid, had to postpone gallbladder surgery due to other health issues at this time.

Jocelyn Mitchell, the granddaughter of Anita Mitchell, is having epileptic seizures and has ask for prayers.

Lucy Mitchell and Mike Mitchell, are home recovering from Covid.

Kathy Keller, had her second cataract (eye) surgery on Monday, Sept. 11th and is recovering at home, surgery went well.

Gary Wyatt, is confined to his home at this time, dealing with some health issues. Also, keep his wife Bobbie in your prayers as she cares for him.

Carol Meadows, has been moved from the nursing home part of Lifecare of Sparta, back to the assisted living section, Room 529.

Charlene Allen, had to go to the emergency room last week, she is now home and recovering.

Teresa Demory, has had a setback with her legs and the attempt to regain normal use.

PANTRY ITEM
Black Eyed Peas

IMPORTANT NEWS

-We rejoice with Ellie Knight who was baptized last Wednesday, pray for her and her new walk with Christ.

-The Chownings invite everyone to a potluck cookout at their house on September 30th.

-Recent report from Africa :793 baptisms, 1858 restorations, and 2 new congregations started.

EXTENDED ILLNESS

Deuel White, Bonnie Stockton, Jasper Birdwell, Jerry Vincent, Carol Meadows, Rellon Allen, Junior and Lou Bryant. Ray Scoggins, Ora Lee Whitaker, Bill and Betty Barnes , Sam and Earlene Qualls.

PHONE (931) 537-6221	
ELDERS	Deacons Cont'd
Bobby Rothfus Ext. 701	Joel Knight Ext. 803
Gary Loftis Ext. 702	Jondan Rothfus Ext. 804
Derek Crawford Ext. 703	Todd Webb Ext. 805
PREACHER	Jay Whitson Ext. 806
John Chowning Ext. 700	Jere Whitson Ext. 807
Deacons	
Ron Brown Ext. 801	Jonothan Whitson Ext. 808
Ricky Davis Ext. 802	