

Sun Valley Bulletin

Sun Valley Church of Christ

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Unisex? or just Sex?

Truly modest clothing is getting hard to find in most of our stores today. A young woman interested in power or influence may opt for the "androgynous" look which dismisses her softer side in favor of the more masculine styles of dress. Or rather her interest may be in attracting attention using the allure of her gender either for power over the weakened, worldly, and distracted men or for beginning a relationship with a man who might be a suitable mate. Her purposes, whether conscious or unconscious, will determine her tastes in clothing. Of course we ought not to judge a person's heart by her exterior appearance, but we do.

The Bible addresses at least three clothing issues: 1. ostentation or pride, 2. nakedness or sensuality, and 3. gender identity. Among the laws spelled out in the Law of Moses, women were not permitted to dress as men or vice versa. The issue is not specifically addressed in the Gospel writings but is implied when 1 Corinthians 6:9 says, the effeminate cannot inherit the kingdom of God (a reference to feminine gay men). Romans 1:26 indicts women who choose the lesbian life style as well. Although most women who dress unisex are probably not trying to appear lesbian, they certainly

are not trying to look feminine. The whole idea is to reject one's God-given gender identity. It is the look of rebellion and protest against the God who made her female and not male.

If a woman wants to look feminine, it is difficult to find clothing that does not make her look "cheap": lots of teasing, peek-a-boo, private skin to draw out the voyeur that resides in all men to some degree. It is a creeping nudity. Weak men will share the forbidden intimacy. Honorable men will command their eyes to look away. The Gospel orders clothing that is suitable to express godliness(1 Timothy 2:10). Godliness is fear or reverence to God as expressed in how we behave. Women who are willing to use their intimacy illegally have a power over weak men. They adorn themselves to get men to do what they want. Sexy fashions are aggressive. They are no more feminine than androgynous fashions and are equally an affront to the "meek and quiet spirit" that the Gospel mandates in 1 Peter 3:4: an adornment truly beautiful for all women. Truly feminine fashions are amazingly lovely. Just look at some of the dresses worn by women before the "Roaring 20s" turned women into the playthings of lecherous and self-centered men and boys. tp

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News

The sick and injured

Unaking and James Currier
Jim Padgett's brother Milton
Paul Stallings' sister-in-law Rhonda
Elaine Phillips

The shut-in

Bernice Odell
Elsie Kirkpatrick
Varina Corbin
Francis Walling
Arranelle Meisner
Osburn and Marjorie Holt

Notes

Jim Creel has passed on to receive his reward. Visitation was held on July 10th, Crestview in Adamsville and service at graveside in Quintown Church of Christ Cemetery

Gospel Meeting

Encouragment from Philippians

Speaker: Paddy Kendal-Ball
of Decatur

July 12-17, 7 pm M-F
Singing, Sunday 3 pm
Elliotsville (Alabaster)

Worship Leaders

Lord's Table: Paul Stallings, Roger Golden, Joe Wright, Forrest Berry

Song Leaders: July 12-Roger Golden, 15-Terry Partain, 19-Fred Watts, 22-Roger Golden

Bible Study Scripture reading
Bible Study Prayer
Sunday AM opening prayer
Sunday AM dismissal prayer
Sunday PM Scripture reading
Sunday PM opening prayer
Sunday PM dismissal
Wednesday PM Scripture reading
Wednesday PM Opening prayer
Wednesday PM Offer invitation
Wednesday PM Closing prayer

This Week

Charles Bain
Forrest Berry
Fred Watts
Bill Lammons
Roger Golden
Brad Golden
Larry Courington
Wayne Odell
Herb Palmer
Terry Partain
Bryan Golden

Next Week

Jim Padgett
Fred Watts
Terry Partain
Don Womble
Roger Golden
Bill Lammons
Forrest Berry
Lee Roy Golden
Paul Stallings
Don Womble
Charles Bain

Announcements for July: Jim Padgett - 853-6094