

# Sun Valley Bulletin

Sun Valley Church of Christ

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## Real Personal

It gets real personal when you start talking about the "works of the flesh" that the Gospel condemns as contrary to the "fruit of the Spirit," those wonderful habits of character that bring glory to our God. Love, joy, and peace are incompatible with immorality, impurity, and sensuality. Immorality is a practice that says that although I marry you today, and promise my undying devotion, tomorrow may make me a liar and a cheat if I see another who steals my heart and gives me a greater thrill. My love has become a dirty four-letter word. Now comes the Gospel which can save us from such ugly sins. The Gospel teaches that we are not our own; we are not gods; our body of flesh is designed to be God's temple to be used for His glory. Dress your body with dignity and godliness so as to communicate less interest in the flesh and less attraction for the flesh of strangers. Cover up that "great body" and don't flaunt it before the eyes of others as if to invite them to commit immorality with you. Remember, that is not love. The flesh whispers, "it might become love," but that is a lie. It is dirty. It starts out dirty or impure, and never quite comes clean. Is this becoming too personal yet?

Immorality sometimes begins in the workplace where men and women are thrown together out of the need to work and make a living. "Attractive" attire and makeup attracts. It draws two persons into familiar conversation, flirtation, laughter, permission to closer familiarity, and the bonds begin to form between two who are married but not to each other. Adultery begins in the heart. Marriages become cumbersome, heavy burdens to bear. Children are forgotten. The love of children, the joys they bring, the peaceful refuge of home; all becomes a prison. At this point, the Gospel warns, "You are walking into disaster!" but that is all too personal. Calm reason warns, "You are dressing like a tramp." Now you are really provoked. The Gospel has crossed into the forbidden personal space. Yeah, I know. Everybody is doing it. Everybody lives that way. Yes, and "everybody" is dead and barren and empty. The world is full of losers. Does that mean you must be one too? The laughter of happy children has almost disappeared from many neighborhoods. Immorality is not compatible with having and raising children. Those who are born are growing up in homes made dysfunctional by immorality; the work of the flesh which the Gospel leads us out of to the glory of God the Father. tp

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# News and Notes

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## 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

# Worship Leaders

**Lord's Table:** Charles Bain, Brad Golden, Bryan Golden, Samuel Partain

**Song Leaders:** June 28-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

Fred Watts  
Terry Partain  
Paul Stallings  
Don Womble  
Brad Golden  
Roger Golden  
Charles Bain  
Chris Steve  
Herb Palmer  
Charles Bain  
Jim Padgett

### Next Week

Bill Lammons  
Bryan Golden  
Larry Courington  
Roger Golden  
Lee Roy Golden  
Brad Golden  
Jim Padgett  
Terry Partain  
Paul Stallings  
Fred Watts  
Don Womble

Announcements for June: Roger Golden - 856-1982