

# Sun Valley Bulletin

Sun Valley Church of Christ

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Birmingham, Alabama

## Topless

Americans coast to coast are campaigning to decriminalize "going topless." After all, most men enjoy gazing at the women and most women enjoy being gazed at. What's the problem then? **The problem is that one's nakedness belongs to his/her spouse.** **Leviticus 18** carefully details the forbidden Canaanite customs beginning with uncovering the nakedness of someone you are not married to. God teaches us that it is a shame to expose your nakedness in public (for example, **Isaiah 47:2,3**). Any people that has come under the influence of the Bible knows that clothing is not optional in public. Even the ignorant peoples of ancient Rome, Greece, and China wore clothes. The more common practice among pagans was that of the Native Americans, African Bushmen and Aboriginal Australians who had no qualms about going topless.

The demon possessed Legion haunted the graveyard naked, but when Jesus cast out the demons, and **the man was in his right mind, he clothed himself.** Only small children and idiots are innocent when they expose themselves in public.

Television and movies are turning us

into a voyeur society that has no shame in gazing on the nakedness of strangers. Young women working as sales ladies in the stores wear their blouses in such a way that they may on occasion lean forward, bend or squat before their customers or co-workers and show them their nakedness. Men with no chivalry or respect enjoy the spectacle. Men of honor are embarrassed, because she has exposed him to nakedness that does not belong to him. If she is a maiden, her nakedness, like her maiden virtue, belongs to her future husband if she ever marries.

**Many of us complain about the coarsening of what is acceptable in public.** Well dressed men and women openly use vulgar as well as cursing and profane language in mixed company, without apology. It is assumed that they are in the presence of immoral women and men. Maybe it is because the daring dress styles and worldly postures leave the impression that all of us are immoral and vulgar and therefore there is no need to restrain the filthy language. We routinely see their hips and thighs and generous portions of the chest.

Our faith is expressed in our manner of dress and the care we take to cover ourselves from those who have no right to see our nakedness. 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

## Birthdays

2-Wayne Odell, 3-Alice Padgett  
11-Joe Wright, 13-Billie Courington, 18-  
Chastity Steve

## Gospel Meetings

### Pleasant Grove

June 7-12, M-F: 7:30  
Sammy Bynum

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### Skyline Dr., Warrior

June 8-12, 10:00 - 11:30 am  
Vacation Bible School

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### Edward's Lake

Vacation Bible School  
God's People Doing God's Work  
June 15-19, 10:00-11:30 am

# Worship Leaders

**Lord's Table:** Lee Roy Golden, Larry Courington, Wayne Odell, Joel Resendez

**Song Leaders:** June 7-Roger Golden, 10-Terry Partain, 14-Bill Lammons, 17-Fred Watts

	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Next Week</u>
Bible Study Scripture reading	Jim Padgett	Herb Palmer
Bible Study Prayer	Brad Golden	Paul Stallings
Sunday AM opening prayer	Larry Courington	Bill Lammons
Sunday AM dismissal prayer	Charles Bain	Forrest Berry
Sunday PM Scripture reading	Wayne Odell	Fred Watts
Sunday PM opening prayer	Herb Palmer	Bryan Golden
Sunday PM dismissal	Bryan Golden	Roger Golden
Wednesday PM Scripture reading	Fred Watts	Lee Roy Golden
Wednesday PM Opening prayer	Terry Partain	Larry Courington
Wednesday PM Offer invitation	Paul Stallings	Lloyd Barker
Wednesday PM Closing prayer	Don Womble	Jim Padgett

Announcements for June: Roger Golden - 856-1982