

## A LESSON FROM LINCOLN

Abraham Lincoln was walking one day with a friend along a path so narrow that they had to walk single file. They met another man walking toward them. When the man would not give way, Lincoln stepped aside to let the man pass. The friend was indignant. "Mr. President," he said, "you should not have done that. You should have made him stand aside."

With the simple wisdom that has made generations of Americans love him, Lincoln said, "But had I not stood aside, there would have been a collision."

There's a parallel, I believe, in man's dealings with Christ. God, the maker of the world, sought man to love him and abide in Him. Man stubbornly walked in his own way.

But Christ was willing to humble himself and go to the cross so that we can be saved. Thank God that He loved us enough to look beyond our stubborn rebellion!

***"But God commended his love toward us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."*** Romans 5:8

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*"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."* (Matthew 5:16)



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##### Sunday Worship

9:00 A.M.  
6:00 P.M.  
12:30 P.M. last Sunday of month

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10:15 A.M.  
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7:00 P.M.

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**"VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME"**

## "NO IMMODEST APPAREL"

The above caption appeared in a somewhat surprising place recently. It was not at a gym entrance, on the beach, at a school entrance, or on the door of a church building. It was prominently posted at the doors leading into a Criminal Justice Center Courtroom. Two other things forbidden were "shorts" and "cellphones". The message was not on a sheet paper or poster board, but permanently posted and clearly intended to be read by all who enter the courtroom. It is interesting that two of the things not allowed pertained to human attire.

It can be assumed that some person (the presiding judge?), or persons decided that such dress was not in keeping with proper decorum within a civil courtroom, hence the sign. The restriction implies a reason for its existence. Lawyers are generally familiar with logic. Many of them, both men and women, become judges. They desire "orderly proceedings". "Immodest Apparel" can distract, disrupt, and even divert attention from the goal of justice. Dress has something to do with demeanor. Attire reflects attitude. Lawyers sometimes request their clients to "clean up and dress up" before appearing before a judge.

Covering the human body with clothing is a long-standing practice. It has been around since Adam and Eve, who, following their sin, "sewed fig leaves together and made themselves clothing" (Gen. 3:7). After confronting them for their disobedient transgression, the Creator would provide "tunics (coats) of skin" for them (Gen 3:21). Noah's nakedness also needed to be covered (See Gen.9:2-23). God stills desires people to be properly clothed. Unfortunately, much of His creation are not so minded!

Peter reminds us that God's people are to be "holy" (1 Pet. 1:15-16). His second epistle closes with warnings about our "manner" of conduct (See 2 Pet. 3:10-12). Paul describes the connection of holiness, modesty, apparel, propriety, moderation, and godliness (1 Tim. 2:8-10). Any profession of godliness is to be accompanied by the others. Both apostles reveal that the Lord will return; this earthly order will end; and each of us will be called before the Judge of all mankind (2 Pet. 2:10-13; Rom. 14:10; 2 Cor. 5:10). Let us be assured that the "Great Courtroom" will then be "brought to order" and justice will be administered!

*Edward L Anderson*

### **FROM THE PREACHER'S HEART:**

VISITORS! A warm welcome is extended to you. We are delighted you came our way. If you are traveling, may your travels be safe and may God cause His face to shine upon you (Num. 6:24-26). If you recently moved to this area, we hope you will be with us on a regular basis. "Come now, and let us reason together" (Isa. 1:18).

The past week has brought many reasons to rejoice. Last Wednesday evening following VBS, Kaelyn Ward made the good confession and was baptized into Christ for remission of sins. Then after Sunday morning Bible study classes Conner Dodson was likewise baptized. We rejoice with both in their new lives in Christ and pray for them long lives of faithful service in His kingdom, the church. Congratulate and encourage these new converts.

Vacation Bible School 2022 was a resounding success! Excellent attendance characterized the entire effort. We were blessed with several visitors from night to night. And, oh, the joy of beholding the beautiful children learning about Jesus and four of His "Fishers of men" – Peter, Andrew, James, and John! Friday evening's award presentations revealed that many of them had perfect attendance for the week and that several have had perfect attendance for several years! The class for adults provided excellent opportunities for study of the "four fabulous fishers of men" - Peter, Andrew, James, and John. A big "THANK YOU" is due Randy Bybee (Peter), Travis Thomas (Andrew), and Richard Bowman (John), for their very challenging studies. It was my pleasure to present Wednesday's study of James. May we all seek to become "fishers of men".

With any such undertaking as VBS there are so many (too many to name), who make the endeavor a success. Those who choose the theme; organize; advertise; prepare lesson plans; make visual aids; decorate classrooms; write scripts; do bulletin boards; teach classes; provide transportation; serve refreshments; clean up; etc.; etc., are thanked. A true "team effort"! The glory, of course, belongs to the Lord!

JSCYC Camper Applications are being received daily. If you have not returned apps for your children, please do so ASAP. The deadline is **Wednesday, June 22**. Check out the schedule for JSCYC on the bulletin board. Thanks to all who assist with Bible camp. The date is July 17-22 (Sunday afternoon – Friday morning). This year's theme is "CRITICAL".

Our Summer Series begins tonight (June 15). We will be using the SEIBS lectureship book as a study guide. Copies are available in the foyer (One per family, please). Plan to be a part of this excellent series. Bring your Bible! Hope to see you Sunday. *Edward L. Anderson*

### **NEWS & NOTES:**

**BAPTISMS:** Kaelyn Ward was baptized into Christ on Wednesday evening (6/8), and Conner Dodson was baptized into Christ on Sunday (6/12). Congratulations to both as they begin new lives in Him.

**SICK:** Mary Jo Hackett is now at home and has been back with us. Jean White, known by many of us, is quite ill and prayers are requested. Denise Griffin, member at Gordonsville, remains in Vanderbilt. Ted Russell, member at Montrose, is now at home after a hospital stay due to a stroke. Caleb Harville has had COVID. Hale Wright, Elaine Wright, Julie Wright, and Barbara Anderson have had upper respiratory issues. Nick and Pam Morris' family is dealing with Barbara Jenkins saw a cardiologist last Friday. Gordon Jenkins is awaiting cataract surgery. Zayden Roulette, the Jenkins' grandson, is recuperating from a tonsillectomy. Lola King is able to be with us. Prayers are requested for Michael and Janice Hicks and grandson, Cody. Janice Anderson is back at SCHC after a hospital stay. Donna Cowan is reported to be doing well. Faye Maberry has not been feeling well. Jerry and Mary Phillips send their love for the prayers. Prayers are requested for Sharon Halliburton, Tony Hackett's sister; Brenda Hooper; Mark Goad (Bagdad); Ciera Haffner; Janice Wilson (stroke); Ted Gaw; Mike Shoulders; Brenda Brawner; Dwight Fuqua (recurrence of cancer); Drew Gallagher; Joy Conner; Barry and Teresa Harville; Scott Bane; Jerry Driver; Brenda Aikens; Janet Rose; Ruby Anderson; Joe Armistead; Wayne Hall; Brenda Forrest; Bea Davis; and Gary Vinson.

**NURSING HOME/ ASSISTED LIVING/ SHUT-INS:** Wilma Richardson; Judith Newberry; Mary Lou Smith; Ricky Branham; Janice Anderson (SCHR); Lonetta Bains, Robbie North, Barbara Billington (Pavilion); Mary Searle (aunt of Cathy Spivey), is in a Knoxville nursing home; Pat Paysinger (Shut-in).

**IN THE MILITARY:** Korrey King – USMC (Grandson of Bobby & Lola King); Jana Watson, Ann Carter's granddaughter (Army); Randy Carter's sons and Lacey Crockett's brothers, Derek (Army) & Landon Carter (Coast Guard); PFC Samuel Burton (USMC), Darlene Fariss' grandson; Benjamin Gentry (USMC).

**THANK YOU:** We received and read a recent "Thank You" note from Barbara Jenkins and Tony, Mary Jo, and Brittany Hackett.

**SYMPATHY:** Our sympathy is extended to the following families: Bill Allen (brother of Michelle Allen), who recently passed away after a battle with colon cancer; Peggy Cothron Taylor, whose funeral was Sunday; Joann Hodges (cousin of Hale Wright), funeral was Sunday.

**JULY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY LIST:** Alex Hackett (1); Mike Piper (3); Wanda Clemons (8); Ethan Denton (9); Edward Anderson, Kenneth Kidd (14); Luke Linder, Sophie Linder (22); Ken Bennett (26); Ann Carter (31). Larry & Jan Silcox (7/2/1983); Steve & Tammy Harper (7/7/1978); Edward & Barbara Anderson (7/7/1966); Dusty & Mia Whitaker 7/8/2006; Dennis & Darlene Hackett (7/16/1988); R. W. & Gail Vincent (7/21/1967); Jimmy & Bridget Austin (7/22/2005).

**EVENTS CALENDAR:** *Smith County Health Care/Rehab Center Devotional:* First Sundays of February, May, August, November (as permitted by covid regulations), 2:00 PM; *Fifth Sunday Pavilion Devotional:* July 31, 2:00 PM; *Coffee/Fellowship:* First and third Thursdays, 6:30-8:00 AM; *5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Schedule-July 31:* Fellowship meal, following the morning services, followed by the second service at 12:30 PM.; *JSCYC:* July 17:22, Theme: "CRITICAL"; *Girls and Boys Night In:* June 24, Girls at the Hackett's and Boys at the Mauldin's; *Trip to Sounds' Game:* July 30; *Annual Friday Night Singing:* August 5; *Gospel Meeting:* Gary Hampton preaching, September 18-21.

**AREA EVENTS:** *Friday Night Singing:* Bethlehem church of Christ (Baxter), June 17, 7:00 PM. ; *Gospel Meetings:* Montrose church of Christ, June 19-23 with Wayne Patrick Lankford preaching, 7:00 PM; Buffalo Valley church of Christ, June 19-22, with Alan Judd preaching, 7:00 PM.

## **GOD CARES**

When all the world seems to forsake you  
And there's chaos in all your affairs;  
When you're blue, disappointed and lonely  
Of one thing be certain...GOD CARES!

When your plans and your dreams come to nothing,  
And your troubles show up in in pairs,  
That's the time to use your last ounce of faith  
And remember that always...GOD CARES!

We don't know the "why" and the "wherefore",  
For the pain and sorrow one bears;  
But we do know this beyond doubting,  
We are not forgotten...GOD CARES!

-Author Unknown-