

# The Lakeview Lamp

*"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."* - Psalm 119:105

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## "Attire in Church"

Troy Nicholson

A recent "Dear Abby" column dealt with the subject of "attire in church." One man wrote, "I'm appalled at how some people come dressed for Sunday worship... You said that 'dress codes have been greatly relaxed in recent decades,' which I find to be inaccurate. What has become relaxed is the attitude, the respect and reverence people have for worship...to members wearing flip-flops, shorts, and tank tops on Sunday, the lack of respect and reverence to worship is disgusting."

A woman wrote, "Satan wants to embarrass the church, so he sends people dressed any kind of disrespectful way. They'd be sent home from their jobs if they dressed like that. Women: Cover up! You are worth more than your skin."

Abby herself wrote, "I was raised to believe people should dress 'respectfully' in the house of the Lord – and that means fully shod and covered up enough so it doesn't distract the other worshippers."

While the quotes above are from people and not from Scripture, they do show that at least some people still think negatively of casual and/or revealing dress at worship. Scripture teaches, "*Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven*" (**Matthew 5:16**). If our dress (or lack of) distracts others from glorifying God, then we are not letting our light shine as God commands.

In **1 Timothy 2:9** (NIV) Paul wrote, "*I also want women to dress modestly, with decency and propriety.*" The Greek scholar Thayer defined the word "decency" in part as "regard for others, respect." If we have the proper regard and respect for others, then will we dress in a way that we know they consider to show disrespect and causes them to think less of us?

Showing proper respect and reverence for God and others in how we dress may change at times with culture and customs. Moses showed respect and reverence for a holy occasion by removing his sandals (**Exodus 3:5**); while in our society normally the closer one gets to being barefoot, the more casual the occasion. When we are tempted to let what is popular in some areas of society dictate our "attire in church," we need to make sure that it does not hinder our relationship with God or our influence with others.

# *Jesus Must Be Seen through the Eyes of Scripture*

Frank Himmel

The day of His resurrection, Jesus appeared to two of His disciples on the road to Emmaus (**Luke 24:13-35**). They did not recognize Him. When Luke says “*their eyes were prevented,*” that points to a supernatural factor.

Thinking they were talking to a stranger, the two expressed some hope that Jesus was the redeemer. His crucifixion had dashed those hopes. Now, however, they were revived a bit by word of the empty tomb. Still, those who discovered the tomb did not see Jesus.

Jesus mildly rebuked these disciples. He explained that their problem was really lack of faith in what the Scripture said. He showed them from Moses and the prophets that the Christ had to suffer. Equipped with that knowledge, they could now see Christ for what He really was. In fact, what had been an impediment to faith — a suffering Savior — was now a powerful evidence for faith as they contemplated numerous fulfilled prophecies. And once their mind’s eyes were seeing more clearly, their physical eyes were opened to recognize Jesus.

In our day, people believe all sorts of things about Jesus. Some of it is true, some of it is guesswork, and some of it is a blatant contradiction of the Biblical record. The solution is the same as in the case of these disciples: go back to the Scriptures and listen to all they say about the Christ.

Folks, you cannot learn about Jesus by reading works of fiction. You cannot learn about Him by listening to “scholars” who arrogantly exalt their speculation above the eyewitness testimony of the gospel writers. You cannot know Him through your own imagination, either. Jesus must be seen through the eyes of Scripture.

*“And He said to them, ‘O foolish men and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! [qvb://0/anchor/28](#)Was it not necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and to enter into His glory?’ [qvb://0/anchor/29](#)Then beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures.”* (**Luke 24:25-27**).

*“Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us; and confirm for us  
the work of our hands.” – Psalm 90:17*

# **Family News**

**Mary Burnett** is doing well this weekend.

There is a new report from **Alessandro Corazza** in the back of auditorium.

**Dorothy Davis**, Troy's grandmother, is doing a little worse.

**Elmo Ferrell** had a bad week this past week.

**Barry Fultz**, who used to be a member here, is to have his follow-up MRI Wednesday morning. He continues to have terrible daily headaches. He also has numbness in his arms and legs.

There is a new report from **Gary Hunt** in the back of the auditorium.

**Sandra Hunt** has started the new diabetes medicine. No improvement yet.

**Pat Jordan**, Brian Neighbours' aunt, passed away on Monday. Her funeral was on Wednesday.

**Jennifer Lindzy**, Fran Pickens' granddaughter, completed chemotherapy two weeks ago. She is not producing any white cells and remains in the hospital. She is not eating, remains very weak and is not better but worse.

**Karen Moore** fell on Tuesday and broke her ankle. She is scheduled to have surgery this Tuesday.

**Cotton Read** continues to not see very well. He returns to the doctor on August 10<sup>th</sup> (they possibly could redo surgery). Cotton continues to suffer from severe breathing problems. **Nancy** has very bad arthritis in her knees.

**Laura Reed** remains about the same. She is very concerned about her granddaughter (has two tumors and will have surgery later this year).

**Georgia Taylor** continues to suffer from severe arthritis.

**Ame White** has been having trouble sleeping. Her daughter **Angela** had the scheduled surgery on Friday. It went well. She may go home soon, but for now remains in Centennial Medical Center (room # 3224).

**Robert Wray** continues to see well in his right eye after cataract surgery. However, there is concern about the back of his eye. Therefore, he will again return to the doctor this Tuesday.

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*"Rejoice always; pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks" (1 Thes 5:16-18).*