

MARC'S REMARKS

How Easily We Forget . . .

Have you ever heard of the Federalist Papers? If so, do you know of their connection with July 4, 1776?

When you think of the Fourth of July, what thoughts conjure up in your mind? I'll tell you what I think about.

- Fireworks
- Barbecue
- A day off from work

And yet, what should we be contemplating today?

- Personal and religious freedom
- The sacrifice of those who signed the Declaration of Independence
- The privilege of living in America, the greatest republic ever created

When life is going well, it's easy to take all these blessings for granted. Never forget "from whom all blessings flow."



ABOUT US

Elders

Jack Calvert
Rodney Ellis
Sam McJunkins II

Deacons

Jon Barry
Mike Davis
Dave Massey
Phillip Moore

Evangelist

Marc Hinds
(870) 772-0746
marc@txkChurch.com

SERVICE TIMES

Sunday

Bible Study . . . 9:30 A.M.
Worship 10:15 A.M.
Worship 6:00 P.M.

Wednesday

Bible Study . . . 7:00 P.M.

www.txkChurch.com

THE PLAN OF SALVATION

Hear the word of truth Romans 10:13-17

Believe the truth Hebrews 11:6; John 8:24

Repent from all sins. Luke 13:3; Acts 2:38

Confess the name of Christ
. Matthew 10:32-33; Acts 8:35-39

Be baptized in His name
. Mark 16:16; 1 Peter 3:21; Colossians 2:12

Walk in newness of life and be faithful unto death
. Romans 6:1-4; Revelation 2:10

Think on These Things

Franklin Drive Church of Christ

2301 Franklin Drive • Texarkana, AR 71854 • (870) 772-0746

Volume xvii

July 4, 2010

Issue 27

Beware What You Wear!

Jim Ward

While back, I got a letter asking me to write something about immodest apparel. For some reason—slothfulness, or maybe a poor memory—I haven't done so up till now. As I began to prepare to write such an essay, reading the pertinent Bible verses and planning the points I would make, I came across an Ann Landers column I had clipped from the paper some time ago. In practical terms, the following letter to her depicts the results and consequent dangers of immodest apparel much more graphically than I could. The letter is from someone who ought to know:

Dear Ann Landers:

I have had enough of you. I am a 17-year-old boy who thinks your advice to the girl whose steady boyfriend has "wandering hands" is all wet. Instead of telling the girls to give the eight-handed idiot a "clap in the chops" or however you worded it,

why don't you put the blame where it belongs—on the girl?

No guy in his right mind ever starts to paw a perfect lady. The chick who suddenly finds a guy's hands all over her has asked for it one way or another. Sometimes it's not in words, it's the way a girl gets herself together. The mini-skirts are a pretty good eye-ful when a girl is standing up. When she's sitting down, it's like she's wearing a bikini. No guy can look at all that flesh and not get ideas!

Transparent blouses and sweaters and jeans that fit like sausage casings are worn to get guys excited, and when a normal guy gets excited, he wants to do more than just look. So please, Ann Landers, since you are supposed to give advice, give it to the girls. They are the ones who need it. —Tired of being turned on

Thanks for worshipping with our church family!

FAMILY TALK

About Our Sick

L.G. Clemmons is back home after spending several weeks with his son.

Helen Kinney's son, Bruce, underwent major surgery on his back this past week in Dallas. Please continue to pray for the Kinney's during this difficult time.

Pat Winters has been doing better while at Bailey Creek. Due to bad knees and a sore on his foot, he hasn't been able to walk in months—until recently.

Speaking of walking, Gladys will undergo hip surgery at the end of this month.

Duty List

The duty list is available on the shelf.

Elders Meeting

The eldership will meet this Tuesday night at 7 P.M. in the classroom building.

Monthly Singing

This Wednesday, July 7, is our monthly singing night.

SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements
Rodney Ellis

Song Leading
Daniel Allgor

Lord's Supper
Bill Brittenham
Wendell Mobley
Dave Massey
Jon Barry

Prayers
Sam McJunkins II
Pete Rowland

Scripture Reading
Caleb Rinehart

Bulletins
Josh Moore
Hayden Ellis

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements
Joey Avance

Song Leading
Josh Moore

Lord's Supper
Mike Davis
Dee Minter

Prayers
Phillip Moore
Reese Lunsford

WEDNESDAY

Announcements
W. H. McFerrin

Song Leading
Phillip Moore

Prayers
Zack McJunkins
Preston Ellis

Invitation
Marc Hinds

Beware What You Wear! concluded from previous page

Dear Tired:

There's a great deal of truth in what you say, and I'm glad you took the time to say it. The moral of the story is simply this, girls: Don't let your clothes issue any invitations you don't mean to fulfill. When you turn a guy on, he can be awfully hard to turn off.

—Ann Landers

There you have it, and as I said, it tells the story better than I ever could. I wish I had had this letter on a recent trip to Texas. While there in a meeting, some parents and I were talking about this problem of scanty clothing, and one of the fathers said he didn't really think the boys noticed the girls in their mini-skirts, that they had become so accustomed to seeing them thus attired that it didn't

excite them anymore. I am afraid old Dad has deluded himself.

The Bible teaches personal responsibility; it says that we can be influential in causing others to sin. Although I am not trying to

excuse boys for their sinful thoughts and actions, I am emphasizing that girls too must accept their share of the responsibility when they are provocative in their dress. Girls, beware what you wear!



Adult Bible Classes

Auditorium
REVELATION

Marc Hinds

Young Adult
SONG OF SOLOMON

Bill Brittenham

Sermon Notes

TONIGHT ...

Lessons from a Leaky Pipe
Daniel 4:35

It has been 76 days since the BP oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. That's 2½ months! This national crisis is affecting so many lives right now and is very much on our minds.

Are there any spiritual lessons to be learned from this incident? Tonight, we'll consider this topic in light of God's word.