

Faith's Fellowship News

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“Modesty” - a word for every believer to heed

Most of the time when we hear the word “modesty” we automatically think about hemlines, necklines, and other aspects of women’s attire. Certainly this word carries with it application to the clothes that women choose to wear. In fact, Paul addresses this very aspect of modesty in 1 Timothy 2:9. But if we only think of “modesty” in this regard, we would quickly set up a particular list of guidelines for what should or should not be worn and miss the point. “Modesty” is a word that is more than simply the issue of clothing choice, it is a matter of the heart. Webster’s dictionary defines modesty as, “freedom from conceit or vanity” with a second definition of “propriety in dress, speech, or conduct”

The first definition is a reminder that everyone of us needs to examine our hearts. Do we think of ourselves in a conceited fashion? Do we quickly get impatient with others when they don’t do what we want them to do? Do we make excuses for ourselves that we won’t accept from others? Do we make excuses for not thinking of the other person first? Paul speaks to the issue of modesty in Philippians 2:3-4, “Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.” In Romans 12:3, Paul reminds us “do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment...” As we take the time to examine our hearts to strive toward godliness, we must be concerned with modesty in our attitudes. This is true for men and women of all ages.

Scripture reminds us over and over again that our outward behavior flows out of the heart. If we are concerned with modesty with regard to our attitude, then we will be modest with regard to our outward living. The man or woman who is modest in heart will speak, dress and act in a way to bring glory to God and lift others up. The person who is modest in heart will humbly ask their spouse, parent or close friend to help them evaluate their clothing, actions and words. First, they will seek to make sure that their choices will bring glory to God and not to themselves. Also, they will desire to make sure that their speech, action and dress will not cause someone else to stumble.

Sunday Worship

9:15am Sunday School
10:30am Worship Service
6-8pm Youth Group
6pm Various Small Groups

Weekly Ministries

Mon. 10am Amer. Sign Language
A Joyful Noise
Tues. 9:15am W.A.M.
6:15pm W.A.M.
Wed. 9:30am Ladies Bible study
7pm AWANA, Youth,
Visitation, Prayer Mtg.

Thurs. 6am Men’s Bible studies
9:15am W.A.M.
6:15pm W.A.M.
6:30pm Ladies Bible study
8pm Praise Team
Fri. 6:30am Men’s Bible study
Sat. 7am Men’s Bible Study

Worship at Faith

April Schedule

- April 3 - "Holding Nothing Back"
(Gen. 22:1-14)
- April 10 - "Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs"
(Co. 3:16)
- April 17 - "The Hour Has Come"
(John 12:20-36)
- April 24 - "Jesus Christ-Raised and Exalted"
(Acts 2:14-41)

May Schedule

- May 1 - Pastor Marcos Ramires-
Guest Preacher-Mexico BFC
- May 8 - "A Woman to be Praised"
(Prov. 31:10-31)
- May 15 - "Living Stones"
(1 Peter 2:4-12)
- May 22- Life Action Ministries
THIRST CONFERENCE
- May 29- James-A Book on Faith
Various Passages

April Daily Scripture Reading

- 1 - Psalm 77
2 - Psalm 78
3 - Psalm 79
4 - Psalm 80
5 - Psalm 81
6 - Psalm 82
7 - Psalm 83
8 - Psalm 84
9 - Psalm 85
10 - Psalm 86
11 - Psalm 87
12 - Psalm 88
13 - Psalm 89
14 - Psalm 90
15 - Psalm 91
16 - Psalm 92
17 - Psalm 93
18 - Psalm 94
19 - Psalm 95
20 - Psalm 96
21 - Psalm 97
22 - Psalm 98
23 - Psalm 99
24 - Psalm 100
25 - Psalm 101
26 - Psalm 102
27 - Psalm 103
28 - Psalm 104
29 - Psalm 105
30 - Psalm 106

May Daily Scripture Reading

- 1 - Psalm 107
2 - Psalm 108
3 - Psalm 109
4 - Psalm 110
5 - Psalm 111
6 - Psalm 112
7 - Psalm 113
8 - Psalm 114
9 - Psalm 115
10 - Psalm 116
11 - Psalm 117-118
12 - Psalm 119:1-24
13 - Psalm 119:25-48
14 - Psalm 119:49-72
15 - Psalm 119:73-96
16 - Psalm 119:97-120
17 - Psalm 119:121-144
18 - Psalm 119:145-160
19 - Psalm 119:161-176
20 - Psalm 120
21 - Psalm 121
22 - Psalm 122-123
23 - Psalm 124
24 - Psalm 125-126
25 - Psalm 127-128
26 - Psalm 129
27 - Psalm 130-131
28 - Psalm 132
29 - Psalm 133-134
30 - Psalm 135
31 - Psalm 136

Youth Ministry

Teen Week

August 1-5

This is a full week of activities for the teens of our church and their peers. Teens start spreading the news to your friends for a great week of fun and fellowship.

Mon-Game night
Tues-Dorney Park
Wed.-Amazing Race
Thurs.-Dutch Springs Quarry
Fri.-Pool Party

Work Day at LaRoca BFC

June 25

Details to come soon!

Graduation

Sunday

June 5



Work Day at

Pinebrook

April 30

Sign up in
Sunday
School



Looking ahead

April 10

Wiser Bunch Lunch

Youth Group

April 3, 17,

May 1, 8, 22

6-8pm

Come out for a fun night of
fellowship & study in
God's word

Youh Bible Studies

Meeting for group times

April 6, 13

Help with Fairmont Fair

April 20

Bible Study Picnic

May 4 at the Crossgrove's

- Bring a dish to share-
hot dogs will be served

Approved **W**orkmen **A**re **N**ot **A**shamed

(2 Timothy 2:15)

Fairmont Fair - April 20

This will be a fun night of games and snacks for all children that have been involved in AWANA. The teens from the church will be helping to run the games for the night.



Closing Program - April 27

This is open to all from the church to help support the children involved with a dessert reception



CAMP DECCAN– Derek Coyle

Summer Opportunities

Pinebrook Bible Conference

July 17-22

Join us for a great week of family time, studying God's word and fellowship with others from our church as well as other BFC churches. www.pinebrook.org



A typical Day at Pinebrook

For children: Morning & evening Bible time and games

For youth: Morning bible time and games, evening worship time with adults

Adults: Morning Bible study, Evening bible teaching and worship with music

Whole Family: 3 meals prepared each day, pool/free time in afternoon, games, sports, bon fire, team activities, evening activities for all ages.

Victory Valley Camp

Are you looking for a great opportunity for your child to experience a time away camping? Victory Valley camp may be what you are looking for. Victory Valley is our denominations children's camp in Zionsville, PA. This is the same camp that AWANA uses for the winter camp. Check out the camp website for more details about each camp and the cost of each camp.

www.victoryvalleycamp.org

All the Fun in the Sun of Overnight Camp, without the Overnight

Stay: Valley Day Campers swim in our junior Olympic-size pool, boat on the pond, challenge Goliath (our Upper Elements Challenge Course) and our indoor rock wall, enjoy ball sports and target sports, crafts and more. In short, they do what overnight campers do during daylight hours, but they go home and sleep in their own beds at night.

Overnight Camp Swim every day in a junior Olympic-sized pool, run and play in the forest and fields, wade in the creek and build a dam or find a salamander, pedal boat on the pond, shoot a bow or a BB gun, jump from a platform and ride a 400-foot zipline, or just quietly make a craft...this is the best week of Summer for boys and girls. At night, after more games, we gather at the campfire to hear about Jesus from the Bible, to sing songs and watch the sparks from the campfire chase each other to the stars. Then it's back to the cabins for small group Bible discussion, prayer and, of course, sleep on a bunkbed.

Outpost Adventure Camp

Each day, the residents of Outpost Village work together to cook two meals (the third comes to them prepared), which they eat at picnic tables under an open tent. At night, they worship at their own campfire, and talk about Jesus and the Bible by lantern-light.

Outpost Adventure Camp provides the maximum dose of engagement in God's creation, with the Victory Valley commitment to teaching God's word through Godly models.

VBS 2011

We're blazing a trail in search for TRUE gold!
Join us as we discover THE rock of ages!

Sunday, July 10 to Thursday, July 14, 2011 - 6:30pm to 8:45pm

If you would like to be involved in VBS 2011, please join us for an informational meeting on Sunday, February 27th at 12:15pm in the Fellowship Hall

Any questions please contact Toni Alderfer - 215-256-9656

Volunteers are still needed



Women's ministries

Men's Breakfasts

April 16
June 18
September 17
October 22
December 3



The doors open on Breakfast mornings at 7:00 AM with hot coffee available and fellowship. Praise time will begin at 7:15, breakfast at 7:30. Following breakfast we will read a portion of the Word, have announcements and pray, followed by our message.

Any questions, call Mike Orłowski at 215-256-6151 or 267-664-0094

"Behind the Scenes"

In this issue of our newsletter, we would again like to highlight an individual who faithfully serves at Faith "behind the scenes".

Each Wednesday you can find *Darlene Drace* in the church office preparing music for our upcoming worship services. She also handles all flower orders for holidays and special events at Faith. The Young at Heart luncheons always receive a special touch when this talented lady uses her creative, God given talents, to beautifully decorate the tables, as well as make name tags and favors for those attending.

Thanks, Darlene, for your many hours of service at Faith!

Thirst Conference

May 22-25

What do you thirst after?

What do you pursue to satisfy your thirst?

Life Action Ministries will be here May 22-25 to encourage us to Thirst After Christ

What Happens when...



work is just a job

life leaves you hungry for more

it's not entertaining anymore

nothing brings you joy

Substitution is Empty!

Blessed are those who...Thirst...for they shall be satisfied Matt. 5:6

Church Planting



Dear Church family,

It is so good to write to you of what the Lord God is doing in our midst. Since my announcement back in February regarding the Lord's direction in regards to Church Planting - specifically looking in the Audubon/Trooper—I wanted to bring you up to speed regarding the work that has been going on that you may not be aware of. For one, there is a weekly (usually) prayer update that I email out. If you have not been receiving it, please let me or Michelle know and I will add you to the growing list. Regarding the target area, it could best be described as a 'donut-hole', churches surrounding the area but very few in the target area. Please continue to pray that the Lord would use our family & others to plant a God-

glorifying, Christ-exalting, Spirit-empowered church in reaching the lost and edifying believers in the Lower Providence Township and surrounding area. Truly, we 'praise God from Whom all blessings flow'. Here are some items to bring before the throne of grace before our Sovereign God:

Prayer Updates and Requests for 3/22/11

With the Lord's help we have been able to form a strong Church Planting Resource Team to study the target area. God continues to answer our prayers and is blessing the team efforts as we move forward. The Audubon/Trooper Area is meeting all demographic indicators and seems ripe for a church plant! ***Please pray that nothing would keep us from moving forward as we still need the official "green light" from the BFC Church Extension Ministries.*** We plan to submit our report and recommendations to the elders at FBFC and the BFC Board of Church Extension by May 8th.

We are planning to begin community surveys on 3 Saturdays during the month of April. We need lots of volunteers to help us with this. ***Please pray that the simple surveys would be friendly and well received by the residents and that God would provide the needed help to get these done.*** If you or a group from our church would be willing to help us, please let me know – I can send you the dates we will be doing these and also a copy of the actual survey. The surveys are non-threatening and will help us get a good gauge on the spiritual climate of the area as well as create a natural introduction to the community. All ages and families are welcome!

I have been driving through the area at least once a week and praying for the people there. ***Pray that God would give me a deep love for this community and make his calling there sure in my own heart. Also, pray for more opportunities to make contact with the people there.*** A huge praise is that I have been able to network with other pastors in the surrounding area who have been very supportive of this church plant!

Michelle and I have been looking forward to attending the Plant! Conference in Glen Mills sponsored by Sovereign Grace Ministries. We are taking our 2 oldest children, Hannah (17) and Jacob (14) along with us this Thursday – Saturday. ***Please pray that we would be instructed in the Word and grow in our love for Christ and passion to plant his church!***

Pray for me as I prepare to preach at New Life BFC in Long Neck, DE this Lord's Day. Pray for clarity, passion and power in the preached Word!

This is normally a very busy season for our family. ***Please pray that the added stress of preparing to move and plant a church would not be an occasion for sin.*** We need the Holy Spirit's power to overcome our natural bent toward impatience and selfishness. Please pray that we would honor the Lord in our home and teach our children to love God and one another by our example.

One of the resource team members has offered the use of her home for regular prayer meetings on Tuesday evenings (except the 3rd Tuesday of the month). **Please let me know if you would like to join us and I will email you the info.** Thank you so much for your continued support in prayer!

Church Calendar: April/May-2011

April

1
 2 LEAD
 3 Church Plant mtg./Youth Staff Mtg./
 Youth Group
 4 Joyful Noise/Missions
 5 WAM
 6 6pm Family dinner/AWANA/Youth/
 Prayer
 7 WAM/Praise Team
 8
 9 Orchestra Rehearsal
 10 Wiser Bunch Lunch
 11 Joyful Noise/Deacons/
 Homebuilders
 12 WAM
 13 AWANA/Youth/Prayer Mtg.
 14 WAM/Board of Elders/Praise Team
 15 LAF Kernel Auction
 16 Men's Breakfast
 17 Orchestra Rehearsal/
 Church Plant mtg./Youth Group
 18 Joyful Noise
 19 WAM
 20 Fairmont Fair/Prayer Mtg.
 21 WAM
 22
 23
 24 Sunrise Service @ Franconia Park/
 Breakfast following service
 25 Joyful Noise/Homebuilders
 26 WAM/Worship Planning/
 Discipleship
 27 AWANA Closing
 28 WAM/Praise Team
 29
 30 Youth service proj./LAF Visiting

May

1 Youth staff Mtg./Church Plant mtg.
 2 LAF Craft Night/Missions
 3 WAM
 4 Youth Bible Study Picnic
 5 WAM
 6
 7 LEAD
 8
 9 Homebuilders
 10 WAM
 11 Young at Heart Luncheon/Prayer
 Mtg.
 12 WAM/Board of Elders
 13
 14
 15 Church Plant mtg./Youth group
 16 Blood Drive
 17 WAM
 18 Prayer Mtg.
 19 WAM
 20
 21
 22 THIRST CONFERENCE
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 25 THIRST CONFERENCE
 26
 27
 28
 29 Communion
 30
 31 WAM/Worship Planning

Birthday's & Anniversaries



April

- 1 Gerry & Ursula Henschel/
Sharon Kawaguchi/Jonathan Potts
- 2 Gary Hendricks/Betty Roberts
- 4 Ivan Buso
- 5 Ernie & Althea Pierson/Charlie Kunz
- 8 Bill & Naomi Lewis/
Carson Hendricks
- 9 Rick Vledder/Ursula Henschel
- 12 Rebecca Armstrong
- 13 Bryanna Lacey
- 14 Aileen Wirth
- 15 Mary Robbins
- 16 Melanie Roberts
- 17 Sandy Reynolds
- 18 Doug & Elaine Burns/Adam &
Karen Kichline/Norm Reynolds Jr.
- 19 Mark Kemp/Edity Brown
- 20 Jenna Vledder
- 21 John & Faith Solt*/Megan Jarrell
- 22 Joel & Rachael Bechtel
- 24 Gertrude Cutaiar
- 25 Jerry Moyer*
- 26 Tim & Wanda Rittenhouse
- 28 Randy & Ann Long/Shawn Sizemore
- 30 Frank DelVecchio/Eli Hendricks/
Rick Hess

June

Missionary Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 6 Grete Shelling
- 9 Jonathan & Terri Arnold
- 17 Efthemes & Irene Sioukiouoglou
- 20 Samuel Moyer



* Denotes Missionaries

May

- 2 Frances Bradbury
- 3 Pat & Mindy Walsh
- 4 Jeff & Melissa Garges/Jonathan
Armstrong/Carrie Baker/
Hallie Orlowski
- 5 Myah Buso
- 7 Chuck Lachman
- 8 Jonathan Arnold/Garrett Heinley
- 9 Nicole Potts
- 10 Ginny Leitold
- 11 Cathy Pfeiffer/Bill Quier
- 12 Audyn Hunsberger/Maria Alderfer
- 13 Mark & Shelley Kemp
- 14 Trish Landis
- 15 Jim & Sandy Godshall
- 16 Paul Zimmerman*
- 17 Dave & Cathy Pfeiffer/
Gary & Karen Shogren*/
Chad Yoder
- 18 Mary Beth Bette/Grace Dalavai*/
Joel Henschel
- 20 Wayne & Amy Hillborn/
Ramon Morales
- 21 Brandon & Amie Lacey/Ken & Kelly
Novicki
- 22 Shaun & Maria Sizemore/Gray &
Aileen Wirth/Will Conner/
Jacob Detweiler/Morgan Scott/
George Sioukiouoglou*
- 23 Dave & Theresa Heinley/Amy Stott/
Jordan Hendricks
- 24 Blaine Landis
- 25 Glenn & Shannon Stephenson
- 26 RJ & Holly James
- 27 Charlie & Sharon Kunz/
Glen & Jeanne LeSuer/
Addison Drace/Gary Shogren*
- 28 Harold & Linda Crider/Joe Horchuck
- 31 Don Bostrom/Mike Orlowski