

I Sleep Good at Night

A rancher came into town looking for workers.

All had been chosen but one. "What do you do best?" the rancher asked, "I sleep good at night" came the reply. Not being impressed the rancher finished his business in town and was on his way out of town when he noticed the man still waiting in the park. "What did you say you did best?" the rancher asked again. "I sleep good at night," came the reply. "What do you mean you sleep good at night?" the bossman inquired. "Oh, when I work for another I give him a full to running over day. Then I put away all the tools, check all the cattle in the barn, fill up all the feed troughs, lock all the gates, and go to the bunk house and **sleep good at night.**"

"You are just the man I've been looking for." the rancher said.

When it comes to your service as a Christian, are you just the one that Christ has been looking for? In a spiritual sense, can you sleep good at night knowing that you have your part in the vineyard of the Lord? Paul writes that he fought the good fight, finished the race, and kept the faith (II Tim. 4:7). John writes if we walk in the light as He is in the light Christ blood will cleanse us from sin (I Jn. 1:7).

Yes, we can sleep at night! But we must do the job.

-Doug Bingham

Giving God Our Best

Christians have traditionally "dressed up" for Sunday morning services while being less formal for Sunday and Wednesday evenings. In some situations I believe that's appropriate and does nothing to violate biblical principles.

As I consider the comments and opinions expressed by various individuals regarding a Christian's clothing, one thing stands out: We are to offer our best to God. Yet no one contends that we should always wear coats and ties for men and dresses for women in all our services to God. I'm not advocating a "dress down" policy while attending services. But I am saying to offer our best is much more than what we wear to an assembly.

I Timothy 2:9 states the "women are to adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with braided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array." What we are to clothe ourselves with (male and female) is not some outward show of quality apparel, but an inner quality of submission reflected in a lifestyle of doing good. Paul's teaching here is only that our clothing be modest. The wearing of blue jeans, pants suits, and other "casual clothing" is an individual choice and should not be legislated. Again, modesty is the rule for all individuals.

Incidentally the "casual look" in some cases may be more modest than the "formal look".

May each of us strive to be modest and clothed with good works. If that is accomplished, then God is glorified.

- Don

Teens

September Date to Remember

9/14-16—RUSH Weekend—FHU

9/23—Teen Bible Study after evening services

9/30—Youth Conduct services

Youth Girls Tanzania Project – The West Side Youth Ladies will be needed to work on a project that will be sent to Tanzania soon. We will be staying after services on Sunday afternoon on September 23 for lunch and to work. Sign up on the board if you can stay so we know how much to order for lunch!

Cell Phone vs. Bible

I wonder what would happen if we treated our Bible like we treat our cell phones?

What if we carried it around in our purses or pockets?

What if we turned back to go get it if we forgot it?

What if we flipped through it several times a day?

What if we used it to receive messages?

What if we treated it like we couldn't live without it?

What if we gave it to kids as gifts?

What if we used it as we traveled?

What if we used it in case of an emergency?

What if we upgraded it to get the latest version?

This is something to make you go hmmm...where is my Bible?

Oh, and one more thing. Unlike our cell phones, we don't ever have to worry about our Bible being disconnected because Jesus already paid the bill!

- Truth Magazine

WOW (West Sides Older Workers)

October dates will be posted next week!!

Team Events

Team 3— There will be a Bar-B-Que at the Gilpins on Friday, 9/21 at 6:00. Sign up sheet on the board!

Five First Steps to Success

Give God:

1. ...the **First Hour** of the day.
2. ...the **First Day** of the week.
3. ...the **First Portion** of your pay.
4. ...the **First Consideration** in every decision.
5. ...the **First Place** in your heart.

Positive Side of Life

*How long a minute is depends on what side of the bathroom door you're on.

*Happiness comes thru doors you didn't even know you left open.

*Ever notice that the people who are late are often much jollier than the people who have to wait for them?

*Prayer is not a substitute of work, thinking, watching, suffering, or giving; prayer is a support for all other efforts.

*The quickest way to get a child's attention is to take a nap.

*Happiness is the best facelift.

SICK

WJ Wood is in the VA Medical Center being treated for a blood clot in his lung.

Hazel McFalls had out-patient surgery last week.

Danny Blevins, nephew of **Helen Graves**, was diagnosed with bladder cancer. He will have surgery on Oct. 8 at LGH. He is also the husband of Bob Garby's co-worker.

Luetta Gregory had some test run last week.

Remember the following in prayer: **Betty Jenkins, Effie Wimmer, Evelyn White.**

Our sympathies are extended to **Bonnie Mellon** in the death of her aunt, Hettie Ogles, who passed away last week.

Happy Birthday this week to:

Jimmy Harrington—9/16,
Jim Cooke—9/17

Happy Anniversary to:

Jeff & Rebecca Durham—9/17,
Mitch & Kristie Jearls—9/17
Gene & Nancy Benefield—9/23

SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER ITEMS FOR THE STAFFORDS: Torengo's and dream whip envelopes. Give your items to Jeanny and she will ship them over!

MILITARY

Ty Stricklin—Stationed in Iraq

Self-respect in a man is something like salt in soup—the right amount is good, but too much is awful!

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Education Committee will be having a meeting on September 16 at 4:00. The committee consist of Bonnie Mellon, Marsha Cooke, Rebecca Durham, Annette Shrader, Kay Anderson, Wanda Martin, Charlotte Harrington and Jeanny Gilpin.

TEACHERS

If you need to order any dies from Ellison please have your order into the office by Friday, Sept. 21. Questions see a member of the education committee. Also if you need to order black lights for your class they will also be ordered on Sept 21.

TEAM 3

There will be a BBQ at the Gilpins on Friday at 6:00. Sign up today!!

YOUTH GIRLS TANZANIA PROJECT

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PRIMARY TEACHERS MEETING

Teachers meeting on Sunday, September 23 at 4:00 in the fellowship hall.

T3 PLANNERS MEETING

The final T3 planners meeting for this year will be on Sunday, September 30, at 4:30.

TURN, TURN, TURN

*T3 will be on October 6 from 8:30—2:15. Registrations are located in the foyer.

*We are looking for old free standing hair dryers for décor—if you have one please see Jo Ann, Jeanny or Velda if we can borrow it!!

***Also** drinks can be donated by placing them in the kitchen!

September 2007

Announcements Danny Guard
Song Leader (AM) Eric Earnhart
Opening Prayer (AM)
9/2 Charles Maness
9/9 Tom Rogers
9/16 Squeaky Valentine
9/23 Wayne Dixon
9/30 Tom Duff
Preside at Communion Greg Edwards
Serve Table Roger Mays Bobby Martin
Fred Altizer Jeremy White

Closing Prayer

9/2 Richard Simms
9/9 George Mellon
9/16 Tom Richardson
9/23 Bob Garby
9/30 Jim Cooke

Song Leader (PM)

Jeff Durham

Opening Prayer (PM)

9/2 Don Pettit
9/9 AC Janney
9/16 Glenn Hartman
9/23 Jim Bush
9/30 Youth

Scripture Reader

Shawn Simms

Closing Prayer (PM)

9/2 Jerry Anderson
9/9 Sam Valentine
9/16 Mark Brooks
9/23 Crawford Keith
9/30 Youth

Serve Table (PM) Preston Duff Ethan Rogers

Song Leader (Wed) Josh Whitlow

Prayer (Wed)

9/5 Mike Durham
9/12 Paul Mays
9/19 Claude Crowe
9/26 Adam House

Open/Close Bldg Tom Rogers

Greeters Browns Paxtons

Nursery Attend Velda Gearhart Jo Ann Edwards

Ushers Norris Gearhart Curtis Oakes

Handouts Shawn & Ryan Simms
Herb Baker & Mark Brooks

Alternates Mike Durham

Prepare comm. Audrey Gabbard & Betty Buckner

Cards & Pencils Chandler Jearls & Andrew Gibson

Last weeks attendance 9/9&12/2007

Bible Class— 155 Worship Service—224

Eve. Worship— 122 Wed. Service—147

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