

Lives That Adorn

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10 a.m. Sunday
6 p.m. Sunday

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9 a.m. Sunday
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We like to dress up sometimes. I know my wife likes to adorn herself in new clothes. We usually dress up for worship or other special occasions. We even decorate our houses at Christmas time with special ornaments which our house doesn't see the rest of the year. We even bring a tree into the house and doll it up to enjoy for a month. We want to make whatever is adorned the best it can be. We want to make it attractive and pleasing to the eye.

The Bible also speaks of adorning or decorating. Jesus observed that the scribes and Pharisees built the tombs of the prophets and *adorned* the monuments of the righteous (Matt 23:29). Also in Luke 21:5 "... some were talking about the temple, that it was *adorned* with beautiful stones and votive gifts," The same word is also used to describe how godly women are to *adorn* themselves.

- 1 Timothy 2:9—"Likewise, I want women to adorn themselves with proper clothing, modestly and discreetly..."
- 1 Peter 3:3-5—"Your *adornment* must not be merely external—braiding the hair, and wearing gold jewelry, or putting on dresses; but let it be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable quality of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is precious in the sight of God. For in this way in former times the holy women also, who hoped in God, used to *adorn* themselves, being submissive to their own husbands;"

The word common to all these Scriptures is verb kosmeo—"to make beautiful, dress, decorate... to put in order, be adorned, decorated, beautifully dressed" (Mounce).

Now Paul uses this same word *adorn* to emphasize something very important. Concerning slaves, Paul says "Urge bondslaves to be subject to their own masters in everything, to be well pleasing, not argumentative, not pilfering, but showing all good faith so that they will *adorn* the doctrine of God our Savior in every respect" (Titus 2:9-10). WHAT? You mean to tell me that the lowest class of human beings in that society could decorate or adorn the already beautiful message of the gospel of our Savior? That's exactly right! A life lived in conformity to the gospel serves to accentuate its beauty and power! A life lived in conformity to the gospel brings life to the words of the Bible. A life lived in conformity to the gospel stands out as different from the lives of the world. A life lived in conformity to the gospel is a bright light shining in this world of darkness. When we are employers, employees, students, teachers, mothers, fathers, and friends according the gospel's instructions, we decorate God's word so that others can see the beauty of Christianity.

Sadly, Paul showed the Jews that their lives had had the opposite effect. Because of their hypocrisy, not practicing what they preached (Rom 2:21-23), their lives served to desecrate the doctrine, which they taught! "For the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you..." (Rom 2:24).

May our lives be exemplary of God's gospel and may our lives adorn His

John Deffenbaugh



Pam Babb, Betty Ball, Jack Brodie, Fred Bukowich, John Burlingame, Joyce Clarkson, Angela Collett, Pete Conrow, Ed Cornell, Lee Crabtree, Tim Dawkins, David Fehring, Mary Jane Flint, Joe and Teresa Freund, Phyllis Goins, Faye Haight, May Hill, Wilma Hill, Doris Jones, Guy Lewis, Chester Lyons, Pearl McCleary, Judy Martin, Bob Murray, Max Naramore, Price Naramore, Ron Naramore, Pat Risley, Helen Swem, Corin Thomlinson, Bobbie Tuggle, Margaret Wald, Ruth Ann Wilson, Velda Wood, Sue York.

- **Danny Boggs** had surgery on his elbow on Tuesday and is now home.
- **David Deffenbaugh** had surgery for a brain bleed on Tuesday in Oklahoma City. He is now in ICU.
- **Heather Cobb** will have an appendectomy on Monday.

Please let everyone there know that my wonderful wife, Cheryl Stone, has been called home. She passed at about 1 a.m. Jan. 15 this year. She never forgot all the love shown her (and all of us) by the members there at Hillcrest.

In Christian Love,
Mike, Katrina and her boys



every **ONE** counts!

Thank you to everyone who contributed a dollar in the offering this week for our benevolence work "Every

'One' Counts"! These past few weeks we have helped a member here who needs it. They really appreciate your giving!



This Sunday's Sermons:

AM: *Lucky Charms Or Raisin Bran?*
Luke Yates
PM: *One Word: Wrath*
Luke Yates

Thursday morning Ladies' Bible class will meet at 10:00 this Thursday with Karen teaching. Join us!



Devo & Donuts is every Tuesday at 7 a.m. in the Activities Center, for school kids.

Remember to read your *One Word* devotionals this week, and come Sunday night to top it off in worship as we think just a little more about the word "wrath" in the Bible.



ONE WORD

Louise Faules Going Away Party: Please make plans to stay after evening worship this Sunday to have a send-off for Louise Faules, as she will be moving next week to Springfield. This event will be in the Activities Center. Please bring finger foods.



2018 ANNUAL VALENTINES BANQUET FOR PREACHERS, ELDERS, DEACONS & THEIR SWEETHEARTS

Hillcrest Church of Christ Activity Center
February 16
6:00 pm
Speaker-Lawrence Sanders
\$10 ea.
Please text or call 417-592-2035 with number coming from your congregation by Feb 11.

PRAYER LEADERS

Sunday, January 28

- AM Opening: John Deffenbaugh
- AM Closing: Bryan Reiboldt
- PM Opening: Jared Thomas
- PM Closing: Eldon Morgan

Wednesday, January 31

- Opening: Joe Moreno
- Closing: Tyler Phillips

RECORDS	01-21-18	01-22-17
Bible Study	177	132
AM Worship	198	187
PM Worship	129	113
Wednesday	NA	141
Contribution	\$9,449.84	\$7,816.17
Budget	\$7,643.38	\$7,630.58