

Schedule of Meeting Times:

WKAC 1080 AM Sunday 7:30 AM
Speaker, Robert Emerson
Study Sunday 10:00 AM
Worship Sunday Morn 11:00 AM
Worship Sunday Eve 5:00 PM
Singing every 2nd Sunday evening
Study Wednesday 7:00 PM

*"Just as a father has compassion
on his children, So the LORD has
compassion on those who fear
Him." —Psalm 103:13*



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Servants during August:

Songleader: Peter (2), Chandler (9),
Stanley (16), Larry (23), David (30);
Peter (9/6)

Reading: Mike; Larry (Sept)

Announcements: Robert; Stanley (Sept)

Table: Marty, Stanley, David, Peter;
Robert, Mike, Peter, Marty (Sept)

Wednesday Lesson: Larry (5), Kris
(12), Larry (19), Stanley (26);
Larry (9/2)

Lawn Mowing (week starting):

Marty (2), Stanley (9), Robert
(16), Larry (23), Kris (30); Marty
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"Examine everything carefully..." —1 Thessalonians 5:21 NASB

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To Display or Not to Display?

By Alan Jones

They both were women. They both were royalty. They both were fair to look upon. They both were called upon to display themselves before reveling men on feast days. But, that's where the similarities end.

One woman refused to display herself and lost her position as queen. The other danced and "pleased" the king, causing him to cut off the head of a righteous man. One woman has served through the centuries as an example of purity and modesty; the other as an example of lasciviousness. Queen Vashti, wife of the Persian King Ahasuerus, was commanded to show

off her beauty in front of the nobles and princes of the Medo-Persian Empire—all of which were drunken. She refused to come and was deposed from her throne, Esther 1:9-12, 19.

The daughter of Herodias danced before King Herod, his lords, the high captains, and the chief men of Galilee. Herod was so "pleased" with her lasciviousness, he swore that she could have anything she wanted, up to half the kingdom. After a conference with her mother, she asked for the head of John the Baptist

on a platter. Herod reluctantly and sorrowfully kept his oath, Mk 6:21-29.

Today, all women have the same choice—to display or not to display. “Daughters of Herodias” are all around us in the world—especially now that it’s summertime. More than tans are being flashed. Bodies are being placed on public display. Where are the “Vashtis”? Surely they can be found among those professing to be God’s children. But, alas, so many times, this is not the case!

Christians, both women and men, should dress “with proper clothing,

modestly and discreetly,” 1 Tim 2:9. Ask yourself just one question, “If in a pinch, with no time to change clothes, would I be ashamed to wear the clothes that I wear in other public places to worship services?” If the answer is yes—soul searching is in order. To display or not to display? To be a “Vashti” or a “Daughter of Herodias”? Only YOU can decide!

I am not sure that, for some folks, questioning whether something would be embarrassing to wear in corporate worship is enough; perhaps better: would you wear it if you were in Jesus’ presence? Because... you are, Rev 2:23.

—via *Search for Truth*, Aug 23, 2020 

A Question of Rights?

By Kris Vilander

Different states have taken various approaches as to how to deal with this iteration of coronavirus. Within each state, local churches have differed in their approach as well; and so they should, since scripturally, each congregation is autonomous.

Alabama remains a relatively free state with the exception of the mask mandate, and some have raised the question of a citizen’s rights with regard to it. Some states are far more intrusive; yet each one is a part of these United States—and that should make us think.

Take for instance the case of the Harvest Rock Church in Pasadena, California. The lawyer representing them, Mat Staver of Liberty Counsel,

notes that they face not only fines, **but also jail time for meeting as a church**: \$1000 and up to year in prison per assembly; not only applicable to the preacher, **but to everyone on staff**—indeed, **every member** that would risk choosing to meet with others; and not only applicable to public meetings, **but also to private, in-home Bible studies** that would include those from differing households!

The North Valley Baptist church in Santa Clara, California, was fined \$10,000 for having sung at both morning and evening meetings, even though they observed “social distancing,” and they were not located in a “hot spot.” Bear in mind

that there have been tens of thousands throughout California that have nightly been rioting as a mob that have not been rebuked by state authorities—shoulder-to-shoulder, screaming and shouting violent and ungodly phrases. In fact, Staver notes that they have only been emboldened by the governor, who encouraged protests, saying “God bless you; keep doing it.”

In the face of such hypocrisy—when (as in some states) liquor stores, abortion mills, and casinos remain open; when unruly mobs are encouraged to gather; yet, it is “too dangerous” for families to worship God; i.e., when evil is an essential service, and worship of God unessential—we have to admit such laws have become a form of oppression.

I’m afraid we often forget the very real persecution of true brothers in Christ going on in other countries: they are far away, and don’t make our news-feed. Yet we ourselves have never been seriously persecuted... at least, not to the point of blood, Heb 12:4.


But **this** “oppression” is more real: it is happening in these United States! What would **you** do, were you to live in Pasadena? Would you defy local authorities, and meet with other brethren (Heb 10:24,25), or be quarantined indefinitely—both said to be for your own, and other’s good? Would you teach and admonish one another in song (Col 3:16), or not?

The rights we have as US citizens are a great blessing from God. Most foreigners only dream of them. Yet, is all this simply a question of rights? Or is it one of whom you will obey, Acts 5:29; 4:19,20?

One thing is certain: we need to pray for wisdom about these things, and for those that are dealing with oppression in whatever form for the sake of Christ.

Klett, Leah MarieAnn, “Calif. church fined \$10,000 for singing, meeting inside; pastor vows to ‘take a stand,’” Christian Post, 8/26/20

Starnes, Todd, “Pasadena Threatens to Jail Pastor, Congregation Over Indoor Worship,” Townhall.com, 8/21/20

Woodward, Chris, “California continues crushing churches,” OneNewsNow.com, 8/26/20 

Remember in Prayer

Betty’s health issues may be due to her kidneys not working well; **Shane’s dad, Mickey Bates**, has apparently lost all kidney function due to existing heart issues; **Dwight** is having breathing problems due to the season; and **Buddy** is still suffering due to liver issues. Also, **Dot’s sister Francis** passed away this past week; and **Bernice** is now

recovering at her daughter’s house: **Beverly Toney**, 16888 Lon Road, Athens, AL 35613.

Always remember our loved ones that cannot meet with us, including **Lois Adams, Madelene Britnell, Carolyn Dennis, Tim and Dot Hice, and Polly McNatt.** 