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Bible Class: 10:00 am
Worship Service: 11:00 am

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For The Church

Spiritual Discipline: Chastity

God not only made the body sacred, but God himself has come in person, in bodily flesh. The body of Jesus was not some asexual spiritual shell. Jesus was a red-blooded Jewish male with appetites, drives, hormones, temptations and relationships with women. Being 100-percent human, he had the freedom to make choices about what to do with his body. The truth is that real freedom always puts us in a place of responsibility. Jesus never abrogated responsibility for his behavior. He always shouldered his freedom in a way that honored and cherished the bodies of others.

Chastity is the desire to revere God by receiving and honoring my body and the bodies of others with purity of thought and action. Healthy chastity is rooted in a deep acceptance of, respect for and protection of the glorious body God has given me and all other human beings. Chaste behavior cultivates sexual purity and nourishes trust. Jesus was free to let sinful women massage his feet. He had intimate friendships with men and women, and these relationships were sexually pure. Jesus is a remarkable example of a man who was comfortable in his own skin and totally free to love. He wasn't emotionally shut down. He was free to go to parties and to hang out with prostitutes, and he was not judgmental or uptight around sexually promiscuous people.

God's boundaries regarding chastity always bring responsibility, but the responsibility to honor another's body actually brings freedom to love. Loving behavior always nurtures, encourages, protects, brings freedom, develops intimacy, and supports biblical truth. It never leaves another with cause for shame or embarrassment. Chastity is based on the awareness that God loves bodies. He came in a body – in Jesus. And now he continues to come to this world through our bodies. We are the temple of God on earth. The Holy Spirit inhabits our bodies, and Christ lives in us. Your whole being is made to be filled with God's trinitarian life.

In Our Prayer

Tim Taylor
Pam Aldrich
Crystal Emery (Gloria's mom)
Enrique Lira
Linda Guthrie

Betty Peptone (David's Sister)
Clay Mason
Miguel Devore
Carl Feril

Kyler Dickson
Juanita Barnett (Marisa's Mom)
Kelly Mansel

Upcoming Events

Youth Group [Tonight]

We will have youth group tonight at 7 PM at the church building.

Young Family Ministry [Tonight]

Join us for our young family ministry tonight starting at 5 PM at the church building. Dinner and childcare will be provided!

VBS [Wednesday]

Our last night of VBS will be Wednesday from 5:30-8 PM this year.

Save the Date:

September 13 - Young Family Ministry (Stafford)

September 25-27 - SMC Ladies Retreat

October 11 - Young Family Ministry (St. John)

November 8 - Young Family Ministry (Stafford)

November 13-15 - SMC Fall Teen Retreat

Birthdays

Burke Long - August 9

Janet Feril - August 12

Clara-Jean Huffman - August 15



Worship Order

Welcome Table: Carl & Janet Feril

Greeters: Carl & Janet Feril

Song Leader: Gary Hornbaker

Sound System: Orrin Feril

Gathering: #577 - We Bow Down

Welcome: Chris Mansel

Scripture Reading: Jerry Kinnamon (Revelation 1:12-16)

Song: #180 - Jesus is Lord

Song: #349 - Ten Thousand Angels

Communion: Richard Brensing (Shawn Batten, Jayce Feril, Stan Aldrich)

*Song: #23 - Our God, He is Alive

Lesson #1: Zeb Carter

Shepherd's Prayer: Tom Turner

Song: #266 - Majesty

Lesson #2: Zeb Carter

Song: #934 - Softly and Tenderly (vs. 1)

Closing Prayer: Darrel Bauer

* During the final verse of this song, children will be dismissed for Bible Hour.

