

Are You Dressed for the Wedding?

By David Wright

Carolyn and I ate dinner at Cracker Barrel one winter night some years ago. One of the other diners, a 10-year-old boy, was unusually dressed. He was wearing pajamas, a bathrobe, and a heavy coat. Imagining the conversation before the family left home for dinner was entertaining: "Charlie, put on some pants. We're going to Cracker Barrel." "No, I don't want to." "Okay, get your coat. It's cold out there."

This boy's socially inappropriate behavior reminds me of a parable of Jesus. A king gives a marriage feast for his son. The invited guests either make excuses or mistreat the messengers bringing the invitations. The king punishes the wicked subjects and then extends the wedding invitation to anyone who will come. The wedding hall fills with guests.

What does the story mean? The holy King of Israel invites the Jewish people to celebrate his Son. The invitation is rejected, and God's prophets are persecuted. Israel suffers divine punishment at the hands of the Romans. The invitation to celebrate the King's Son is then extended to the Gentiles. Everyone is welcome in the kingdom of heaven.

But this doesn't mean that we can appear before a holy God unprepared: "When the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. And he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth'" (Matt. 22:11-13).

It's common for people to have bad dreams about being unprepared for things important to them. An A student dreams that she is about to take her finals, but she has studied the wrong notes. A surgeon dreams that he is about to do surgery, but his scalpel has become a butter knife.

When we go out to eat or attend a wedding, we want to have our pants on – not pajamas and a bathrobe. But have we thought about meeting the King of kings? Being prepared to meet Jesus isn't about frantically doing every imaginable kind thing. Being prepared is being clothed in the righteousness of Christ (Gal. 3:26-27).

Luke 18:15-17 "Bring the Children to Me" (AM)

1 Pet. 2:4-6 "A Spiritual House" (PM)



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Elders: Monty Lawley, Larry Mathis, Steve McClelen
Deacons: Jason Turner, Leslie Thomas, Rodney Yarbrough, Hesikiah Williamson, Willie Coleman, Sr.

Pulpit Minister: David Wright Youth Minister: Leslie Thomas

Sunday Morning Bible Class	9:00	AM
Sunday Morning Worship	10:00	AM
Sunday Evening Worship	5:00	PM
Wed Evening Bible Study	7:00	PM

Visitors, we are glad you came and hope you will fill out the pink side of the visitor card on the back of the pew in front of you. We have an attended nursery for infants to 18 months. Please come back.



Dudley Robertson had to have a second surgery to drain the fluid on his brain. He was in ICU for a few days. He is now home.

Terry White had a heart ablation procedure last Monday. It went well.

Please continue to remember to pray for those that are recovering from recent surgery /illness:

Stan Hopkins, Melba Jean Mathis, Carolyn Wright, Nayadean Kozelski, Michael Gregory, and Nadine Tunnel.

Response

Madilyn Mitchell
She would like to be restored and asked for prayers from her church family.

Memorial Service:

The memorial service for Jean Landess has been scheduled for September the 7th, 10:00 am, here at the church building.

- July 28 Ronny Clay
- Aug 2 Larry King
- Aug 3 Nancy Scott
- Aug 6 Lylla Lisle
- Aug 6 Don Watson
- Aug 7 Danny Smith
- Aug 8 Joyce Davis
- Aug 10 Jeanine Thomas
- Aug 12 Landon Thomas
- Aug 14 Robert Neely
- Aug 15 Jason Ayers
- Aug 16 Treon Lawley

Aug 4 Eddie & Mary Donnell

Aug 11 Robert & Paula Neely

Dinner with Family meets every Wednesday evening from 5:30- 6:45. It's okay if you are late . You are still welcome. Only \$2 dollars for each person or \$5 dollars for a family. Joyce and Paula want to especially encourage Christian men to come and lead the prayer before the meal! And if you cannot make it in time to eat they will fix you a to go box. Just text or call and let them know. (loycecell:214 - 674- 2471.

The **evangelism team** will be passing out school supplies on Saturday August the 17th. If you would like to help please be at the building at 9:00 am.

We will have a short teachers meeting on Sunday July 28th immediately following the morning service. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss some exciting changes and improvements to our education department. If you are currently a teacher, or if you have an interest to be a teacher or teachers helper, please attend the meeting in order to sign up for the class and quarter you would like to teach - first come first serve! If you have any questions please see Jason Turner

Round House tonight!