A Church Dress Code?

Hey Church family, I was given an excellent bulletin article from Bro. Walter Reid Long to share. I hope you can benefit from it and I'll share some comments of my own afterwards:

It seems that dress codes have always been a source of controversy within societies and of course within the church. In most cases, popular culture drives the clothes that people wear, while dress codes attempt to monitor apparel by opinions of what is considered decent and moral.

The following dress code was recently posted by a night club which boasted of being "the hottest honkey tonk in town."

NO sagging or baggy clothing/ NO gym or athletic clothing/ NO tank tops or undershirts/ NO cutoffs or sleeveless shirts/ NO sunglasses worn inside/ NO skullcaps, beanies, or hoods/ NO jerseys/ NO pyjamas or house shoes/ NO white t-shirts/ NO dirty clothing/ NO bandanas/ NO gang colors or sports fan apparel. This dress code concluded with the following statement: "We are not the gym, your couch, or your bedroom. Dress and act accordingly!"

Dear Christians, if an establishment that offers drinking, dancing, and other types of revelry of which God disapproves (1 Peter 4:3), can expect its patrons to dress and act in a decent manner, then surely, we can do better as the Lord's people. We are to be modest and chaste in our appearance and behavior, especially when we come together to worship our Heavenly Father. What better lesson can we teach our children than that of dressing properly and respectfully when attending church services.

"In like manner also, that the women [[can this not apply to men as well?]] adorn themselves in modest apparel, with propriety and moderation, not with braided hair or gold or pearls or costly clothing, but which is proper for women professing godliness, with good works" (1 Timothy 2:9-10) Our clothing doesn't have to be fancy, formal, or expensive, just as the old timers used to say, "Wear your best."

Jay Launius, Maud church of Christ, Maud, Texas

I appreciate the sentiments in this shared article! I wonder sometimes what some of our brethren walking in the doors of the McEwen church of Christ were thinking when they got dressed that morning. Not to be rude, but I wonder if our clothing choices tell the world what we deem important? Instead of asking, 'Does this outfit make me look fat?' Maybe we should ask, 'Does this outfit make me look like I'm flaunting the financial blessings God has given me?' Or 'Does this outfit accentuate parts of my body that only my husband (or wife) should see?' How about 'Does this outfit honor my father in heaven and my brothers and sisters in Christ?' And 'Could this outfit possibly distract me or anyone else from our main purpose for attending worship services? Worshipping God!'

If we as a church family can't address questions like these, do we expect the world to help us get it right? Will the world teach our children properly? Let's do our best to honor God in everything we do, even down to the items of clothing we choose to wear. Remember: God is focused on our hearts! Wearing too little (or too much (jewelry, makeup, fancy clothing)) may be a sign that our hearts are focused on worldliness, not godliness. - John

On Our Prayer List... Bertha Bradtord-not a W.R. & Louise Long Bertha Bradford-not doing well-new ph# 931-209-2252 Wesley Parrish-keep in prayer-no visitors@ this time Jerry & Kathy Martin

Sarah Parnell **Bettty Suddeath** Marvin England Al & Vicki Peek **Hattie Tate** Jim Tyler

SURGERIES: Michelle Lashlee-biopsy on 7/23

*Gary Pace-(Geraldine Curtis brother) requesting prayers, he is in Waverly Hills Nursing Home– not doing well, please keep him & family in yr prayers for comfort & peace.

*Barry Coleman-(friend of Marsha Patrick) bypass surg last Thursday

*Tim Smith (Toad's son) home recovering fr back surg.

*Debbie Warren-keep in prayer Scottie Lashlee-several health issues

*Claude Hurt-in hosp-not doing well requesting prayers

*Brian Gill -tumor-surgery

*Jo Hall(Jimmy & Ronnie Tyler's sister) heart issues

*Devin Keith-(Morgan Peyton's brother) currently home with follow-up Dr. appts

*Mike Gunn- now home recovering

*Betty James-having tests

*Steve Peyton-been diagnosed with Cirrhosis of the liver-running tests to see if a good candidate for a liver transplant. In Washington State

*Carolyn Wilson-(Madison's grandmother) requesting prayers

*Josh Barnett-(Charlotte Heights CoC Minister)benign brain tumor@treatments *Helen Damesworth- in Belle meade rehab

*Thelma Davidson-(Gwen Bullington's sister) having problems from lupus

*Chase Lewis-(Vicki Peek's family) having problems from lupus

*Doug Simpson-heart -(Ruby England's brothers)/Marcia Simpson(Mike Burns aunt) *Whitney(Bullion)Sager.-home recovering *Alyssa Gold(R.Proctors Niece)

*Shane Cobb-continuing to havemedical issues./Carlene Davis/Margie Gunn *Savannah Patrick (Rhett Syndrome-Marsha Patrick's granddaughter-she loves cards) :c/o Jaimie Patrick) 111 McJury Lane, Lafayette, TN 37083.

THOSE DEALING/BEING TREATED FOR CANCER *KENNY FLEMING-CA meds/*JIMMY PHY-CA treatments

*LILLIAN CHILDRESS-(Sherry Harvey's aunt) Lung CA *DALE STREET-(N. Buttrey grandfather)CA *HOUSTON HOWELL-CA +tic bite infection

*ROY DELOACH, JR-(Roy's son) pancreatic cancer *MACK WINSTEAD-CA-requesting prayers

*HUDSON JONES-{2yr old son of Dan & Catherine, Walnut St COC- has Leukemia

*DAVID NOWLIN-CA treatments-WCOC Elder

*DONNA BURNS-WAYNE&ANN BERRYMAN'S NIECE)-CA

*WANDA DOBBINS-(kin to Tyler's)terminal CA

*JACKIE BORDERS- Lauren Stuart's mom

*ROBERT GARDNER(Friend of Bill Williams) CA

*RANAE DUNCAN-(Bo&Amy's neighbor)CA -currently had to be hospitalized while on vacation-asking for prayers

*CASEY VAILES-(Ranae Duncan's son)also has cancer *LARRY HAYES-(fr Waverly COC) in remission

*MAGGIE WRIGHT-(friend of N. Buttrey) chemo *ALAN JONES - 4 Esophageal CA-taking treatments

*DAVID STOKES-(Jordan Stokes & Carly Stones Dad) & (Drew Swearns step-dad)

ASSISTED LIVING/ NURSING HOME: Humphreys County NH 104 Fort Hill Rd., Waverly, TN 37185June Dreaden- Rm 204 NHC-812 N.Charlotte, Dickson, TN 37055- JoAnn Haley / Doris Stokes-R127 // (Ms. June will be celebrating her 100 BD on 7/28)

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AHC Decatur County-726 Kentucky Ave, Parsons, TN 38363-Wyle Marshall-(Rm 726)-Traci Adams dad (July 28th will be her D)

AT HOME: WESLEY PARRISH-166 Parrish Lane/ROBERT& BERTHA BRADFORD - 347 Brown Mill Rd JIMMY MULLINICKS-56 Mike Street/JANE RIDINGS-172 Indian Ck Rd/ ELTON SMITH-7731 Hwy 70E

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS



Give from heart

> Donate blood and help save lives Blood Drive-will be here

Monday, July 28th, 2025 from: 1:30pm to 5:30pm

*To schedule an appointment, visit RedCrossBlood.org & enter sponRemember this Wed night, 23rd is our singing night, so we will be sharing a meal before, starting @ 5:15. Desserts would be appreciated.

Men's Bible Study will be restarting on August 2nd @ 6:30 am. Topic: Matthew 24



Will be a "Meet, Eat, then Meet Again" after the meal @ 12:15 -No 6:00 PM service that night. Young Men will be conducting afternoon service

Faith, Obedience, Character, Unity, Salvation

Keith, is still resting from getting sick on rafting trip at time of printing-he will update more next week Remember Upcoming:

*GIRL'S NIGHT OUT—Tuesday July 22nd, meet at church building by 5:15 PM.

*BREAKFAST & BIBLE STUDY-{+ a service project to follow}–Wed,, July 23rd @ 9:00 AM @ Keith & Laurie's.

*BACK TO SCHOOL DEVO-on July 27th after evening service. All kids & parents are welcome, hosted by us

*GUY'S NIGHT OUT: this week, details to follow.

*PROMOTION SUNDAY: is August 3rd. Breakfast sign-up sheet on the youth bulletin board.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday, July 27th 2025

Welcome	Calvin Buckner
Lead Singing	Mark Forster
1st Prayer	John Potter
Sermon	John Jones
Lord's Table	Andrew Peyton
Dwight Stuart	Barry Phy

Wayne Coates
Brent Davis
Jack Grigsby
Jesse Kilpatrick

Sunday 6PM, July 27th 2025

Lead Singing	Mark Forster
Prayer	Ty Adams
Sermon	John Jones
Lord's Table	Keith Grigsby & Gerald Curtis
Closing Prayer	Caleb Coates

Wednesday 6:30 PM, July 30th 2025

Lead Singing	.Jacen Robertson
Prayer	Bill Williams
Adult Class(Summer Series-July 30th - Aug 27th).	Joseph Horton

^{*}If you are unable to serve......please contact Wade Tummins in advance. (cell 931-209-6291)

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Return Service Requested





*If you are unable to attend any service please tune in to our *Facebook* page or our *FouTube* page to watch the services. This is NOT a replacement for the command to assemble together as Christ's Body, but a tool for those who may be homebound/shut-in or sick.

The MESSENGER is online! Visit the church website to view!



OUR RECORDS for 7/20/2025

Sunday Morning Bible School — — — 109
Sunday Morning Worship 170
Sunday Evening Worship 101
Wed-Mid-Week Bible Study – – – – – 114
Sunday Contribution — — — — — \$8,730
Number of Seeds Planted — — — — — —



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THAT OF YOUR Inner Self,
THE Unfading Beauty OF A

Gentle & Quiet Spirit,
WHICH IS OF GREAT Worth
IN God's Sight.

Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Study	9:00am
Worship	10:00am
Evening	6:00pm

Wednesday

Bible Study.....6:30pm

<u>Elders:</u>

Calvin Buckner

Billy Buttrey Bruce Mayfield W.R. Long Mike Robertson

Deacons:

Derek Berryman
Wayne Coates
John Hurt
Robert Protor
Joe Smith
Ethan Tummins
Ronnie Tyler

Mike Burns
Mark Forster
Barry Phy
James Ridings
Dwight Stuart
Wade Tummins

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EVANGELISM PROGRAM

Continue to be:

Praying for those we are studying with
 Continuing to provide new {Contact's} cards for us to reach out to

Team 3 - there will be cards downstairs to work on this Wednesday night.

^{*}If changes need to be made in scheduling please contact Jimmy Phy.