

Privileged to Serve

Morning Worship

Announcements: Chad Futrell

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Opening Prayer: Bill Rose

Lord's Table:
Presiding: Scot Parchman

Assisting: Bill Rose
Ron Austin
Ben Grant

Sermon: Byran Hatcher

Closing Prayer: Dale Wiles

Evening Worship

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Opening Prayer: Dustin Pool

Sermon: Byran Hatcher

Lord's Supper: Calvin Austin

Closing Prayer: Abel Abraham

Those serving Wednesday

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Scripture: Pro. 11:15-21

Reading: Jon Williams

Invitation: Brynn Hatcher

Pantry Item
Chili

Sermon Notes *The Husband of One Wife*

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June 10, 2018

Welcome!

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Service Times

Sunday:

B. C. 9:00am
Worship 10:00am
Evening 5:00pm

Wednesday Night:
B. C. 7:00pm

Ladies' Class:
Tuesdays 10:00am

Elders

Scot Parchman
Wade Hedgepeth
Byran Hatcher

Deacons

Brian Godfrey
Steve Pool
John Williams

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"Cry aloud and shout...for great in the midst of thee is the Holy One of Israel." Isaiah 12:6

The Role of Women in the Church (part 1)*

By Robert Taylor Jr.

This is one of the hotly debated questions of our day. For a long time denominations paid no attention to what Paul wrote relative to this crucial topic and now some of our own brethren have joined their numbers. They are ready to make prayer leaders, song leaders, teachers of mixed classes, preachers in the pulpits, officiants at the Lord's Table, servers of the bread and fruit of the vine and even elders and deacons of women.

A CLEAR EXAMPLE OF WHAT WE ARE TALKING ABOUT

A lady in a Texas congregation some time back wrote an article in their church bulletin on what is the role or work of women in the church. She said that it was the same as it was for men. If she is right in this, which of course she is not, then the eldership would be open to her, she could serve as deacon, the pulpit would not be denied her. She could officiate at the Lord's Supper, she could serve the bread and fruit of the vine to the worshippers on the Lord's Day, she could teach both men and women in mixed Bible classes, she could direct the singing, she could lead prayers at any and all our services. If what this woman advocated is true, Paul might as well have saved his literary breath when he wrote such passages as I Timothy 2:11,12. It was wasted effort on his part if her allegations are accurate.

INTRODUCTION AND INTENT

In the early chapters of Acts both men and women were responsive to the gospel demands of the budding movement of Christianity. On occasion women were the first in a community to obey the gospel. Such was true at Philippi in Macedonia. Luke, in Acts 16:13-15, tells of the conversion of Lydia and her household of women. Every indication of this trio of verses is that her household consisted of women and women only. Rather significantly, it was in an earnest epistle directed to the Philippian church that Paul paid stately tribute to the work that Christian women had supplied the

Lord's Cause at Philippi. He wrote that aid should be given "those women which labored with me in the gospel" (Philippians 4:3). The work of dedicated women to the Lord's Cause has defied any type of accurate calculation. Only eternity will give an accurate appraisal of the great good godly women have done in nearly two thousand years of Christianity upon earth.

It shall be my stated purpose in this study to note what her work is and what her work is not. The work of women in the church is one of the burning issues of the day. A number of congregations are already experiencing serious difficulties in this very realm of Biblical teaching. It seems wise that we approach this subject both negatively and positively, both in principle and in personification. A majestic type of motivation for every Christian woman lies in a royal recognition of what Deity and Deity's Book have done for women in general and Christian women in particular. We shall therefore close upon the noble note of some inspirational examples of women at work in their God ordained (appointed) spheres.

LIMITATIONS OF HER WORK: A NEGATIVE LOOK

No surprise should be expressed at the placement of limitations upon women. All the servants of Jehovah God, including his only begotten Son, have had some limitations placed upon them. Jesus in John 6:38 declared, "For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me." It was not the Lord's purpose to please himself but to receive the "reproaches of them that reproached" God (Romans 15:3). But submission to God did not make Jesus a second-rate Lord and a Savior of little or no value. Hebrew prophets of the Old Testament and apostles, prophets and evangelists of the New Testament were under strict submission to the Father's will. They could not stop short of the Father's will; they were prohibited in going beyond it. In I Corinthians 11:23 and 15:3 Paul delivered to the Corinthians only what he had received from Heaven. However, such crystal clear limitations did not make them second-rate servants or men of but little worth or value. Such really enhanced their intrinsic value in God's kingdom. Paul wrote a very germane declaration in I Corinthians 11:3. It reads in our beloved Bible, "But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God." In the apostolic ladder of proper authority Paul has Christ in submission to God, man in submission to Christ and woman in submission to man. But such submission does not make Christ a second-rate member of the Timeless Trinity. Man is not an inferior creature due to his submission to Christ. In fact, he comes into his own right with such submission! Then why should any blasphemously assert that woman is deeply inferior and second-rate because of her commanded submission to man? Biblically speaking, submission and inferiority are not synonymous terms at all. *(to be continued. It is the desire of the editor to present Brother Taylors' article in its entirety, this will take 3 or 4 weeks to accomplish)

By the Numbers

Attendance 6/3/18
Bible Class: 70
Contribution: \$3,817.25

A.M. Worship: 96
DB Readers: 14

P.M. Worship: 53
Chapters Read: 302

Family News and Notes

Steve Smith is in still in CFVRC CSICU; it has been 3 weeks. **Claudia Farrington** still needs our prayers. **Rick Caldwell** still is dealing with heart concerns. **John Williams'** rehab is going well. **Carolyn Pierce** is at Village Green rehab. Jennifer's coworker, **Nazreen Sahib** has breast cancer, but is determined to have a great attitude. **Vicky Carver** needs our prayers. **Gay Mathis** is now under hospice care at Autumn Care. She is now in room is #316. **Vera West** remains in rehab before going into a nursing home. Her sister **Glenda Cox**, also needs our prayers. Linda Williams brother, **Willie "Wayne" Pipkins**, still needs our prayers. Tylia Landrum's parents, **Walter and Blanche Landrum**, are not doing well at this time. **Tylia** also struggles with severe back pain. **Rudy Gray** is declining in health. Lettie is doing her best to care for him at home. Both miss being here very much. Active military: Pray for our active duty military members; they could be called to a conflict area at a moment's notice. Remember to pray for their families as well. Please pray for CCSOP and all those dedicating their lives to proclaiming the gospel of Christ.

Also remember: **Margaret Langston, Vera West, Vicky Carver, Gloria Emerick, Carolyn Pierce, Rudy and Lettie Gray, Gay Mathis, Robbie Sprayberry, Francis Salaz, Tylia Landrum, Gwen and Sarah Jennen, John and Linda Williams**, the **Pollard** family, **Claudia Farrington, Monica Ullom** (in Women's State Prison in Troy, NC), and **Thelma Adams**. Please pray for those in Bible Studies, teachers and students!

Special Recognition

It was a tremendous week for the Lord! Chris and Leigh Ann Flinchum made their calling and election sure on Monday night; and Steve Smith obeyed the gospel in the hospital on Tuesday morning! To all of our soul winners, keep it up! God will make a way.

Events

Retirement Reception: For Gloria Frye. Here at the building Saturday from 2-5pm

VBS: July 16-18 @ 6:30 each evening.

If you would like to host a youth devotional for the month of June, please see Byran ASAP!

We also need a 1st-3rd grade teacher on Sunday morning. Please see Byran if you can step in and teach this class.

