

TIME OF SERVICES

Sunday:

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| Bible Classes | 10:00 a.m. |
| Worship Service | 11:00 a.m. |
| Worship Service | 6:00 p.m. |

Wednesday:

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| Bible Classes | 7:00 p.m. |
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StoneRidge Church of Christ

where CHRIST is the chief cornerstone

1 Peter 2:7



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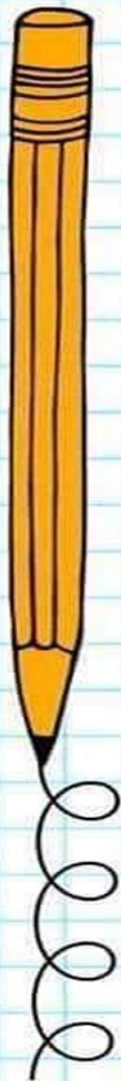
Dancing

Michael Pickford

There is a lot of confusion and even some argumentation over the idea of dancing. Some believe dancing is a sin simply because it is dancing. But the Bible does not condemn dancing per se. It never says, "Thou shalt not dance." To the contrary, the Bible says that there is "a time to dance." (Eccl. 3:4). The problem comes when the type of dance being done involves indecent bodily movements. God does condemn certain types of dancing by way of principle.

I was reading an article in the paper about rules and regulations which certain schools had imposed on their proms. Some of the rules were printed in the article and the wording was rather descriptive. The reality, however, was that the rules were only describing exactly what was taking place on the dance floor. Any dance in which the "sex act" was simulated was forbidden. The fact is, most of our modern dances involves movements of the body which can serve to trigger sexual thoughts in the minds of the viewers and the participants. The multi-million dollar business of strippers, lap dancers, private dancers etc. is based solely on this premise. Any dance in which two people closely move their bodies against one another, especially in which the hands are used to caress and "pet," is forbidden. These school rules would never have become so explicit if these types of things weren't already going on. The Bible is even more restrictive than the rules which I read in the paper. One of the works of the flesh in Galatians 5:19 is "lewdness." This Greek word is actually translated into several different English words. KJV: "lasciviousness." NKJV: "lewdness." NIV: "debauchery." NRSV: "licentiousness." The Greek word is aselgeia which Thayer defines as "wanton (acts or) manners, as filthy words, indecent bodily movements, unchaste

the ABC's of Praying for Students



Attitude ... Psalm 14:14
Boldness ... Psalm 27:1
Courage ... John 1:9
Discernment ... Philippians 1:9-10
Enthusiasm ... Colossians 3:23
Friendliness ... Proverbs 18:24
Generosity ... 2 Corinthians 9:7
Humility ... Philippians 2:3-5
Initiative ... 1 John 3:18
Joyfulness ... Philippians 4:4
Knowledge ... Proverbs 18:15
Listening ... Proverbs 12:15
Maturity ... 1 Corinthians 14:20
Neighbors ... Mark 12:31
Overflow ... Romans 15:13
Perseverance ... Galatians 6:9
Quiet ... Proverbs 29:11
Respect ... Romans 12:10
Self-control ... 2 Peter 1:5-7
Thankfulness ... 1 Chronicles 16:34
Understanding ... Psalm 119:130
Victory ... Psalm 18:29
Wisdom ... James 3:17
eXcellence ... Proverbs 3:9
Youthfulness ... 1 Timothy 4:12
Zeal ... Romans 12:11

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News/Notes/Quotes.

THE SICK. Jordan Pickens was in NEA Hospital last week but is now at home following a good bit of suffering. He will be getting adjusted to some new medicine... Jack Ladyman is getting over Covid but Linda now has it... Jerry Spencer now has Covid... Karen and Keith Livesay have Covid... Joyce Riley has Covid and cannot receive visitors at this time... I know this sounds like a broken record, but it's not gone yet. Remember all of these... Susanne Rand reports that her nephew, Daniel, who was born prematurely, has had to be put back on a CPAP machine... Continue to remember this little fellow... Donald Crisler continues his treatment for cancer... Remember our shutins: Madonna Vines is confined at home. Gail Brooks and Rita Kieffer are both at St. Bernard Village... Shirley Coots at Lawrence County Nursing (hospice care)... Joyce Riley is at St. Elizabeth's Place... Charles Bradsher at Craighead County Nursing Home... Continue to remember all of these in your prayers.

GOSPEL MEETINGS

October 2-7 – STONERIDGE – John Mundy!!!

GROUP 2. The meeting for group will be at the home of the Weavers, August 20, at 5:30 pm.

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handling of males and females." Notice the mention of "indecent bodily movements" and "unchaste handling of males and females." This is exactly what takes place on the dance floors of our modern-day proms and other public dances. It's the same kind of ungodly activity which precedes sexual immorality in the back seats of our teens cars. Putting this sin to music on a dance floor under the supervision of "chaperones" does not make it acceptable. Whether there is music and organization or not it is still lewdness, lasciviousness, debauchery and licentiousness, and it is a "work of the flesh" (Gal. 5:21).

Young people, stay away from modern dances. Parents, you are not robbing your children of the right to "be young" by forbidding them from going to these dances, you're helping them avoid sin and avoid the temptation of being involved in sexual immorality. Just because everyone else is doing doesn't make it all right.

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If every member were just like you, would we need to build more seats or close the doors?

