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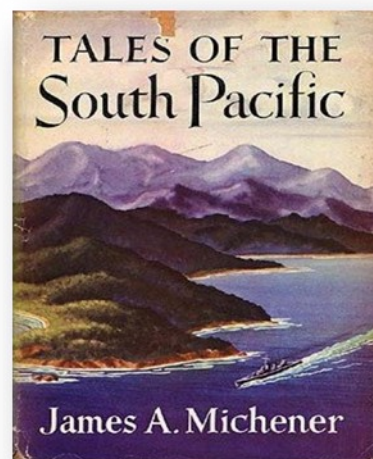
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We Have the Program And The Tickets but...

Mike King



In 1958, Rogers & Hammerstein produced a Pulitzer Prize winning musical. It was an adaptation of James A. Michener's best-selling novel, *Tales of the South Pacific*. The plot had a WWII setting with a romantic theme. The movie was so popular that people were turned away. In order to have bragging rights, they bought used programs and ticket stubs and boasted of having seen it. They had the program, tickets, etc., but never saw the musical.

It is possible for us to boast of knowing and belonging to God today, but have never met God. The world is somewhat oblivious to the association that God has to our lives and the world in which we live. He is scoffed at as being the Creator. Clothes had to have a maker, but the one wearing them is an accident? Plastic roses in a vase had to have a maker, but that from which it was made is an accident. The airplane had to have a maker, but the bird from which it was patterned was accidental.

God is sovereign or supreme in every way. It is not uncommon for us to rebuke people for worrying about their physical needs (Phil. 4:19), but say nothing about God caring for our spiritual deficiencies (Heb. 13:20-21). Our God is so capable and deals with us from an endless supply of blessings. To access God's provisions, someone has conjectured that if we "Give Him what you have, and He will give you more!" God deals with us similar to how a parent would take a child to a toy store, leading them by junk candy and cookie counter to the toy section in the rear. There had to be a stalling-off accompanied by deprivation and hurt in order to enjoy the bliss at the end.

So many are distracted along the way and never receive the bliss. It is true that "God proposes and man disposes." The best laid plans of God are foiled by man's determination to self-indulge. I am so glad that God delights in forgiveness and "*does not retain His anger forever*" (Mic. 7:18). He is to be sought because He is near and He will hear (Isa. 55:6). God is for the weak (Rom. 5:6) and although He has a strong hand, He will feed us like a shepherd and gather us like lambs with His arms to His bosom...and gently lead... (Isa. 40:10-11; Jn. 10:10). He is gentle in that "*He will not cry out, nor raise His voice*" (Isa. 42:2).

One of the most powerful hymns is "Standing Outside." Folks, we may have the program and itinerary, but not be admitted come "show-time" (Matt. 7:21)!

THOSE TO SERVE THE MONTH OF JUNE 2014

Announcements: Lonnie Weaver
Sound Room: Dean Dillard
Usher: Justin Dewberry

Lead Singing: Sun. A.M.: Richard Jennings
 Sun. P.M.: Greg Harrison
 Wed.: Ray Kennedy/Youth

Sunday Prayers:

June 01:
 A.M. Phil Young
 Terry Young
 P.M. Roger Clayton
 J. L. Eaton

June 08:
 A.M. Bill Botts
 Dillon Clayton
 P.M. Dan Cobb
 Perry Jones

June 15:
 A.M. Jason Jennings
 Hunter Jennings
 P.M. Mark Jennings
 Bobby Marques

June 22:
 A.M. Harold Russell
 Paul Ormon
 P.M. Troy Robertson
 Alvin Parks

June 29:
 A.M. Terry Stubblefield
 Randy Wall
 P.M. Gary Turner
 Anderson Parks

Lord's Supper:

North Head: Richard Adams
 North Helper I: Ruston Adams
 North Helper II: Matt Jennings

South Head: Greg Clayton
 South Helper I: Tyler Weaver
 South Helper II: Thomas Wall

Scripture Reading:

June 01 — David Clayton
 June 08 — Josh George
 June 15 — Clay Ormon
 June 22 — Brad Pounders
 June 29 — Steve Todd

Wednesday Prayers:

June 04 — Dalton Beard; Olen Clark
 June 11 — Andy Clemmer; Cody Clemmer
 June 18 — Harold Crowe; Shane Crotts
 June 25 — Ray Kennedy; Ronnie Griggs

Greeters:

June 01 — Troy & Novene Robertson
 June 08 — Steve & Lana Todd
 June 15 — Richard & Kathy Jennings
 June 22 — Roger & Kathy Clayton
 June 29 — Greg & Kim Clayton

Usher & Lock:

June 01 — Roger Clayton
 June 08 — Harold Russell
 June 15 — Brad Pounders
 June 22 — Randy Wall
 June 29 — Lonnie Weaver

Host Youth Devo: Jason & Amy Jennings

Prepare Communion: Amy Jennings

YOUTH NEWS

Thanks to everyone for such a wonderful first week here. I have had a wonderful time getting to know everyone and getting used to everything. With many of the teens still in school we weren't able to do much. However, we did have a great time Saturday at the picnic and Sunday night at the youth devotional. This week we will be having a movie night for the kids right after church, Wednesday the 28th. I'm so excited for the rest of the summer, and again thanks to everyone for making this first week great. If you ever need to get in contact with me to ask any questions my email is cody.hardin@students.fhu.edu, if you ever need to call my number is 662-678-3883. -Cody =



- The next Area Wide Youth Meeting will be held Sunday night, June 8th at the Mayfield congregation. The van will leave at 5:50.

The Back of the Rug

“Oh, that men would give thanks to the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men!” (Psalm 107:15). When we look on the back of a handmade oriental rug, we see a clashing chaos of confusing color and thousands of knots. Instead of an object of beauty and admiration, if all we saw was the back of the rug, we might consider it a worthless mess of threads. However, turn the rug over and suddenly we appreciate the intricate colorful design and the skill of the rug maker.



Likewise, when we are looking at only the back of the rug in our lives, we will not give thanks for the bounty and richness of God's blessings. We need to look at the front of the rug and appreciate and give thanks for God's goodness. We should not allow the problems, distractions, and irritations of life rob us of the joyful spirit.

~ Wayne Greeson ~

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PRAYER LIST



Pat Reed was released from the hospital over the weekend after having an artery to her heart ballooned to 60% flow. She had other arteries that were inoperable. Please remember *Pat* as she struggles with her health.

Bill Lyon, has not been feeling well. He was to return to his doctor this week.

Larry Hester, friend of *Perry Jones* was diagnosed with stage 4 cancer.

Harvey Lovelady, father of *Nicki Weaver* is improving from his recent heart problems. His doctors have changed his medication.

Phillip Young is doing well following hip surgery last week in Nashville. He will be on crutches for a month.

Joel Holley father of *Kim Clayton* has been moved to the Meadows in Fulton for further rehab. He continues to struggle with his health.

Billy Smith, brother of *Carl Smith* underwent his second back surgery this past week.

Nancy Petrowski, daughter of *Harold* and *Deloris Crowe* remains in patient housing near Vanderbilt. She is still having a difficult time.

Continual Prayer list:

Maxine Dunlap, J. L. Eaton, Tetterian Wilson, Tony Cross, Glen Jumper, Joyce Gilmore, Eulene Hooper, Alicia Dukes, Rivers Robertson, Hudson Grisham, Kelly Fryar, Donna & Roy Crow, Hugh Collins, Jack Dunlap, Prebble Foster, Terry & Betty Young

Shut-Ins:

Jean Drummond, Billy Joe Garner, Tauso Branch, Claudia Senter

Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

Grace Anderson, Mattie Golden, Laura Mae Harris, Louise Holcomb, Jennie Frohn

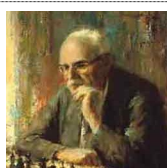
Military List:

David & Barry Wilhite, Tiffany Erwin, Aaron Raines, Raegan Cole, Derek Bradley, Jesse Stroud



Wise Thoughts

Unless we are willing to help a person overcome his faults, there is little value in pointing them out.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



- June 01.....Grace Lyon
- June 01.....Clay Ormon
- June 01.....David Peeler
- June 02.....Tyler Weaver
- June 04.....Jim Dickerson
- June 05.....Mike King
- June 06.....Sallye Bowlin
- June 06.....Perry Jones
- June 06.....Pat Reed

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- June 01..... Bill & Helen DePriest (65th)
- June 02..... Bobby & Dixie White
- June 03..... Ronnie & Linda Griggs
- June 04..... Terry & Yolanda Stubblefield
- June 05.....Brad & April Pounders



THANK YOU NOTE

Dear Church Family,

Words could never express the kindness and love everyone has shown to me throughout the years. I have truly been blessed with many loving brothers and sisters in Christ. Thank you for all of your support and encouragement. Thank you also for all the cards and gifts. All My Love and Blessings,
Rachel Peeler and Family

WHO SAID IT?

Who said "I know that my Redeemer liveth"?

_____ Job 19:25

What Must I Do To Be Saved?

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10: 13-17).
2. Believe the Gospel (Acts 15:7; Mark 16:15, 16)
3. Repent of Sins (Acts 3:19)
4. Confess Faith in Christ (Acts 8:37)
5. Be Baptized for the Remission of Sins (Acts 2:38)
6. Be Faithful (Revelation 2:10)

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday School.....9:30
 Morning Worship.....10:30
 Evening Worship.....6:00
 Wednesday Bible Study....7:00

MINISTER

Mike King 507-0625
 Home..... 534-6872
 Office 534-4649

ELDERS

Richard Jennings534-6671
 Troy Robertson534-3491

DEACONS

Greg Clayton.....252-9762
 Roger Clayton 538-8195
 Brad Pounders.....316-7931
 Harold Russell..... 507-1180
 Randy Wall 316-9255
 Lonnie Weaver.....801-8448

TO SERVE

Scripture.....David Clayton
 A.M. Prayer.....Phil Young
 Closing Prayer.....Terry Young
 P.M. Prayer.....Roger Clayton
 Closing.....J. L. Eaton
 Wed.6/4.....Dalton Beard
 Wed.6/4.....Olen Clark
 Usher & Lock.....Roger Clayton
 Greeter.....T & N Robertson

OUR RECORD

Sunday School.....106
 Sunday A.M..... 130
 Sunday P.M.....102
 Wednesday..... 114
 Contribution.....\$3,846.44
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PANTRY ITEM

Canned Vegetables

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God's Dress Code

A sign in front of a church building invited, "Come As You Are, God Has No Dress Code." No doubt the intended meaning was that casual attire would be welcomed at the services, but is it really true that "God has no dress code?"

James made it clear that there must be no discrimination in our assemblies on the basis of whether one wears the fashionable clothing of the rich or the shabby raiment of the poor (James 2:1-4). "*Man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart*" (I Sam. 16:7). In the world it may sometimes be true that "Clothes make the man," but this should never be the viewpoint of spiritually minded people.

On the other hand, in some respects God does have a dress code. When I saw the sign, I wondered how that church would react when someone shows up in the near naked outfits seen in many public places. We are hearing of churches where shorts are thought to be acceptable attire. The Lord's dress code is "*modest apparel*" (I Tim. 2:9).

There is also a dress code for the heart. "*Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; but let it be the hidden man of the heart...For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves...*" (I Pet. 3:3-4). The text speaks especially to women, but the principle of "adorning" the inner person applies to all. In Heaven's sight men and women are measured by character, not by clothing.

We are sometimes asked to define exactly what is modest clothing. It might be expected that specific measurements and styles should be listed. Frankly such efforts are never satisfactory. The key to deciding what is modest is within. In the text above Peter shows that one must get the heart right before selecting apparel for the body. One who has a heart adorned with purity, humility, honor, goodness and virtue will not choose clothing that is provocative, suggestive, ostentatious or lewd.

~ David R. Pharr