



A Christian Response to Cohabitation

(Genesis 2:18-25)

There are many things in this world that nearly everyone believes is wrong – theft (although it is defined differently in different places), murder, betrayal, and kidnapping are a few examples. And there are things which the world says are legal, but we all know they are subject to abuse – divorce, abortion, some aspects of contract law. Then there are things that society has little problem with but Christians see as sinful – substance abuse, promiscuity, and cohabitation are some.

This morning we are going to discuss a Christian response to cohabitation. I would like to approach this by making a clear statement concerning what I believe about it. Then I want to back up and look at where we are as a society, what it means to be married, and then share some thoughts for a Christian response. As with many things of this nature, the starting points, attitude, and direction are all important factors in determining a loving response. What I hope you will hear this morning is not a set of rules, but rather a collection of attitudes that will guide a response with discernment.

I believe that it has been God's intention from the beginning that one man and one woman live together in God's presence in a lifelong, committed, faithful, relationship until separated in this life by the death of one. In our society that means that they are legally married as recognized by the state with a marriage certificate filed at a local jurisdiction courthouse.

That means that in whatever state of matrimony, common law understanding, or personal commitment relationship men and women are in currently the movement should be toward a monogamous, faithful, legally recognized marriage.

As with many social issues when interacting with the church, the goal and direction of movement is simple, but the answer to the question of how we respond is much more complex. Suffice it to say that tax policy, insurance issues, entitlement benefits, social pressures, the pill, feminism, the sexual revolution, and a culture of instant gratification have changed societies attitudes and norms. This means that there are many among us who have lived together before we were married. Some of us knew it was wrong in the eyes of God, others never gave it any thought.

This morning we are going to think about where we are as a society. We will discuss what the church has done to sometimes exacerbate the problem. We will learn what we can do to encourage couples to invite God into their relationship and seal their commitment with vows before God and state.

WELCOME GUEST

We are glad you've joined us for worship today!

Please fill out the information sheet found in the maroon binder at the end of your pew.

*An attended **nursery** is provided during worship assembly as well as a **Children's Church** for **ages 4 years thru 3rd grade** which dismisses after Communion.

***Communion**—We celebrate the resurrection of our Lord every Sunday ("first day of the week") through a time of communion known as the Lord's Supper. The "unleavened bread" represents His body and the "fruit of the vine" (cup of grape juice) represents His blood shed on the cross. As our guest, you are welcome to participate, though you are not required to do so.

***Giving**—We are challenged to be good stewards of God's blessings by supporting the various ministries of the church through a weekly collection that is taken during our worship time. You are welcome to give, but please do not feel as though you must.



TONIGHT:

Devotional at 6pm

Wednesday: Auditorium 6:30pm, class 6:45pm



Ryan Hill-Valdosta, GA

Pompea Adams-National Guard

BJ Perkins-Afghanistan

Jason Rushing-Air National Guard

Christopher Goodale-Naval Acad. Cameron Hurst- Air Force

Worship Order

Order of Worship

Sunday, June 12, 2016

Congregational Reading: Mark 10:5-9

10,000 Reasons

#790 Lord Take Control

Prayer— Ronny Stubblefield

How Deep the Father's Love For Us

Lord's Supper

Roger Matheny Byron Pruitt

Darin Swaidner Kivil Brown

Bruce Kittinger James Allen

Presiding: Roger Matheny

#675 Wherever He Leads I'll Follow

Contribution

Dismiss for Children's Church

Victory Chant

#948 I Am Resolved

Prayer— Kenneth Ashby

Lesson—Sean Nistrath

Scripture Reading: Eph. 5:21-31 (Mark W.)

I Want To Love You More

Benediction: Ephesians 5:1-2

ALTERNATES:

Please meet

in case you are needed

to serve as a substitution for
the Lord's Supper

June:

Wayne Adams

Mark Wilkerson

Prepare communion:

June—Wilma

July—Rusts

For The Record:

Last Sunday

Bible Class: 92

Worship: 131

Contribution: \$5465.00

Wednesday: 51

June 12, 2016

Monitor: Jeremy Duggin

Nursery: Betty Rust

Children's Church— Amelia/Gabriella

Sound Booth—David S.

Sunday, June 19, 2016

Worship Leader: Randy Travis

Prayer: Roger Dillingham

Prayer: Quincy Stephenson

Scripture Reading: Jeremy Duggin

Monitor: Buster Almon

Nursery: Emily Gill

Children's Church—Sam Curry

Serving the Lord's Table

Roger Matheny Byron Pruitt

Darin Swaidner Kivil Brown

Bruce Kittinger James Allen

Presiding:

Sound Booth—Jeremy Duggin

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Potter Children's Home Pantry Drive

Needed:

French Salad Dressing

Grape Juice

Hand Sanitizer

Minute Rice

V8 Juice/Tomato Juice

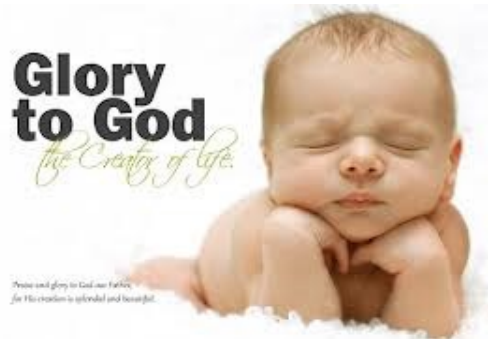
Pick up at the end of June.



Dan Rust needs help moving
the Teels on Saturday, June
25th starting at 8am.

**New address: Don and
Judy Niestrath,
241 Stagecoach Rd.
Madisonville, 42431.
Judy's cell number is
270-519-0798.**

There is a basket in the foyer to place gift cards for Jessica (Dillingham) Rose.
She is due in July with a GIRL. She has registered at Babies R Us.



Expecting Parents:

JULY 24th: (GIRL)
Jessica & Andrew Rose, (Dillingham)
SEPT 6: (BOY)
Kelley & G.R. Chandler (Stoltz)
OCTOBER 2nd: (BOY)
Kirsten & Jesse Webb
DECEMBER: (Twins)
Angela & Brock Shoulders

June 12—Barry & Elizabeth Webb
June 12—Bruce & Julianna Rhye
June 13—Emily Gill
June 14—Casey & Keri Nash
June 16—Cameron Clark
June 18—Dennis Warszawa



CALENDAR:

June 15—Richard Youngblood
June 19—Fathers' Day
June 22—Charlie Bazzell
June 25-30—Uplift @ Harding

When we meet:

Sunday

Bible Study 9:30 A.M.
Worship 10:30 A.M.

Sunday P.M.

At the building 6 P.M.

Small Groups Sept—May: various times;
contact Randy Travis 270-322-9778

Wednesday

Bible Study 6:30 P.M.

Contact Us:

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PRAYER REQUESTS

Family of **Kaci Wood**.

Family of **Mallory Harrison**, WKYC friend, passed away last week.

CDs of Sean's sermons can be made for our sick and shut-ins. Please let Sean or Kellie know if you would like some made.

Cancer & Terminal Illness:

Dottie Garrigan, multiple myeloma
Austin Thompson, cancer-Gaye
Louis Stanley's sister, Genevieve Heltsley
Michael Skultety, cancer, Jane
Aaron Reding, late stage ALS, Keith
Nadine Wiles, cancer
Mike Bright, health issues
Cathy Wright, stem cell treatments
Sharon Edwards, autoimmune disease
Kim and Betty Stanley
Horace Smith, specialty care, Nville
Aubrey Bunch, seizures
Jeff & Marcy Cherry
Sherry Mitchell, cancer, Glenda
Chess Riddle, Sr., cancer (Diana)
Jim Miller, lymphoma
Makenzie Carson, Lisa Russell's niece
Buddy Jenkins, Karen S. father, heart
D.C. Lewis, cancer
George Teel, cancer
Melinda Brown, Pete's niece
Mark Pugh, Ronny's bro-in-law
Barbara Lynch, Shelia
Ken Hatzakorzian, car accident, Tim
Wesley Allen, eye issues
Pamela Ross, Crohn's disease
Richard Grogan, recovering
Sandra Moore, infection

Rita Frazier, lung cancer, Barbara's SIL
Gelena Hackney, recovering
Dr. Danny Butler, cancer
Josh Powell, cancer, Diane
Mandy Harrelson, cancer, Natalie
Linda Beaver, breast cancer, Angela
Keith Roberts, cancer returned, EJ
Jeff Travis, waiting on kidney, Jane
Dwayne Brown, remission, Betty
Scott Nutt, cancer, Gaye's son
Sherry Baird, cancer, Glenda

Ms. Blades, car accident
Kim Wheeler, Rehab (Barbara S)
Devon Park, cancer
Tracy Oliphant, cancer
Keith Peyton

Shut-Ins & Elderly:

Lee Townsend, Glenda's mother
Junie Peterson, Bonnie's aunt
Ewing Stubblefield, Ronny's father
Anna Etta Brown, Kivil's mother
Will Winchester, Ronny's uncle
Ruth Shoulders, Pete's mother
Margie Shelton, Kivil's aunt

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Deacons

Byron Pruitt

Dan Rust

James Rust

Ronny Stubblefield

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Benevolence-Dan Rust

Youth-Casey Nash

Small Groups-Randy Travis

Foreign Missions-Roger Matheny

Website-Sean, Kellie

West KY Youth Camp-

Ronny Stubblefield

Pennyrile Christian Counseling

Elizabeth B. Webb, LMFT, LCSW

To make an appointment, call 270-825-8746.