

# The Oologah Informer

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### Service Times

#### **Sunday**

Bible Class: 9:30 A.M.  
Worship: 10:30 A.M. & 5 P.M.

#### **Wednesday**

Bible Study: 7 P.M.

### Preacher:

Russ Earl

### AM Sermon:

The Sermon on the Mount  
Lesson 8 (Mt 6:1-15)

### PM Sermon:

Salvation in Christ (1 Cor 6:9-11)

### Sunday AM Bible Class:

The Book of Joshua – D. Jackson

### Wednesday Bible Class:

Judging - Swearingen

### In SEARCH of the Lord's Way

Tulsa KWHB TV 47  
Sunday mornings at 7:30am

## Our National Shame Of "Shacking Up" Chuck Northrop Part 1

In this time of "live in" boyfriends and girlfriends -- shacking up -- it is no wonder that many are confused about marriage. The world has long tried to destroy marriage and justify itself in its evil deeds while Christianity has uplifted marriage to the lofty plain that it deserves. The world has cried that marriage will be defeated and that it will not survive, but like all things created and sanctioned by God, marriage is here to stay and is a viable part of society.

Nevertheless, some have chosen to live contrary to God's law concerning marriage and have advocated that marriage is no longer needed being outdated. Or by some perverse rationale, they reason: "You wouldn't buy a pair of shoes without trying them on. So, don't get married without first trying out your mate." It is often the case that those who cry such foolishness are the very ones who cry that they do not want to be treated like animals or inanimate objects. Yet, this is the very thing they are advocating. Dear reader, we are not talking about a pair of shoes, we are talking about humanity. Let us never be guilty of treating one we are considering to marry as if they are a pair of shoes!

In 1983, Newsweek reported that only 16 percent of college students considered it harmful "for a man and woman to live together before marriage" while 61 percent said it would be "helpful." With such views, questions concerning "living together" must be answered.

### Fornication

Fornication is a broad term and means illicit or unlawful sexual intercourse. It would include such things as adultery (sex with someone other than one's spouse), homosexuality (sex between persons of the same gender), bestiality (sex between a human and an animal), promiscuity (sex with various partners), paedophilia (sex with a child), and prostitution (sex for money or hire). Thus, fornication is sexual activity outside of its proper place -- marriage.

Within the proper context of marriage, sexual activity is sanctioned by God. The Bible says, "Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge." (Hebrews 13:4). However, sexual activity outside of marriage is fornication. Listen to what God says about fornication: "Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful: Who knowing the judgment of

God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them." (Rom. 1:29-32).

"Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind." (1 Cor. 6:9).

"Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God." (Gal. 5:19-21).

"Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience." (Col. 3:5-6).

Please notice the association that fornication has with other sins. However, the point is clear. Fornicators will not inherit eternal life.

## **Announcements**

### VBS June 8-11th

Our VBS is only a few weeks away, please keep this in your prayers.

### Food Pantry

Thanks to those who helped with the food pantry.

### Recent Prayer Requests

Jerry Creek – is taking treatments for cancer.

Kari Yoder – Steve Lay's daughter is having multiple health problems.

Barbara Coats – will be having surgery on her arm on the 21st.

Roxy – (Ed's sister in law) had a stroke and is not doing well.

Charlotte Jackson – (at the time of this writing) is doing better and may be home soon.

Walter Jackson – is doing much better.

Charles Coats – (preacher in Webberville,MI) is taking chemotherapy for his cancer.

Sharon – (Patty's sister) will be having hip surgery on the 22nd.

**Please keep all of these in your prayers.**

Please keep the following in the prayers.

Ed & Barbara Coats

Allen & Joyce Cash

Kennedy Cox

Larry Brown

Clare Beaman (Dice's mom)

Dave Preston (A former member)

Theresa (Roy Dean's Daughter)

Mary Ann Haugh