



BLODGETT CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Sunday: 10:00 A.M. class, 11:00 A.M. worship, and 6:00 P.M. worship

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The Fur of an Ermine

There are many animals that are noted for their cleanness. If you were to make a list of animals that you consider clean animals, you might include a cat because it is continually “washing” itself. You might also add a raccoon as it is famous for washing its food in water before eating it. You might even include a rabbit. But perhaps one animal that should rank toward the top of the list is the ermine.

An ermine is a cute little animal with shiny black eyes and beautiful fur. It has short legs and a narrow body that's some twenty inches long from the tip of its nose to the end of its tail. The agile animal is found in the northern region of the northern hemisphere. In summer its coat is a rich chocolate brown except for the undersides of the body and legs. In winter the color changes to a complete white, broken only by a black tip on the tail.

If you looked up a picture of the ermine, you would be shocked by the purity of its white fur. The ermine seems to realize the beauty of its coat and takes great pride in maintaining it. The animal's most unusual characteristic is its hatred of anything that might soil its fur.

Hunters who know this will fill an ermine's burrow with filth and wait with their dogs for the furry animal to return. Once the ermine spots the dogs, the snow-white creature will dart for the safety of its burrow. But the ermine will not enter the soiled safety of its home. Rather than flee into the burrow, the ermine will fight the dogs to the death. It would rather die with a bloodstained coat than live with a dirty one.

That's why the ermine's fur is used on the robes of rulers and judges. It serves as a symbol of the purity of justice and law. The thought is-shouldn't we as Christians have the same instinct? What better people we would be if we would only come to the realization that personal holiness is a value worth fighting for and strive to keep ourselves unspotted from the world (James 1:27b). ~Larry

Defining Moment

A few years ago, people around the world were stunned by a shooting rampage that left 32 victims dead on the campus of Virginia Tech University. In the aftermath, the mother of one critically wounded student who survived said she did not want the ordeal to become the defining moment in her son's life. Instead, she hoped it could be "something positive, some great celebration of his life."

When the unthinkable happens, it may seem impossible to believe that anything can overcome the emotional scars. Yet, the life of Joseph offers a powerful illustration of God's transforming power (Gen. 37-50). The brothers who sold him into slavery were sure he would take revenge on them (50:15-17). But Joseph told them, (Gen. 50:20 KJV) "***But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive.***"

When we place our desire for revenge in God's hands, we become participants in the remarkable process described by Paul: "***Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good***" (Rom. 12:21). The defining moments of our lives are not determined by the evil done to us but by our response through the grace and power of God.

Adapted from David McCasland

We never really grow up; we only learn how to act in public.

When rough the path from day to day,
When sorrows fill our eyes with tears,
Our choice to find our hope in Christ
Can lift our soul and calm our fears.

And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.
(Rev. 22:17)

Family News

- **Sharon Fields** is awaiting the results from last week's test on her back.
- **Betty Berry** fell and sustained minor injuries.
- **Gwynne Sawyer** continues to improve.
- The men will meet tonight after the evening service to discuss the service time change.

In his beautiful book, "I Shall Not Want," Robert Ketchum tells of a Sunday School teacher who asked her group of children if anyone could quote the entire 23rd Psalm. A golden-haired, four-and-a-half-year-old girl was among those who raised their hands.

A bit skeptical, the teacher asked if she could really quote the entire psalm.

The little girl came to the front of the room, faced the class, made a perky little bow, and said, "The Lord is my shepherd, that's all I want."

She bowed again and went and sat down.

That may well be the greatest interpretation of the 23rd Psalm ever heard.

An elderly woman walked into a rather large country church. The friendly usher greeted her at the door and helped her up the flight of steps. "Where would you like to sit?" he asked politely.

"The front row please." she answered.

"You really don't want to do that," the usher said. "The preacher is really boring."

"Do you happen to know who I am?" the woman inquired.

"No." he said.

"I'm the preacher's mother," she replied indignantly.

"Do you know who I am?" he asked.

"No." she said.

"Good," he answered as he turned and walked away.