

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday

Bible Study 9:30 A. M.
Worship 10:30 A. M.
Worship 4:00 P. M.

Tuesday:

Ladies Class -- 10 A. M. (Sept. – June)

Wednesday

Midweek Services: 7:30 P. M.
*** Singing, Scripture Reading & Prayers on the last Wednesday of the month. ***

Our Preacher:

Toney L. Smith – (817) 483-1240

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LIVE BROADCASTS

We are broadcasting our worship services over the Internet.

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Works Rendon Supports:

Chuck Northrop: OABS Director.
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Oologah, OK Internet Radio.
Cherokee Children's Home.

God's Plan For Salvation

Hear: Rom. 10:17.
Believe: Mark 16:16.
Repent: Luke 13:3, 5.
Confess: Rom. 10:9-10.
Baptism: Acts 2:38.
Be Faithful: 1 Cor. 15:58.

There is no other way!

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Prayer List:

Delpha Pearce, Sophia Kersten, Brandy Smith, Tip Tipping, Barbara Archey, Cacie Smith, Dustin Martens, Scott and Amy, Edith Smith, Phyllis and Tip Tipping.

Family and Friends:

Tabby Jenkins, Mary Lou Joseph and Bill Bridges.
Please add Chuck Northrop to your daily prayers.

Just A Thought:

We cannot be a Christian without others knowing it! (**Luke 11:33** The light of a Christian is to be seen.)



In the Military:

Keith Pilgrim and Justin Cormier.

Welcome to Our Visitors

Thank you for coming. Please fill out the card in the back of the song book. We look forward to seeing you again.

Sermon Titles:

Kevin will preach today. I will begin a gospel meeting in West Plains, MO. Please keep me and the meeting in your prayers.

Hear ye, hear ye:

The May calendar and those to serve are on the foyer table.
Our adult class will begin a study of 1 and 2 Corinthians in May. We will provide study sheets for each lesson. May calendar and those to serve list are on the foyer table.

“DON’T CALL NAMES!” – WAIT ... WHAT?

Toney L. Smith

We often hear folk say that calling names is not a good thing to do. Some say that doing so is not showing respect or that to do so turns people away. Many years ago, I heard an elder say that calling a name is not productive when seeking to convert someone from a denominational religion. To be sure, we never want to say anything in an unloving or unkind way. Scripture tells us to speak, “... the truth in love...” (Ephesians 4:15). In this article, I want to be kind and am not seeking to offend anyone. However, I certainly do not intend to offend God by not speaking the truth in these matters! Every error must be confronted, exposed, and refuted (2 Timothy 4:1-4). There are many examples of faithful men who revealed and named those who were living in error or who were teaching error.

RELIGIOUS GROUPS WERE NAMED.

In Scripture, there was no hesitation in naming and identifying those who were in error or who opposed the truth. Jesus exposed the Pharisees and Sadducees as being leaven, which should be avoided. He said of them, “... Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the Sadducees” (Matthew 16:6). The disciples did not understand His message. Jesus asked, “How is it that ye do not understand that I spake it not to you concerning bread, that ye should beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees?” Then in verse 12, the leaven was identified as the “doctrine of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees.” Can we even imagine Jesus saying, “... Take heed and beware the leaven” but would not identify those who were the corrupting influence?

The apostle Paul called the names of the false religions which were in opposition to the Gospel of Christ. He pointed out the Jew’s religion (Galatians 1:13-14). John warned the churches at Ephesus and Pergamos of the “deeds: and “doctrine” of the Nicolaitans (Revelation 3:6, 15). Both of these men called names and pointed out the deeds and the doctrines of those in error.

Today, what could possibly be wrong with **correctly** identifying and naming the various religions that teach and promote error? If we say that Baptists **do not believe** in the necessity of baptism for the remission of sins, that is a truthful statement! To say the Mormons practice baptism for the dead is accurate. Why not name the various religions that teach “once saved always saved”? We do not mind when people identify us as the Church of Christ and state what we believe when it is accurate (Romans 1:16).

INDIVIDUALS IN ERROR WERE NAMED.

Paul was not wrong when he identified specific individuals who stood against the church. He marked Diotrephes in 3 John 9, “I wrote unto the church: but Diotrephes, who loveth to have the preeminence among them, receiveth us not. I wrote unto the church: but Diotrephes, who loveth to have the preeminence among them, receiveth us not.” He also said “... Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world” (2 Timothy 4:10). Did Paul call names? He did. Identifying the false teacher was done for the good of the church! Identifying the person in error is also done to cause the person to repent. Paul commanded the church at Thessalonica to “... withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly...” (2 Thessalonians 3:6). He further instructs them, “And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, **note that man**, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed” (2 Thessalonians 3:14). The purpose of identifying (calling names) is to bring that particular person to repentance.

Question: How could discipline ever be carried out without calling names and identifying individuals? Without names, we would hear, “**Someone** is living in sin, and we must withdraw from them.” Just how would that work? Or when Romans 16:17 commands, “Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offenses contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them.” If no names are given, how in all the world could they be noted and marked? Again, that just would not be possible! To mark is to “identify, to look on or direct one’s attention to” (*Thayer’s Greek Definitions*). And how could we avoid that person if names were not called?

We are not in error when we give a verbatim quote from an individual. For instance, to say Billy Graham does not believe that baptism is essential to salvation is to make a statement of fact. He stated, “If baptism were a requirement for salvation, we would certainly say that. But you couldn’t support that knowing, for example, that the thief on the cross had no opportunity for baptism or church membership. Yet on his confession, paradise was secured. Jesus said to him, ‘Today shalt thou be with me in paradise’ (Luke 23:43).” (billygraham.org/answer/is-baptism-necessary-for-salvation).

It is irresponsible to say, “don’t call names.” It is a violation of the commandment to discipline those in error, whether they are groups or individuals. God’s Word teaches that discipline is to be used so as to maintain the purity of the church and to bring men to repentance. It seems to me that some folk just do not want to “make waves.” However, to identify the guilty is not to make waves but to save a soul from being lost (James 5:20).