

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:

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LIVE BROADCASTS

We are broadcasting our worship services over the Internet.

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Chuck Northrop: OABS Director.
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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, Edith
Smith, Phyllis and Tip Tipping.

Memorial Service:

Cacie Smith's memorial service will be held Thursday July 7 at 9 AM. The graveside services will be at Moore's cemetery in Arlington, TX. In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations be made to Neuroendocrine Cancer Research.

We find comfort in God's word.
Psalms 116:15 "Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints."



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 invite you to come again.

Sermon Titles:

AM: Baptism Defined.
PM: Justified By Faith (Rom. 4:1-12).

This and That:

If you receive the monthly publication Burleson Now, look for Rendon's spot in the magazine.

Family and Friends:

Chuck Northrop. Frankie Reeves surgery went well.
Pam Logsdon, Brandy's mom had shoulder

Lessons From 3 John

Toney L. Smith

Even though it has been over two-thousand years since the book of Third John was penned it still contains valuable lessons for us today. The early saints were blessed with epistles that guided, exhorted, and warned of impending dangers. John by inspiration wrote this short letter to Gaius in which he discussed three men. Gaius was a man walking in the truth (**Verses 1-8**), Diotrephes was a man who perverted the truth (**Verses 9-11**) and Demetrius was described as a man of truth (**Verse 12**). These three men are examples for us today. Two of them are commended and recommended while one is condemned for his actions.

Certain brethren had returned to John after being rejected by a man “who loveth to have the preeminence.” Evidently, these travelers had a letter of recommendation from John (**Verse 9**). They came to the church needing help as they traveled. They came to the church because they would not take anything from the Gentiles (**Verse 7**). Diotrephes, a dictator in that congregation, refused them and “cast them out” (verses 9-10).

COMMENDATION OF GAIUS (1-6).

In verses 1 and 2, John speaks of his affection for Gaius and wishes him good health and prosperity. John desires that Gaius prosper and have the same measure of health equal to that of his spiritual wellbeing. It is clear that Gaius was sound in his spiritual life. We would do well to pause from time to time and be as concerned for our spiritual well-being as we are about our physical health.

John expressed great joy when he learned of Gaius walking in the truth. The walk here is comparable to that which we see in **1 John 1:7**. The word denotes continuous action. It was the lifestyle exhibited daily by Gaius. Paul encouraged the brethren in **Ephesians 5:8** to “walk as children of light.” It is also stated that goodwill and hospitality had been a demonstration of the love he possessed (**Verses 5-6**). This is a mark of Christian character (**Galatians 6:10; 1 Thessalonians 5:15**).

COMMANDS GIVEN BY JOHN (7-8).

John speaks of things that are needful in helping spread the gospel. The “certain brethren” who had gone forth evangelizing had not been well received by the church. A letter had gone with them to identify them as Christians and to make known their mission. They would not receive support from the Gentiles. They were traveling in the name of Christ to bring the “good news” to the lost (**Verse 7**).

The church is reminded that by aiding the missionaries they were being “fellow laborers” in that good work. The lesson is clear. There are members of a congregation

who cannot go themselves, yet they can become “laborers together” by helping those who can go. Paul spoke of this in **1 Corinthians 3:9**, “For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building.” Everyone involved in the soul-saving process is needed.

CONDEMNATION OF DIOTREPHEs (9-11).

Verse 9 tells us that John had sent a letter “unto the church.” However, the apostle's letter meant little to Diotrephes. He “loved to have the preeminence.” Some feel that he was an elder in the church there. However, we cannot know whether this is the case or not. What we can know is that he was out of place in taking such authority! Not only did he reject the brethren who came with the letter, but he also rejected the apostle and thus rejected the Lord as well. Notice **verse 9** says, he “receiveth not us.”

Verses 10-11 give more details concerning his rejection. He was “prating against us.” Prating means to talk a lot with no substance or with no purpose. The Proverbs writer says the “prating fool shall fall” (**Proverbs 10:8**). **Verse 10** describes the words spoken by this man as being malicious. In the Greek language, the word malicious carries the meaning of bad, evil, grievous, harmful, lewd, malicious, or wicked(-ness). These malicious words were used to undermine the work of the church as well as the letter from John. Men like Diotrephes should never be given any position of authority. Congregations are never to follow anyone's example to do evil (**Verse 11**).

The apostle John declares that he would remember those evil deeds. This sort of conduct must never be tolerated in churches today. One evil man can destroy much good if allowed to do so.

CONFIDENCE IN DEMETRIUS (12).

Demetrius has a good report of all men. This tells us that his reputation stood above reproach. His example was just the opposite of Diotrephes. He “let his light shine before men...” (**Matthew 5:16**). But it is interesting to see that he “hath good report of all men, and of the truth itself.” A person's “good report among men” is good only when it parallels with the gospel. Demetrius lived his life by walking in the truth. He was guided by the light of the gospel of Christ. **John 3:21** describes this sort of individual as “he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.”

When we live our lives in this manner, we are the very best that we possibly can be. This kind of lifestyle produces godly peace (**Verses 13-14**).