

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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(We help support this work.)

Works Rendon Supports:

Chuck Northrop: OABS Director.
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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, Edith Smith, Phyllis and Tip Tipping. Also keep Geneice and Derral in your prayers. Sophia's daughter, Linda has been diagnosed with cancer. Also, Johnny Graham will be taking some additional treatments in the near future.

Family and Friends:

Chuck Northrop, Tabby Jenkins, and Mary Lou Joseph. Pam Logsdon, Brandy's mom had shoulder surgery and is still having some pain.



In the Military:
Keith Pilgrim and Justin Cormier.

Welcome to Our Visitors

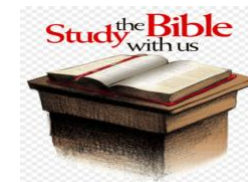
Thank you for coming. Please fill out the card in the back of the song book. We invite you to come again.

Sermon Titles:

AM: Ezra's Heart (Ezra 7:5).

PM: Blessings From An Obedient Faith (Romans 5).

Kevin and Bodie are in Oklahoma, attending a singing school. We are thankful to have them as our song leaders.



Why not join us at 9:30 each Lord's Day for our Bible classes? Knowing God's word is our weapon against sin (Ps. 119:11).

“I DO NOT WANT TO STAND OUT!”

Dave Rogers

An Oriental proverb states, “...the nail that sticks up gets hammered down.”

The lesson associated with this saying is conformity, a trait for which Oriental societies are well-known. Western societies claim to prize individuality and personal boldness, celebrating “those who dare to stand out from the crowd.” Most Americans find the enforced conformity of Eastern societies stifling; self-expression and freedom of thought, those prized qualities of our national psyche, are perceived as liabilities there. Our national heritage of individualism, however, is mostly a sham: We loudly revel in our freedom to be individually, uniquely identical to everyone else! (We want to be individuals yet seek to dress like the world. TLS) We’re scared to “stick out!”

Perhaps this is why some Christians change the way they dress in the summertime. The wicked world around us sheds its clothing, and some of us fall in line right behind it. We drop decent attire in favor of shorts, tops, and swimsuits that make us indistinguishable from the “flaunt what ya got” hedonism that is modern American life.

I’m NOT saying Christians should wear Victorian styles just to be different.

What I am saying, however, is that our excuses for running around in various stages of undress don’t hold up under a reasonable examination! “It’s too hot (to dress modestly)” or “I want to get a tan,” or “I’ll stand out,” and all the other excuses we give for uncovering what God covered (see Genesis 3:21 - the word for “coats” means a garment or tunic which covered them from the neck to the knees). All of these thoughts are just excuses. If it’s OK with God for us to bare backs and bellies, shoulders and thighs, why didn’t He just leave Adam and Eve in their fig-leaf aprons? Let’s be honest about it; God knows what’s in our minds when we see each other uncovered, and that’s why He defined modesty for us! Meanwhile we cry out,

“I don’t want to stand out!”

What about Matthew 5:16? Aren’t we supposed to stand out? The words of a modern swimwear salesman are brutal, but honest: “a woman in a two-piece swimsuit is wearing her underwear out so that everyone else can see,” says Tim Tate, executive vice president of sales at Speedo America. And guys aren’t any different.

It’s not a debate about “one-piece vs. bikini,” or “tank-top vs. tee-shirt.” It’s a

choice between “follow the world or we admit that we are not willing to “stand out for Him. And we don’t believe we can have fun and be Christian. What’s the real issue? It’s Romans 12:2 and “standing out” vs. blending in with sin (conforming to the world). You can have comfort with modesty! It’s not even hard! All it takes is a little commitment from you!

Every Christian should strive for purity (1 Timothy 5:22). Christians are people who have discarded the world’s values. If the world says comfort depends on being partially or suggestively dressed, we need to find another way to keep cool! We should never compromise God’s standards.

Jesus said “... whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart” (Matthew 5:28). If you dress with modesty as your goal, you will not be responsible for causing impure thoughts in others.

“BE AN ODDBALL!”

Toney L. Smith

“Being an oddball” does not sound too enticing, does it? Most folk do not want to be seen as odd or different. Yet, that is just what a Christian is supposed to be! In Titus 2:14 we read, “Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.” The word for “peculiar” is a compound made up of Strong’s numbers G412 and G1510; meaning being beyond usual, that is, special (one’s own): - peculiar (Strong’s Greek Dictionary).

God’s people must never be conformed to the mind-set which is of the world. “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God” (Romans 12:1- 2). To conform to the things of the world is to lose our “special” identity. We are told “Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world...” (1 John 2:15).

God’s children should not seek popularity at the cost of their purity. The older women are to teach the younger to be “...chaste...” (Titus 2:5). “Chaste” means “clean, innocent or modest.” Sometimes our spelling gets mixed up and we use the word chaste instead of chaste. We see many that are dressing and acting in ways that are improper. It is far better to teach and demonstrate modesty to our children while they are young than to try and change their thinking after they mature.