

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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We are broadcasting our worship services over the Internet.

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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, Edith Smith, Phyllis and Tip Tipping, Johnny Graham, Christine Joplin, Darlene Scott, Larry Lallance, Geneice and Derral, Scott and Amy. Sophia has not been feeling well this past week. Sherra has not been feeling well lately.

Family and Friends:

Kay Tipping, Leanna Shafer, Chuck Northrop, Cathy Merchant and Galen Anderson. Robby Roth is in the Dallas VA hospital.

Let's pray for the spiritually ill also.



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:

As we announced last week we are beginning a sermon series on Christ. Both lessons today will come from **Isaiah 9:6-7**. We have titled the lessons "**Isaiah's Prophecies of the Messiah.**"

Just a Thought:

Believing Christ died, that's history, believing Christ died for you, that's salvation (John 3:16).

Christians never see the last of each other (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18).

“SINGING, UNDERSTANDING, AND EDIFYING.”

First Corinthians chapter fourteen is one of the best passages in the Bible to read to understand what God wants us to accomplish by meeting together. Paul understood that the church is not the building, yet he wrote concerning what should happen “in the church” (Vss. 19, 28, 35). He further described the worship assembly as when “the whole church comes together into ***one place***” (Vs. 23). Clearly, this passage applies directly to what churches should do when they meet together for worship. Our assemblies should result in praise to God, to edification, to strengthening one another. First Corinthians 14 compares the benefits of speaking in tongues and prophesying in public worship. Paul wrote that prophesying was more desirable because it “edifies the church” (Vss. 4-5). He instructed them to favor the gifts that were “for the edifying of the church” (Vs. 12). He concluded, “... Let all things be done unto edifying” (Vs. 26). We miss the whole point of coming together if we do not edify.

Paul also pointed out that understanding is essential for edification. While edification is to be our goal, understanding is necessary to achieve that goal. The reason that prophesying was more edifying than speaking in tongues was simple: prophecy was understandable (Vss. 1-19), while tongues without an interpreter were not. Later, Paul gave specific instructions for using these gifts (Vss. 27-33). These instructions emphasized understanding as well. The reason more than one person was forbidden to speak in tongues or prophesy at the same time was that it would not be understandable. Therefore, he instructed them to take turns speaking. Our assemblies should “be done decently and in order” (Vs. 40). This would eliminate “confusion” (Vs. 33). If congregations are going to be built up by worship, the worship must be understandable.

Additionally, Paul wrote, “What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also” (Vs. 15). These principles concerning understanding and edification not only apply to the spiritual gifts of the early Christians, but to praying and singing as well. In fact, everything we do when we assemble must follow these rules, and those

who lead in worship should take them seriously. If one leads a prayer using big words that some cannot understand, it hinders edification despite the prayer leader’s powerful words. Also, if a preacher makes deep theological arguments that the worshippers do not understand, his sermon is of little value even if his sermon points are correct.

Likewise, the songs that we sing must be understandable. To “sing with the understanding” is not about the musical arrangement. Even if we had beautiful voices and could sing every song exactly in tune, it would be of no benefit the words did not teach and admonish. The words do the “teaching and admonishing” (Colossians 3:16); the singing delivers the message. We must ensure that our singing is not based on the tempo of the music, but on words that are “in spirit and in truth” (John 4:24). While music alone might excite us, God wants us to be moved because we are edified by singing words that teach and that admonish one another.

(Article adapted)

“RESPECT”

Things were different when I was a boy growing up. We respected parents, teachers, policemen, older people, other people’s property, institutions, grandparents, customs, Bible class teachers, preachers, and a host of other people and also things.

Respect was woven into the very fabric of society. It was just something that you did. I cringe in our day to see how little respect is shown to anyone or anything. The "common courtesies" of an earlier time are certainly not common today. That built-in polite, gracious behavior of yesterday has been abandoned for a crude, rude, thoughtless, self-centered insistence on “me first.”

Luke 18:2 describes a man that neither feared God or regarded man. Does that sound familiar to our day? Godly fear would promote a sense of respect and honor for our fellowman. (1 Peter 2:17 “Honor all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king.”)

Respect is never “out of date!”