

Schedule Of Services

Sunday

Bible Study 9:30 A. M.
 Worship 10:30 A. M.
 Worship 4:00 P. M.
 2nd Sunday Potluck following the morning service. At 1:15 we will have a singing service.

Tuesday:

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

Wednesday

Midweek Services: 7:30 P. M.

Our Preacher:

Toney L. Smith – (817) 483-1240

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Live Broadcasts

We are broadcasting our worship services over the Internet.

Our website address:

<https://rendonchurchofchrist.com/>

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You can find us on both
YouTube and Facebook

Check out this web site:

BIBLEWAYMEDIA.ORG

(We help support this work.)

Works Rendon Supports:

Chuck Northrop: OABS Director.
 Online Academy of Biblical Studies.
 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!



Prayer List:

Delpha Pearce, Sophia Kersten, Brandy Smith, Edith Smith, Sherra Reeves, Kay Johnston, Geneice and Derral, Robbie and Edwina, Tip and Phyllis.

Family and Friends:

Curtis Lallance, Kay Tipping, Leanna Shafer, Chuck Northrop, Galen Anderson, and Robert Taylor. Also, please add Mike Baldwin who is a friend of the Smith family.

Worry is like a rocking chair; it will give you something to do, but it won't get you anywhere. Why worry when you can pray?



In the Military:

Keith Pilgrim and Justin Cormier.

Welcome to Our Visitors

Thank you for choosing to worship with us. We would like to have a record of your attendance. Please fill out a visitor card. We look forward to seeing you again.

Sermon Titles for today:

AM: Our God Is Alive (1 Thess. 1:9).

PM: The Christian's Practice (Gal. 2:11-20).

"Do you go to Sunday School, my boy?" asked the man. "Yes Sir," he promptly replied. "Tell me, my boy" continued the man thinking to having some fun with the lad, "tell me where God is, and I'll give you an apple." The boy looked sharply at the man and promptly replied, "I'll give you a whole barrel of apples, if you will tell me where he is not."

SENSATIONALISM OR SIMPLE WORSHIP?

David McCain II (1/3/1954 – 6/18/2021)

Today on every hand, people of the world, and sadly, even some in the Lord's church, are trying to build a relationship with God based on sensationalism. Many are not satisfied with a religion of simple obedience to the will of God, nor with “old fashioned” worship that is organized according to New Testament authority. They look for God in the sensational, the stupendous, and the colossal. To them worship is boring if it's not of the spectacular, not charismatic.

Even within our brotherhood, there is an ever-increasing tendency to denounce reverent, Bible-centered worship, as being too “traditional.” The advocates of the new pop culture in worship want to apply Hollywood tactics to our assemblies, turning them into highly orchestrated entertainment productions. Witness the recent flyer received from the organizers of the ***Middle Tennessee Summer Youth Series*** (the Madison Church of Christ, in cooperation with David Lipscomb University), advertising the 1991 summer series, for June 4, 11, 18, 25, and July 2. In bold-faced letters the title proclaimed: “When JC TALKS, the natives get RESTLESS! 5 NIGHTS OF PRAISE,” complete with stick figures shown dancing across the top of the page. Their reference to the only begotten Son of God as “JC” is appalling, if not blasphemous.

Were they inviting our young people to serious Bible study and reverent Bible-centered worship? Well, you tell me! The flyer proclaimed the following list of activities: “personal testimonies, singing, drama, poetry, short stories, special music, prayer, Scripture reading, sharing, fellowship and fun.” Since when did personal testimonies, drama, art work, special music, etc., get to be a part of New Testament worship? And, what about that special music? Was this guitars, drums, a full orchestra, or what? Since the natives were going to get restless, according to the picture on the flyer, maybe it was a special dance band for all I know!

What were they doing, you ask? I believe they were trying to appeal to the masses and compete with the “*hip*” approach to religion that permeates the denominational world of today. They and others like them, in youth rallies all over our nation, are leading our young people down the primrose path of liberalism, as they try to make Christianity a religion of emotionalism and sensationalism, and as they try to turn our worship services into focal points for an “emotional high.”

I am not saying that Christianity doesn't involve our emotions, nor that our worship and service to God shouldn't be filled with enthusiasm and zeal. To the contrary, such would be vain worship and lukewarm work, both of which are condemned in the

Scriptures. Rather, I am saying that our enthusiasm, excitement, and zeal should be tempered with a Scriptural knowledge of how to properly channel that emotional energy into Biblically authorized avenues of worship and service to God. Paul spoke of this in Romans 10:2-3, when speaking of the Jews he said, “For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.”

You see, according to Matthew 25:31-46, and 1 Corinthians 1:18-31, God has made Christianity a religion of simple things. By the world's standards, Bible-based worship, the cross of Christ, and the preaching of the Gospel are all foolish, weak things, stumbling blocks. But to those who truly understand God's ways, they are “the power and the wisdom of God.”

Brethren, Christianity is not in the sensational, it's in the simple! It's things like love, service, perseverance, obedience, meekness, kindness, faithfulness, gentleness, humility, forgiveness, patience, and virtue. It's the daily struggle to put God first, others second, and yourself last. It's the diligent study of the word of God to make sure you think, talk, act, dress and live in accordance with God's will. Most of all, it's just plain, hard, unheralded work in the kingdom of the Lord.

Christian service is not in the microphones, the amplifiers, the matching costumes, and the choreographed movements of the modern day “religious” quartet, who, with their “oom-pahs” and their perfectly blended four-part harmonies, can bring the audience to their feet for a standing ovation. Rather, it's simple things like visiting the shut-ins, mowing a widow's lawn, having a nightly devotional with your kids, taking a meal to a sick person, writing a note of encouragement to someone who's down, preparing for your Bible class, praying for the elders, teaching a neighbor the Gospel, attending worship regularly, writing a missionary, helping a needy family with clothing, providing a ride to worship for someone who needs transportation, visiting the prisons, and a thousand and one other simple deeds of service to our fellowman and for the good of the Lord's work. Others may not know about it, or even care. It's not sensational. You will not win any medals or honors for it, and you probably won't receive much, if any, recognition for your efforts. But God knows about it, and He cares. Best of all, He will remember, recognize, and reward your efforts someday (Matt. 10:42). And, that's what really counts, doesn't it?

Are you looking for God in the sensational or the simple? Think about it!

I truly believe that families should be wary of the so-called Christian colleges. As you can see in the above article many of the places of “higher education” are leading our young people down the “broad road” (Matt. 7:13-14). We would do well to remember “Train up a child in the way he should go” (Pro. 22:6). (TLS)