

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/>

Also find us at OABS.org - Go to Congregation>Rendon>Website

Email address:

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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:

Sophia Kersten, Delpha Pearce, Brandy Smith, Edith Smith, Kay Johnston, Geneice and Derral, Robbie and Edwina, Tip and Phillis. Lisa Pilgrim had surgery and is now home. Add Johnny Graham to your prayer list.

Keith Pilgrim has been deployed.

Family and Friends:

Mildred Crow, Curtis Lallance, Justin Siklosi, David Lemmons and Ed Johnson. Also, Ashleigh Martinez, the granddaughter of Darlene Scott will have tests to see if she has MS.



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: *Planted By The Water (Psalm 1).*

PM: *Songs we sing: Angry Words.*

Additional Info:

Robbie Roth's address is on the bulletin board.

September calendar and those to serve list is on the foyer table.

If you have a suggestion for a lesson in our songs we sing series, put it in our Q&A box or just hand me a note.

“SINGING, UNDERSTANDING, AND EDIFYING”

The fourteenth chapter of First Corinthians is one of the best passages in the Bible to read so as to see exactly what God wants us to accomplish by meeting together. Paul understood that the church is not the building, yet he wrote what should happen "in church" or "in the church" (**Verses 19, 28, 35**). He further described the assembly as when "the whole church comes together in one place" (**Vs. 23**). Clearly, this passage applies directly to what churches should do when they meet together to worship. Assemblies should result in edification, or building up. 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" (**Vs. 4-5**). He instructed them to favor gifts that were "for the edification 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 are not edified.

Paul also pointed out that understanding is essential for edification. Edification is the goal while understandable content 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 relate to 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. Assemblies should "be done decently and in order" (**Vs. 40**) to eliminate "confusion" (**Vs. 33**). Obviously, if churches are going to be built up by worship, what happens in 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 about 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 should follow these rules, and those in charge of content should take them seriously. If one leads a prayer using big words that most people do not understand, it hinders edification despite the leader's eloquence. If a preacher makes deep theological arguments that are impossible for the worshippers to comprehend, his sermon is of little value even if his points are correct.

Likewise, what we sing must be understandable. To "sing with the understanding" is not about music. If we all had perfect voices and the ability to sing every tune flawlessly, it would be of no benefit without understanding the words. Words do the "teaching and admonishing" that God desires (**Colossians 3:16**); the music only supports the words and helps deliver them effectively. We must ensure that our repertoire is not based on music, but on what edifies. While music alone can be moving, God wants us to be moved because we are edified by singing and understanding meaningful words.

(Article adapted)

THE POWER OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Several years ago, studies were conducted among former American POWs to determine what methods were most effective in breaking their spirit. The findings revealed that they did not break down from physical deprivation and torture as quickly as they did from solitary confinement or from disrupted friendships caused by frequent changing of personnel. Attempts to get the prisoners divided in their attitudes toward one another proved to be the most successful method of discouraging them. It was further learned that the soldiers were not sustained primarily by faith in their country or by the rightness of the cause for which they fought. They drew their greatest strength from the close attachments they had formed to the small military units to which they belonged. Please read **Philippians 1:3-5** and make the obvious connection to the Lord's army. (Ripley Beacon, Ripley, Tennessee)