

Schedule Of Services

Sunday

Bible Study 9:30 A. M.
Worship 10:30 A. M.
Worship 4:00 P. M.

Wednesday

Midweek Services: 7 P. M.

2nd Sunday Potluck following the morning service. At 1 PM we will have a singing service.

Tuesday:

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

Men's Class – 10 A.M.

Our Preacher:

Toney L. Smith – (817) 914-0349

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Works Rendon Supports:

Chuck Northrop.
Online Academy of Biblical Studies.
Bibleway Media.
Cherokee Home For Children.
Texas School of Preaching.
Foster's Children's Home (Stephensville, TX)

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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Rendon's Prayer List:

Sherra Reeves, Barbara Archey, Edith Smith, Larry Lallance, Darlene Scott, Robbie Roth, Debby Smith, Geneice, and Derral.

Family and Friends:

Leanna Shafer, Mary Lou Joseph Paula and Sandy, Justin Siklosi, and Tommy McGuire).

Please pray for those with failing health problems AND pray for those with the deadly unfaithful virus!
Rom. 6:23 "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."



In the Military:
Keith Pilgrim and
Justin Cormier.

Welcome to Our Visitors

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

Sermon Titles:

AM: Excuses For Not Evangelizing.
PM: When Questions Are Asked.

Outlines For Personal Evangelism:

Please pick up a notebook from the foyer table. It contains outlines for our study.

Potluck Postponed:

Our monthly potluck is postponed till next Sunday.

“Play On, Miss Bertha”

Roy Deaver (1922-2007)

These words are sad words—some of the saddest ever uttered in all Restoration history. The dictionary says that “sad” means “...to be associated with sorrow.” Some words are sad because of their inherent connotations. Some words are sad because of the consequences which they bring. These words are sad (1) because of the circumstances out of which they came, and (2) because of the consequences which they brought.

On Monday, September 1, 1873, in the pioneer village of Thorp Spring, in Texas, Thorp Spring College came into being. This year—1973—is the centennial year. In celebration, the ex-students of Thorp Spring Christian College held a reunion “on campus” July 21 and 22. At the time, I was in a Gospel meeting at nearby Morgan Mill and was privileged to attend the Reunion. Brother Don Morris spoke on Saturday afternoon, and brother Foy E. Wallace, Jr. was the speaker on Saturday night. Because of my own preaching engagement, I did not get to hear brother Wallace, but I did get to hear brother Morris. Brother Morris spoke on “Add-Ran and Its Heirs.” His lecture was tremendous. It will become an exceedingly valuable document in Restoration literature.

Brother Morris spoke at length about unscriptural organizations in Texas, and the consequent divisions among brethren. He spoke of the steps which led to the formation of the “Texas Christian Missionary Society” in Austin, Texas, 1886.

Brother Morris then discussed the introduction of mechanical instruments into Christian worship. He mentioned that the instrument was introduced “...first in congregations in Dallas, San Marcos, Waco, and Palestine.” He continued as follows:

But the place at which the introduction of the organ received most attention was, without doubt, Thorp Spring, in Add-Ran College. The occasion was a gospel meeting in February, 1894. The speaker was B.B. Sanders, and the song director, E. M. Douthitt. These two often worked as a team and were known to use the instrument in worship. Before the meeting began, there was much discussion—on and off the campus of Add-Ran—about whether the organ would be used. As the meeting began, a crisis at Add-Ran was developing. It proved to affect the church throughout the state. On February 20, 1894, the climax was reached. Before the service began, Joseph Addison Clark—the father and pioneer—and

his wife took seats at the front of the auditorium. Their son, Addison Clark, the president, arose to begin the service.

Joseph Addison arose, walked toward the pulpit, took a paper from his pocket, and presented it to his son. It was a petition. The petition was signed by the elder Clark and more than a hundred others, who asked that the organ not be used, on the ground that it was not authorized in the New Testament. Addison read the petition, conferred briefly with his brother Randolph, and then announced that he had promised the students that the organ could be used in the meeting and that he could not go back on his word. He turned to the organist and said, “Play on, Miss Bertha.”

At this point, brother Don Morris was not able to continue for several moments. He wept audibly, and most of the audience wept with him. Brother Morris continued:

As the organ and singing started, Joseph Addison arose with his wife and led the opposition out of the auditorium. He was a gray bearded man, seventy-eight years old, with a cane. About 140 people, according to Randolph’s son, Joseph Lynn, followed the elderly Clark out of the building. Many in the remaining congregation wept. My father, who was a student that year, was present, and he told me many times about Uncle Joe Clark—how he appealed to the audience not to use the organ and how he led the group out of the auditorium.

Brother Morris closed his great speech as follows:

...we of churches of Christ today are the real heirs of the first years of Add-Ran and of the gospel taught in the first Texas churches. This is true because today we continue in the slogan first used by Texas pioneers and the Campbells before them: “We speak where the Bible speaks and are silent where the Bible is silent.” This principle has been followed by the Thorp Spring Church from the beginning of 1873 until now. And we believe that this is the true pattern for church organization, for purity in worship, and for all things religious. To use this pattern is more important than excelling in numbers or affluence. We look to the New Testament as the guide in restoring the Lord’s church, and we pray that He may bless us as we attempt to follow it.

And right now, more so than ever before in my lifetime—there are in the church those who are saying: “Miss Bertha, Play On!” May God help us to have the faith, the conviction, the courage of Joseph Addison Clark.