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Sermon, Invitation Song, Song,
Lord's Supper, Giving, Song, Prayer
Sunday Evening Worship Service
Three Songs, Prayer, Song, Sermon, Invitation
Song, Giving, Lord's Supper, Song, Prayer
Wednesday Night Bible Study
Three Songs, Prayer, Song, [Class,] Invitation,
Invitation Song, Song, Prayer

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Many Christians, it seems, adopt a "holierthan-thou" attitude simply on the ground that they—in contrast to some others—never engage in any kind of controversy. Brother B.C. Goodpasture once told me about a preacher who said to him, referring to the pulpit work with a certain congregation, "as long as I am in this pulpit, nothing controversial will ever be preached." There are a number of things wrong with this statement. In the first place, no one can preach the whole counsel of God without preaching that which is controversial, at least with some persons. In the second place, such sentiment is directly opposed to the sentiment (and actions) enjoined upon men in Jude 3!

Since no one can defend the faith without presenting sound arguments, then it is obvious that Jude 3 demands that men both recognize and honor the Law of Rationality.

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## PLAN OF SALVATION

Hear (Romans 10:17)

Believe (Mark 16:16)

Repent (Acts 17:30)

Confess (Matthew 10:32)

Be Baptized (Acts 2:38)

Remain faithful (Revelation 2:10)

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#### **SERVICES**

Sunday Morning Bible Study: 10:00 AM

Sunday Morning Worship Service: 11:00 AM

Sunday Evening Worship Service: 6:00 PM

Wednesday Evening Bible Study: 7:00 PM



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"A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit (Matthew 7:18)."

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# "CONTEND EARNESTLY" BY: THOMAS B. WARREN

Jude instructed men to "contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered unto the saints" (Jude 3). There are many men now living—quite a number of whom are members of the Lord's true church—who hold that it is simply not Christ-like to contend for the faith. But this passage corrects that erroneous claim. To "contend earnestly for the faith" is to strive in combat, to engage in a fight, and such like, and, since earnestly carries the idea of intensification, it is clear that Jude 3 teaches that men are to fight with great intensity for the Truth and against error.

Obviously, this does not mean that Christ wants men to engage in petty quarrels. He does not wish that men should wrangle for the sake of strife. Such activity must grow out of a heart that is filled with selfishness, haughtiness, and pride. But one can be humble, loving, kind, and deeply concerned for the cause of Christ and for the souls of men while fighting desperately for the Truth of the Gospel. Jesus did. Peter did. Paul did. And so did many other faithful men during NewTestament days. And so have many men who have lived in our day.

Of course, there are many people who have a perverted sense of love and kindness and a distorted sense of what it means to be Christ-like. Such people are severely critical of those who spend most of their lives in doing what the Holy Spirit, through Jude, enjoins men to do. But faithful men must not allow themselves to be intimidated into becoming unfaithful no matter how unpleasant the criticism of liberal, modernistic thinkers may become.

Rather, one must remember not only such persons as Jesus, Peter, and Paul, but also men such as Stephen, who disputed with the Jews and put them to rout by his arguments which proved that what he was preaching was really true (Acts 6:9-10; 7:51-60). Stephen spoke very strongly and argued cogently. Yet, it seems hardly likely that any mere man loved his audience more than did he. Even as men were stoning his life's blood from him, Stephen prayed, "Lord, lay not this sin to their charge" (7:60). This writer challenges any man to show greater love.

In spite of the pseudo-optimistic attitude of many people, there are teachers of false doctrine in this world and there are doctrines being taught which will cause those who believe and obey them to be lost (2 The. 1:7-9). There are preachers and elders...in the Lord's church who teach error on fundamental doctrines—doctrines about which one must be right in order to be saved. Such men must be opposed, and those outside of the church who teach error must also be opposed. It is a grievous error to suppose that by merely pretending that there are no false teachers and there are no false doctrines, God's pleasure will rest upon us if we do nothing about false doctrines and false teachers.

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## SICK LIST

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Please remember to pray for the sick. If you know of anyone who needs to be added to the Sick List, please let the one, who will make the announcements, know.

## BIBLE SCHOOL CORNER

Perfect Attendance for the Month of August in Our Youth Classes
Sunday Morning Bible Study

Ellie Dixon, Allie Gann, Jase Gann, Shirley Gann, Sesley Gann Wednesday Night Bible Study Ellie Dixon, Allie Gann, Jase Gann,

Shirley Gann, Sesley Gann Congratulations!

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Answer to Last Week's Bible School Corner Activity: Patmos (Revelation 1:9-11)

## **News**

- We are so thankful for your presence with us this day as we assemble for worship.
- Sympathy is extended to the family of Jeanne Hagar, a member of the Arlington church of Christ and one who has been on our Sick List. She was the wife of Gary Hagar, one of the Deacons and Associate Preacher at the Arlington congregation. She passed away last Wednesday, August 28. Please pray for comfort for her family.
- Browntown church of Christ Gospel Meeting, this evening at 2:30 and Monday through Friday at 7:00 nightly; Speaker: Eddie Sanders
- The monthly men's business meeting will be held today at 5:30. All faithful Christian men of the congregation are invited.
- The men of the congregation who are willing are asked to plan to lead some songs tonight during the "Singing Night."
- Suggested pantry item: Macaroni
- Happy Anniversary to Earl and Jewel McCormick, who will celebrate on Wednesday, September 4, if the Lord wills!



September fellowship Meal following the Sunday Evening Worship Theme:
"Beans and Cornbread"