

# **CAMPAIGN COURIER**

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SERVICES Sunday First Worship Service: 9:00 AM Sunday Morning Bible Study: 10:15 AM

Sunday Second Worship Service: 11:00 AM Wednesday Evening Bible Study: 7:00 PM

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"The children of thy elect sister greet thee. Amen (II John 13)." VOLUME X, NUMBER 36

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## SICK LIST

Deborah Ballew	Pam McGregor
Don Blackwell	Brent Pennington
Jaime Bouldin	Brenda Qualls
Clarence Deloach	Gene Rhea
Bert Denton	Preston Rutledge
Grace Denton	Katelyn Smith
Terri Glisson	Glenda Stiles
John Haley	Danice Taylor
Brayton Harris	Joel Tenpenny
Steve Higginbotham	Titus Ward
Dorris Hughes	Paul Wilmoth
Sandra Jones	Aspen Young
Davie King	-

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

### Youth Perfect Attendance

#### for the Month of August

Sunday Morning Bible Study

Allie Gann, Graceley Gann, Jase Gann, Sesley Gann, & Shirley Gann

#### Wednesday Night Bible Study

Allie Gann, Graceley Gann, Jase Gann, Sesley Gann, & Shirley Gann

#### Congratulations!

## NEWS

- We are so thankful for your presence with us this day as we assemble for worship.
- Please pray for all who are sick. Many are in need of our prayers.
- The monthly men's business meeting will be held today at 10:45 if the Lord permits. All faithful Christian men of the congregation are asked to attend.
- The men of the congregation who are willing are asked to plan to lead some songs in the Second Worship Service, which is our monthly "Gospel Singing."
- This week's suggested pantry item is rice. All pantry items are accepted.
- Please visit the church website at www.campaignchurchofchrist.org
- Please visit the church Facebook page at www.facebook.com/ campaignchurchofchristcampaigntn
- Please visit a Blog for ladies at www.blessingofheaven.org
- Happy Birthday to Brandi Gann, who will celebrate on Tuesday, September 8, if the Lord wills!

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A person not an elder should not be allowed by those of us in the kingdom ever to achieve the preeminence Diotrephes had! Let us, in looking into 3 John, seek to be a modern-day Demetrius rather than a modern-day Diotrephes!

## "THE MODERN-DAY DIOTROPHES: PART 2" BY: BILL JACKSON

(2) Then, improper use of the tongue. John states that Diotrephes was "prating against us." That is, overflowing with talk, and the apostle states, "malicious words" at that! The arrogance of man is seen in his speaking against the apostles and those in company with the apostles. The greater portion of the inspired New Testament message is borne to us through the work of the apostles. To "receive them" is to receive the Christ (10:40). Their words were the words of the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 2:13). It is a lack of humility and an arrogance "gone to seed" when any- one becomes so big that they stand against inspired apostles!

(3) Further, this man stands to forbid others in right doing. John states that he would not receive the brethren but forbad those who were doing so! His is a voice and an authority in the kingdom that God has given to none! Some have speculated that Diotrephes was an elder in the church: That we cannot say, but no matter, for his behavior was sinful and all the more repugnant if he had entered into the leadership. Anyone in the kingdom, regardless of their particular work, is first of all God's servant, and has been shown by the Lord that service to others is true greatness (Mat. 20:26).

(4) The last picture of Diotrephes is that of casting men out of the church! A standing against the apostles, and those who would fellowship the apostles, so as to bar acceptance in the kingdom to those who dared oppose him. The Lord adds to the church (Acts 2:47), and it is not the function of any of us to "cast men out." Men may, due to persistence in impenitent sinfulness, have fellowship withdrawn, but their sins have removed them from fellowship. They were not "cast out" at the whim and fancy of some arrogant church leader.

It is significant that the record of Diotrephes follows the plea by John that we all should be "helpers to the truth" (3 John 8). Helpers, not hinderers; helpers, not stumbling blocks. Diotrephes was working contrary to Truth, and therefore against the Truth. We note also that the record of Diotrephes is followed by the admonition to follow the good, and not the evil (3 John 11). Diotrephes needed that advice, just as he needed to follow the example of Demetrius (3 John 12), who seemed to be his opposite in terms of life and character.

We can avoid having modern-day Diotrephes' among us when we all remember that: (1) Greatness in God's sight is in humility, (2) that we, as servants, must always be open to the apostolic message, (3) that preeminence is given to the Christ, (4) that our influence on others should be to lead them toward spirituality, (5) and that none of us has authority to cast men from the kingdom. An elder who would be a Diotrephes is unworthy of the office. A man desiring to be an elder who longs for preeminence is unqualified for the office. *(Note: Continued on Page 3)* 

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