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DIOTROPHES

We know nothing about Diotrophes more than is told to us in 3rd John verses 9-11. Although John addressed this letter to Gaius, Diotrophes was a representative of authority in the church. It is not known what his position may have been; it is possible that he could have been an elder or preacher. In any case Diotrophes was taking complete control of the church at this location. We cannot know his motives for this control but one thing is for certain he did not want those whom he did not have under his control to come into the church; especially those who were preaching the truth. Verse ten "Neither doth he receive the Brethren," probably the brethren John speaks of in verses 5-7.

John says in verse 9 "I wrote to the church" and he records that Diotrophes "loveth to have the preeminence" to the extent he would not allow even the letter of an Apostle be read among the church. John's observation was that "Diotrophes recieveth us not." Why Diotrophes would not allow even an Apostle or other evangelists to communicate with the brethren of the church is not specifically told. Had the Gospel truths been preached it would have revealed Diotrophes as a person who had an unchristian spirit, and he had not authority which came with his position in the church.

We can learn 7 things of Diotrophes which John instructs us to be aware of and not to follow, which he calls evil in verse 11:

1. Ambition – loveth preeminence – vs 9 trying to be equal with Christ – Colossians 1:18 Christ has preeminence in the church and all things.
2. Self – exaltation – Had lifted himself over the other Brethren – preeminence I vs 9.
3. Slanderous – Prating against us with malicious (Greek word - Poneror – denotes evil which causes labor, pain, sorrow) W.E. Vine. Talking non-sense about others to bring up unjustified changes.
4. Inhospitable – "He refuses to accept the other Brothers or sisters" (NCV).
5. Hypocrite – after his own will but still active lead in the church – Bigot.
6. Judging or discipline without cause vs 10 ..."casting those out who accept other brethren.
7. Complete control – lording his will over the church – vs 11 Diotrophes is called evil, not knowing God.

Christ warns us in Matthew 7:15 To beware there are false prophets who are in sheep's clothing. (Note: They look like Christians, They preach like Christians, They act like Christian, but their motives are to become part of the sheepfold and when the time is right they are ravening wolves preying on the true sheep.)

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For our national leaders and world leaders as they lead their respective nations.
For our troops in Afghanistan, Bosnia, Korea, Iraq, Liberia, Haiti and other places.
For the innocent who are suffering in the midst of war.
For the "people in the box"-- the lost in our families and community.
For those who are being martyred and persecuted for Christ in our own time
For marriage to stand in our laws as God ordained it.
For the church in Siliguri and Naresh Chetri

For the churches in Honduras and Haiti who partner with us in the gospel

A continuing request for Rick Richmond, Alex Cram, Sharon Rogers

Annette Coriell has been transferred to Hospice Care, Room 3.

Deanna Duduit (Troy Gahm's sister) has been diagnosed with cancer and will be having a series of chemotherapy treatments.

Ellen Lemon is scheduled for another chemotherapy treatment this week.

Emerson Coriell continued his radiation therapy this week. He is feeling much stronger and, Lord willing, he will be in church with us this morning.

Penny Ball has a knee replacement surgery sometime in July

Sarah Riley (Jamie's mother) had surgery on her wrist after a fall. She is home now but is having some problems with congestion around her heart and lungs.

Carolyn Walker (teacher at Minford Middle School) has been diagnosed with bladder cancer and is scheduled for surgery at OSU a week from tomorrow.

Thelma LaBrun (client of Chuck Allison) advanced cancer going through chemotherapy.

Sympathy Extended

To the family of **Hazel Hutchinson** (David Graff's wife's mother) who passed away this past week after a long bout with cancer.

To the family of **Goldie Goodwin Fannin** (sister to Esther Crisp) who passed away on Friday. Visitation is this evening from 6-9 at the Globe Funeral Home in Camp Dix, KY (near Vanceburg). The funeral is Monday at 11 am at Scott's Branch church of Christ.

Spirit Club Tonight

Spirit Club meets tonight at 6 pm.

Verse of the Month

Ephesians 6:1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord for this right.

Angel Food Orders

This Week

July 9-11, Wednesday through Friday, from 9 am-noon and on Thursday from 5-8 pm

VBS Leaders and Planners

Please turn in your receipts and excess money to Steve Miller soon. If you need reimbursement for money spent out of pocket, turn that in to Steve also. Put your receipts in an envelope with your name on it and total up the amount you need on the outside of the envelope.

Splash Down on Monday

Tomorrow a few families from Sunshine will be at Splash Down Waterpark (on S.R. 32 between Jackson and Wellston) for some water fun for the kids. Monday admission is \$11/person. Park opens at 10 am. Come on your own and look for some of your fellow Sunshiners. Picnic facilities are available. Food and refreshments can also be purchased there. Details see Kim McCray.

US Troops Send Sunshine a US Flag

On the table in the foyer is a US Flag flown over a combat zone in Chagcharan, Ghor Province, Afghanistan. The flag has been sent to us in gratitude for the support which we as a congregation have provided to the troops on that base and to the Afghan population surrounding it. We have sent eye glasses, school supplies and various other items which the troops have used to benefit the Afghani's and to promote good relations between Afghanistan and the US.

VBS Evaluation Meeting Today

Today after morning services in the Annex. Bring your ideas for next year and ways that we could improve or change what we did this year. This is for all Guides, Teachers/Planners/Actors and Support Workers.

Water Color Class

This Thursday at 10 am the Water Color Art Class being taught by Toni Ruch will resume in the Annex. As mentioned before, no previous experience or art training is needed. Just show up. Supplies will be less than \$10.00. New "artists" welcome.

Shepherd's Prayer

Thursday, July 17, 7:30 pm, our elders will be meeting for prayer for the church and the members of the congregation. If you have requests that you would want included in that prayer, please give it to one of the elders before the session.

Destined for Greatness

When it was built for an international exposition in the 19th century, the structure was called "monstrous" by the citizens of the city, who demanded it be torn down as soon as the exposition was over. Yet from the moment its architect first conceived it, he took pride in it and loyally defended it from those who wished to destroy it. He knew it was destined for greatness. Today it is one of the architectural wonders of the modern world and stands as the primary landmark of Paris, France. The architect, of course, was Alexandre Gustave Eiffel. His famous tower – the Eiffel Tower – was built in 1889.

In the same way we are struck by Jesus' loyalty to another structure —the church...

He established it - When asked the identity of Jesus, Peter confessed, "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God" (Matthew 16:16). Jesus said in response, "And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock [i.e., the fact that Jesus is the Son of God] I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it" (Matthew 16:18).

He purchased it - The Apostle Paul exhorted the elders of the church at Ephesus saying, "Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood" (Acts 20:28).



Bible Study Curriculum

Sunday

7/6	1 Corinthians 2
7/13	1 Corinthians 3
7/20	1 Corinthians 4
7/27	1 Corinthians 5



7/06 **VBS Meeting** after morning service
7/13-19 **Sunshine Week @ Fort Hill Camp**

Wednesday

7/9	Genesis 15-17
7/16	Genesis 18
7/23	Genesis 19
7/30	Genesis 20-23

He gave Himself for it - Paul also gave instruction to husbands with Christ as their model: "Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her" (Ephesians 5:25). Jesus entrusted the formation of His church to an unlikely band of disciples, whom He defended, prayed for, and prepared to spread the gospel. To outsiders, they (and we) must seem like incapable blunderers. But Jesus, the Architect of the church, knew this structure was (and IS) destined for greatness!

Jesus' church is not made of iron, brick, or wood... It is composed of the SAVED – those who submit their lives to the King (Ephesians 5:23). He adds those who obey Him to the CHURCH (Acts 2:41, 47), the "Family of God" (1 Timothy 3:15).

He will save and add to His church those who: believe in Him (Acts 16:30-31), repent of sin (Acts 17:30-31), confess Him before men (Romans 10:9-10), and are baptized (immersed) into Christ for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38). And one day, Jesus will take those who remain faithful to Him to a heavenly home (1 Corinthians 15:24).

Have YOU obeyed Jesus? Are you a part of His church that has been destined for greatness?

David Sargent,
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Those Who Serve

Regular Service Times

<u>Sunday Morning</u>	<u>July 6</u>	<u>July 13</u>
Welcome & Prayer	Jon Coriell	Wayne Gampp
Song Director	Shaun McCray	Nick Davis
Scripture Reading	Steve Williams	Eric McLaughlin
Prayer	Shawn Gragg	Troy Gahm
Lord's Supper –Bread	Aaron Kallner	Josh Coriell
Wine	Don Ramey	Greg Coriell
Server 1	Eric Copas	Lane Raiser
Server 2	Dewey Cordle	Ryan Coriell
Server 3	David Gampp	Barry Gampp
Server 4	Chuck Allison	Price Gammon
Server 5	Harold Gampp	Aaron Franke
Server 6	Jack Jennings	Michael Dixon
Message	Steve Miller	Jon Coriell
Closing Prayer	Bill Gammon	John Berry

Sunday
Worship - 10:00 am
Bible Study - 6:30 p.m

Wednesday
Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.

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Sunday Evening

Song Director	Zach Coriell	Gabe Coriell
Scripture Reading	Mark Gampp	Rich Book
Lord's Supper	Spike Ferrell	Tim Gampp
Assist	Tim Coriell	Shawn Gragg
Prayer	Jamie Riley	Jason Coriell
<i>Bible Class</i>	<i>1 Corinthians 2</i>	<i>1 Corinthians 3</i>

Wednesday Evening

Song Director	Jacob Miller	Aaron McCray
Prayer	Ira Coriell	Jeff Hayward
<i>Bible Class Text</i>	<i>Genesis 15-17</i>	<i>Genesis 18</i>

Children's Bible Time

July 3/5: Christy Veach, Paige Jacobs, Holly Hayward
July 6/8: Jane Ruggles, Janie Ruggles, Garnet Lindeman
Aug 3/5: Jill/Steve Williams, Jenny & Sam Williams
Aug 6/8: Stephanie/Eric Copas, Debbie Sullivan

If you are unable to serve as scheduled, please contact Dewey Cordle at 820-4624



Down

- (2) Adam's second son
- (3) Cain's first son (Gen.4:17)
- (4) Adam's first son
- (6) Adam's third son
- (7) What creature tempted Eve
- (8) Cain lived in this land
- (10) First man
- (12) First woman

Across

- (1) Cain's occupation (Gen.4:2)
- (5) The ____ of Eden
- (6) Adam and Eve's first clothes(Gen.3:21)
- (9) Because of sin the ground was _____ (Gen.3:17)
- (11) Abel's occupation (Gen.4:2)
- (13) Cain became a _____ and a vagabond (Gen.4:12)

The Book of Genesis Chapters 3 and 4

