

Killeen Church of Christ Bulletin

**“Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.”
-Ecclesiastes 12:13**

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

BIBLE CLASSES _____ 9:30 A.M.

WORSHIP _____ 10:30 A.M.

EVENING WORSHIP _____ 5:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY

CLASSES/WORSHIP _____ 7:00 P.M.

Doing Warfare With the Devil Shepherds Notes by Lee Fisher

“Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand” (Eph. 6:10-13).

Wars have been in existence since the beginning of time and the type warfare mentioned by Paul was conventional for the most part in that day. Wars that are being waged today are very different and difficult to fight because sometimes we cannot see our enemy-he can strike at any time and against anyone. In comparison, the Christian's spiritual warfare is also fighting enemies that we cannot see. These are the principalities, rulers of darkness, and spiritual hosts of wickedness Paul is speaking of. Satan has been out to destroy man's relationship with God from the beginning! So how do we fight an enemy like this?

First, we have to study some of his tactics:

1. Genesis chapter 3 records the first spiritual warfare where a serpent was used. This was not Satan, but he took control of the serpent, because he had characteristics in him that were already like Satan. We also see this in Judas who was already a thief before he betrayed Jesus for thirty pieces of silver (John 12:4-6). Both were used to achieve Satan's goal. Another tactic used is that Satan does not have a face but he always sounds the same. *“Then the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die” (Gen 3:4). “Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, “If You are the Son of God” (Matt. 4:3), and “Then one of the criminals who were hanged blasphemed Him, saying, “If You are the Christ, save Yourself and us” (Luke 23:39). So study to know God's purpose and to expose Satan no matter what form he takes!*

2. The term "wiles of the devil" (is defined as methods), and this shows that Christians are fighting an intelligent being who will study our weaknesses. I heard a sermon and the speaker put it something like this, "There are times when we are weak, but the opportunity to sin is not there, and other times when the opportunity is there but you are not weak. Satan works hard to evaluate your weakness and make a temptation so your weakness and opportunity will come together at the same time to get you to sin. Satan will 'tailor-make' temptations for us." Remember, Jesus had completed his fast for forty days and forty nights, and afterward He was hungry. Then the devil said, *“If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread.”* Jesus was tempted with something that no one else could do but Him! Brethren do not underestimate this enemy! Satan had enough influenced to make some of the angelic host follow him and be cast down into chains of darkness (Rev 12:9).

Second, to fight Satan we must be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Without His strength and power we cannot fight the devil. That power is the gospel. *“For I'm not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek” (Rom 1:16).* The Gospel did a whole lot when Christ was raised from the dead (Eph. 1:17-23). *“Christ was set far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.”*

The final point in fighting Satan is to put on the whole armor of God, teach others about the salvation which is freely given, pray without ceasing, trust in the Lord, and be obedient to God's word which is source of our faith! In Christian love, Lee.

SPECIAL CLOSURE NOTICE: Our baptistry is scheduled to be resurfaced starting on Monday, December 11– Friday, December 15. Due to dangerous fumes, the building and office will be closed during this time. There will not be classes in the building on Wednesday evening, December 13. Instead, everyone will meet for a class given by Dan Carter in the fellowship hall.

DON'T FORGET THE MOST IMPORTANT

From the Desk of Dan Carter

One of the easiest things to do is to let important matters slip. This should be obvious. If you drive long distances to work and the tires are badly worn, you would put new tires on to avoid harm to you, or, the family. When you have a physical problem that has persisted for some time, you know it is important to see a doctor.

Why is it easy to understand this, yet neglect the most vital aspect of your life? The spiritual man should be number one on the list. How is our spiritual growth doing? Are we putting in so much time in the worldly activities that we miss the most important? Isn't your soul worth more than the entire world? How would it be to be a success in the world, yet the soul be starved?

I believe the most important thing is being with the brothers and sisters on the Lord's Day. Taking the Lord's Supper as family, singing hymns together, and studying God's word! What could be more important?

Some will say, "While we are away, we meet with other brethren." I am glad you do. But, what about your precious family, here? Do we not see how important being with the family is?

Suppose you decided to go away from your physical family without giving them a reason? Suppose you stayed away from your father's house for months without their knowledge that you were leaving? What do you think that would do to your family? Don't you realize that your spiritual family hurts when you are gone? Is there anything that can take the place of the spiritual family?

I want to see my family members as often as I can. Right now, I am separated from my physical family. It hurts real bad. I long to be with them. I long to hug and be hugged by them. It hurts not seeing them. I feel the same way when I have to be away from you. Our family is important to me. I will

not allow anything to keep me from you. Only death, or my retiring, would mar our association.

I want everyone to think seriously about this. Is there anything I can do to help you? I am ready to do what I can. The world is not worth it. It offers a lot, but pays little. It lies to us. It deceives us. The devil is pleased. Don't allow anything to keep you from your family here at W.S.YOUNG. Believe me, you are missed! And, you are loved!

I want to see you Sunday. I want to laugh and talk with you...above all, I want to worship God with you. I want all the family to be together. The world promises much, but delivers little.

The most important thing is your soul. The most important thing for your children is their souls. Don't allow the world to get a 'leg-up.' The devil will deceive and lie to destroy you and your family.

Please let us help. Don't put this off. Know that everyone is a vital part of the W.S. YOUNG CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Your Safety is Important!

SPECIAL NOTICE: Beginning today, the side doors will be locked at all times for security purposes. The main entrance will remain open before services, but locked when service begins. There will be a monitor to let in those who arrive after 10:30 am, 5:00pm, and after 7:00 pm on Wednesday evenings. Every door may still be exited. Just follow the exit signs and exit out the nearest door. For any questions and concerns, please see any of our elders and deacons.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

YEAR LONG BIBLE STUDY

Week 44 (December 3)

Sun: Acts 11-12
 Mon: Deuteronomy 7-9
 Tues: II Chronicles 29-32
 Wed: Psalms 125-127
 Thurs: Ecclesiastes 3-4
 Fri: Zephaniah
 Sat: James 4-5

Week 45 (December 10)

Sun: Acts 13-14
 Mon: Deuteronomy 10-12
 Tues: II Chronicles 33-36
 Wed: Psalms 128-130
 Thurs: Ecclesiastes 5-6
 Fri: Haggai
 Sat: I Peter 1-3

Week 46 (December 17)

Sun: Acts 15-16
 Mon: Deuteronomy 13-15
 Tues: Ezra 1-5
 Wed: Psalms 131-133
 Thurs: Ecclesiastes 7-8
 Fri: Zechariah 1-7
 Sat: I Peter 4-5

**If you would like to join the forum to ask questions, share insights, or to receive encouragement, please see Gaylen or Nichole Williams.*

**THOSE TO SERVE THE WEEK OF
 DECEMBER 10, 2017:**

PARKING LOT DUTY: TOMMY BAILEY

HALL MONITOR: JACOB BRYANT

AUDIO/VIDEO SYSTEMS FOR DECEMBER:
 JOHN HOBSON

ANNOUNCEMENTS: BOYCE EDWARDS

SONG DIRECTOR: REGGIE BASS

COMMUNION:
 (NORTH) ROGER DEEM, GAYLEN WILLIAMS
 GRAHAM TUCKER, PATRICK SELLERS

(SOUTH) LEE FISHER, REY CRUZ
 BRETT LINGLE, CHARLES CULVER

SCRIPTURE READING: JOHN LLEWELLYN

PICK UP CARDS: GAVIN VINCENT
 SEBASTIAN VERA

PRAYERS:
 (A.M.) TREVOR HEILMAN, TONY SHELTON
 (P.M.) DERREL HEGINBOTHAM, JIM DUKES

NURSERY ATTENDANTS (A.M.):
 GAYLE & TRACY WILSON

EVENING SONG DIRECTOR:
 GAYLEN WILLIAMS

EVENING COMMUNION:
 ROGER DEEM, TREVOR HEILMAN

WEDNESDAY SONG LEADER:
 JOHN LLEWELLYN

WEDNESDAY PRAYER: DENNIS MARLER

PREPARE COMMUNION FOR DECEMBER:
 DONNA HINES & BEVERLY WILLIAMS



SUPER JOB!

THANK YOU ALL
 FOR YOUR
 GENEROSITY IN
 THIS YEAR'S
 FOOD AND

CHANGE DRIVES FOR THE CHILDREN'S
 HOMES AND KILLEEN FOOD CARE
 CENTER! THANK YOU ALSO FOR
 YOUR SPECIAL DONATIONS TO
 HURRICANE VICTIMS, AND THE MALL
 ADVERTISEMENT. YOUR EFFORTS ARE
 GREATLY APPRECIATED!

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NEWS FROM THE PEWS

REMEMBER OUR MILITARY & CIVILIANS:

-Rikki Martin's husband, Christopher, is deployed to South Korea. Please keep this family in your prayers.

OUR SICK: Trudy Perrault's daughter, Carol, is recovering well from foot surgery. Please keep her in your prayers.

-Dora Ray Chanslor has a hemorrhaging eye caused by macular degeneration. This is causing her to have severe headaches and she will not be able to receive treatment until December 29th. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.

-James Garner's family members, Christel Algozer and Mary Mosley are having health problems. Please keep them in your prayers.

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & HOMEBOUND:

Sarina Bell, Cathy Young, Dennis & Sandra Marler's daughter (Shanna Cuba), Donna Hines friend's granddaughter (Kylie Pruitt), Connie Cruz and her friends (Juanita Cardenas & Yolanda Perez) & Rey & Connie's family, Willard Dunn, Linda Walts, David Chapman, Jessica Bryant's friends (David & Sharissa Wills), Tina Pallo, Jim Dukes, Kyle Pocanowski's mother, James and Tammy Garner, Scott Davis, David Shilling, Letty Burgos' father, Brett Lingle, Brenda Sellers' mother, stepmother, & her sister (Jesse), Connie Havens, Al & Gayle Wilson's sister-in-law (Regina Farmer), Jean Basco, Alice Saffor, John Llewellyn's sister (Janet Schleyer), Nelda Cox, Mary Culp, Sybil Cason, Jonathan Simmons Sr., Janet Simmons, Jonathan Simmons Jr., Garnie & Nada Miller, Gail Mende's son (Eric), Shirl Foster, Zack & Amanda Petties' son-in-law's stepmother (Vivian), & Amanda Petties' brother & nephew. Please keep these members and loved ones in your prayers as they battle health problems.

VISITATION TEAMS: There will not be visitation assignments for the month of December.

FAREWELL TO BETHANY VERA AND HER FAMILY:

Bethany, Andres, and their son, Sebastian Vera, will be moving to Fort Benning, GA. Today will be her last Sunday with us. Please join us after evening service, in the fellowship hall, to say farewell to her and her family. They will be greatly missed!

Welcome to all our visitors and members!! To our visitors, we invite you to come back and visit with us whenever you can! Our speaker this morning is Dan Carter.

Please fill out an Attendance Card and pass it to the inner aisle so we may have a record of your attendance.

THANK YOU!

❧DECEMBER❧

11-15: Office & Building Closed. Wednesday class will be in the fellowship hall.

25-26: The office will be closed in observance of the Christmas holiday.

❧JANUARY❧

1-The office will be closed in observance of the New Year holiday.

6-Men's Breakfast, 8:30 am, at the Killeen Golden Corral.

7-Fellowship Luncheon, kitchen Group #1 will have kitchen duties.

**Merry Christmas
& Happy New Year!**