

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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**Cherokee Home
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Family Services
Abilene, TX**

**Foster's Home
For Children
Stephenville, TX**

**Sunny Glen
Children's Home
San Benito, TX**

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.

What If Some Brother Departs From the Truth of Christians Living?

Shepherds Notes by Zack Petties



In the book James 5: 19-20 it reads, “Brethren, if any of you err from the truth, and one convert him; verse: 20. Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins. To err from the TRUTH may be referred as “mised from the truth.” The Bible plainly teaches that Christians can backslide or go backward instead of forward in their spiritual lives. Satan does not give up on a person when he/she becomes a Christian. In fact, he becomes more intent to destroy us “prowling around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour” (1 Peter 5:8). There is a warning for a Christian to fall away as Paul mention in (1 Cor 10:12). A terrible fate awaits the child of God who err from the truth and does not repent of his sins. Peter says, “For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered you to them” (2 Peter 2:20-21). The importance of the truth to the child of God is constantly emphasized in the Bible.

- We must love it (2 Thess 2:10)
- We must obey it (Gal 5:7)
- We must display its fruits in our lives (2 Cor 4:2)

To wander or turn away from the truth can led to either or both: accepting a false doctrine instead of holding to the truth or refusing to live by the demands of the truth into sinful acts or misconduct. Simon Peter response to Christ, “to whom shall we go” (John 6:68) couldn't be clearer when we turn from Christ we turn to Satan. We need to pay close attention to the needs of our brethren. In the church the spirit of us all or not to push others down, away, or to delight in their fall but to help others along and to lift them up if they should fall. We should always pray for them, and go to them appealing to them to come back to the Lord.

In Love,
Shepard Petties



COMMITMENT

From the Desk of Dan Carter

The words of Paul concerning commitment to Christ sums up how Christians should feel. *“I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless, I live; yet, not I, but Christ lives in me”*-Galatians 2:20.

At the end of his life, he penned these words: *“I am ready to be offered, and my departure is at hand. I found a good fight, finished my course, and, I have kept the faith”*-2 Tim.4:6,7.

As we strive to make heaven our home, we do not see what works we do as 'earning' that eternal place. Rather, faithful Christians render good deeds to the glory of Christ, in God.

In James 2:26, James declares: *“Without works our faith is dead.”* In other words, we show our appreciation to the Savior by doing good in His name. Here is another scripture: *“Whatsoever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord”*-Colossians 3:17. We are bought with a price and glorify God in our body and spirit-I Cor.6:20.

We belong to Him, so we show by our actions who we are. We are children of God, therefore we do all things in His Name. In Philippians 2:5, Paul said, *“Let the mind of Christ be in you.”* What does that mean? It means that Christ pleased God in all He said and did. Therefore, we should be like Christ. The glory is not for us! Listen, *“But, if I glory, I glory in the Cross of Christ”*-Gal.6:14.

We do what we do in the name of, and to the glory of, Christ. The Lord's example is perfect. Perfect in physical and spiritual life.

Now, go to 2 Corinthians 3:18, and you will see the image we are to portray: *“But all of us, with unveiled face beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are transformed into the same image from glory unto glory.”*

What I am trying to say is that you and I are to be the mirror of the Lord. We are to be like Him. We are to lose ourselves in Christ. We die with Him, so we can live with Him. And, we are not in some way paying Him back for what He did for us. We could never do that. We are simply showing the love He showed while here. He lives in us. We show the love of Christ in our deeds and actions.

So, let us be concerned that where we go and what we do, will always be an honor to Him. It is sad that we take so much time from the Lord's cause to do our own thing. Many hours are spent in the pursuit of things in the world and a few hours are given Him in worship on the Lord's day. What can we say at Judgment? Go to Matthew 25. Notice that he gives life to those who did good deeds in His name. It was not for their glory, but His. It was not to make a name for self, rather, it was to give glory to His name; the only name by which we can be saved (Acts 4:12).

Commitment is necessary in every walk of life. It is commitment that spells victory, or failure. If a man does not put in the work for success, he fails. Likewise, being committed to Christ means that He takes First Place (Matt.6:33).

Bring your favorite holiday dish!

New Year's Eve Fellowship!

December 31, 2017

Following the morning worship service, we will celebrate the upcoming year with a potluck luncheon followed by a singing service afterwards.

Please note: There will not be an evening worship service on December 31.

Happy New Year!!!

YEAR LONG BIBLE STUDY**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

Week 47 (December 24)

Sun: Acts 17-18
 Mon: Deuteronomy 16-19
 Tues: Ezra 6-10
 Wed: Psalms 134-136
 Thurs: Ecclesiastes 9-10
 Fri: Zechariah 8-14
 Sat: II Peter

Week 48 (December 31)

Sun: Acts 19-20
 Mon: Deuteronomy 20-22
 Tues: Nehemiah 1-4
 Wed: Psalms 137-139
 Thurs: Ecclesiastes 11-12
 Fri: Malachi
 Sat: I John 1-3

Week 49 (January 7)

Sun: Acts 21-22
 Mon: Deuteronomy 23-25
 Tues: Nehemiah 5-9
 Wed: Psalms 140-142
 Thurs: Song of Solomon 1-2
 Fri: Revelation 1-6
 Sat: I John 4-5

Week 50 (January 14)

Sun: Acts 23-24
 Mon: Deuteronomy 26-28
 Tues: Nehemiah 10-13
 Wed: Psalms 143-145
 Thurs: Song of Solomon 3-4
 Fri: Revelation 7-11
 Sat: II John

**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 17, 2017:**

PARKING LOT DUTY: BRUCE BROWN

HALL MONITOR: ROGER DEEM

AUDIO/VIDEO SYSTEMS FOR DECEMBER:
JOHN HOBSON

ANNOUNCEMENTS: TREVOR HEILMAN

SONG DIRECTOR: GAYLEN WILLIAMS

COMMUNION:
(NORTH) ZACK PETTIES, JACOB BRYANT
CHARLES CULVER, KYLE POCANOWSKI

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SCRIPTURE READING: DENNIS MARLER

PICK UP CARDS: BO BRYANT
RANGER SANDERS

PRAYERS:
(A.M.) LEE FISHER, DERRELL HEGINBOTHAM
(P.M.) ZACK PETTIES, JIM DUKES

NURSERY ATTENDANTS (A.M.):
ANGELA THOMAS & DIANE LINGLE

EVENING SONG DIRECTOR:
JOHN LLEWELLYN

EVENING COMMUNION:
GAYLEN WILLIAMS, DENNIS MARLER

WEDNESDAY SONG LEADER:
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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: Zack Petties went to Metroplex Hospital for chest pain. He underwent testing and was released with normal results. Please continue to keep him in your prayers.

-John Lewellyn's wife, Aspasia, was taken to the emergency room on Thursday for a rash. Please keep her in your prayers.

-James Garner will undergo surgery soon. Please keep him in your prayers.

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & HOMEBOUND: James Garner's family members (Christel Algozer & Mary Mosley), Dora Ray Chanslor, Trudy Perrault's daughter (Carol), 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.



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❧

24-Sunday evening service will be a 3:00 pm.

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

31-Fellowship luncheon and singing service following morning worship service.

(Group #1 will have kitchen duties: Kitty Kacir, Martha Bell, Jessica Bryant, John & Lynn Hobson, and Nichole Williams).

❧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.

20-Ladies Breakfast & Workday

*Merry Christmas
& Happy New Year!*