

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.

Rest a Little While in a Quiet Place

Shepherds Notes by Boyce Edwards



"And he said unto them, Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest a little while: for there were many coming and going, and they had no leisure so much as to eat"-Mark 6:31.

I've been in the church for a long time and I can't ever recall hearing any preacher expound on this verse! What gets my attention is the fact that the Lord is the one who told his apostles to go and get away from the crowd and get some rest! The apostles had just returned from a strenuous preaching assignment and needed rest-see vss. 7-13. Additionally, John the Baptist had died shortly afterwards and this tragic event had been made known to the Lord and to the apostles. And verse 31 makes it clear that the apostles were in such a hustle/bustle context that they didn't even have proper time to eat. It was out of that context that the Lord told His apostles in essence, "Come with Me into some lonely place and rest for a little while!"

A man once said to me, "I've been busier than a one-handed paper hanger in a West Texas dust storm!" Well, that's busy! Too busy, as a matter of fact! I think our modern-day society has forgotten how to rest every now and then! As a child, I was raised up out in the country where the work days were from sunup until sundown. All the farmers and ranchers back in those days put in really long hours! And none of the folks then had any of the modern conveniences we have today, but they took the time every now and then to have ice cream suppers, or fish-fries, and relax with their neighbors. Most of the time the adults would play dominoes after eating the ice cream, or fish, and us boys were out in the barn killing rats, and the girls were having lots of fun "doing their things!" I miss those restful and relaxing times!

I've heard many husbands and wives say they were so busy they never had time for one another, nor their children! That's like a whole family living together in the same house, but never really knowing one another! What a tragedy! Are we surprised at the number of divorces, and the number of cases where the children are lost to "the four winds?" We shouldn't be!

Maybe its time for us to take the advice of the Lord and find some lonely place where there will be no disturbances and spend some time "resting" with our husbands, wives, and children!

All this has something to do with priorities, doesn't it? Years ago a young couple had gone to a Christian counselor to receive advice on how to make their marriage better. The husband was telling the counselor even though he had a high-paying job, he had taken another one just to provide more things for his wife! The wife spoke up at that time and said, "I don't want more things, I want you!" What the husband needed to do was to "get away from the rat-race" with all its pains, ulcers, and head-aches and spend some quality time with his wife!

Was there anyone who was ever busier than the man from Galilee named Jesus Christ? And He accomplished more in thirty-three years than all the centurions in the world combined! He even had the time to hold little children in his arms and pray for them-see Matthew 19:13-15 & Mark 10:16. In a context of figuratively having more to do than He could say grace over, Jesus wrote out a prescription for Himself and his disciples. It was, "*Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest awhile*"-ESV.

This prescription given by The Great Physician is just as applicable today as it was during the days of His ministry and of the apostles! When the stress and strain of today's workplace is bearing down upon you, take the Lord's advice! "*Come ye yourselves apart into a desolate place, and rest a while!*" God bless, Boyce.

THE ONE BODY

From the Desk of Dan Carter

It is very clear that Christ promised to build His Church (Matt.16:18). Often I have made the point that Christ only promised to build ONE Church and stands against all man-made religions. God is One and He calls for His people to be one. Christ only built ONE church.

In John 17:21, Christ makes it clear that God brought us together in Christ. Christ prayed that we all speak the same thing and there be no divisions among us, yet there are thousands of religious bodies! Why? Is it because God wills it? We know better than that. It is because men want things their own way. All it takes is to get a building, put some name on it, and a church is soon started.

By the way, isn't there only ONE name we are to honor in religious matters? Listen to Simon Peter: Acts 4:12, *"There is no other name under heaven whereby we can be saved, but Christ Jesus, our Lord."*

That should settle the matter, but it does not. People build their churches and honor religious leaders, or movements that are never once mentioned in the Bible. Paul said that we are to build on the ONE FOUNDATION, which is CHRIST (I Cor. 3:11)!

Why not be ONE in Christ? Is that too much to ask?

Go to I Corinthians Chapter One, read verses 11-13: *"It has been declared to me that there are divisions among you. One says, I am of Paul, another, I follow Apollos, or, I am of Simon Peter! Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Where you baptized into the name of Paul?"*

Do you see his point? We should wear no other name and, follow none other, than Jesus Christ! That is simple, isn't it?

And, another thing, There is only ONE BODY, Not 1,700 (Ephesians 4:4). That ONE Body is the Church (Ephesians 1:22, 23). He said He would save only HIS BODY (Eph. 5:23). So, what about all these man-made bodies? Look at Matthew 15:13, 14! He said: *"Every plant my Father has not planted, will be rooted up. Leave them alone: they be blind leaders*

of the blind. If the blind lead the blind, they both fall into the ditch." These are the words of the Lord: *"Many will say to me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not teach in your name; in your name we did many good works; and, in your name cast out demons? But, then, I will say to them...I DO NOT KNOW YOU! Depart from me'"* (Matthew 7:21, 22).

See, one can claim all he wants, but if he is causing division, adding his own ideas, and building his churches, the Lord will deal with him. So, the point is: *"If you love Him, then keep his commandments"* (Matt.14:15).

The body of Christ must be kept pure. Instead of division, God calls for unity. Instead of opinions, God calls for the facts. The only way saving faith comes is by hearing and obeying God's Word (Romans 10:17).

Remember the apostle Paul's words: *"The churches of Christ salute you"* (Romans 16:16).

Joy!

Ladies Annual Ornament Exchange

laughter! *Fellowship!* *Fun!*

At the home of Kitty Kacir

- All of the ladies are invited for this fun fellowship and ornament exchange.
- Everyone please bring your favorite holiday dish and one wrapped Christmas ornament.

Thursday, December 7, @6:30 pm.

Joy! *Fellowship!*

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 3, 2017:**

PARKING LOT DUTY: PATRICK SELLERS

HALL MONITOR: TOMMY BAILEY

AUDIO/VIDEO SYSTEMS FOR DECEMBER:
 JOHN HOBSON

ANNOUNCEMENTS: DENNIS MARLER

SONG DIRECTOR: GAYLEN WILLIAMS

COMMUNION:
 (NORTH) ZACK PETTIES, ANDRE PETTAWAY
 BRETT LINGLE, KYLR POCANOWSKI

(SOUTH) JACOB BRYANT, GREG CULP
 TONY SHELTON, JOHN LLEWELLYN

SCRIPTURE READING:
 DERREL HEGINBOTHAM

PICK UP CARDS: BO BRYANT
 GIANNI GRIFFITH

PRAYERS:
 (A.M.) BOYCE EDWARDS, AL WILSON
 (P.M.) LEE FISHER, REY CRUZ

NURSERY ATTENDANTS (A.M.):
 VICTORIA POLANCO & CHERYL FLORES

EVENING SONG DIRECTOR: REGGIE BASS

EVENING COMMUNION:
 JACOB BRYANT, GAYLEN WILLIAMS

WEDNESDAY SONG LEADER: REGGIE BASS

WEDNESDAY PRAYER: LEE FISHER

PREPARE COMMUNION FOR DECEMBER:
 DONNA HINES & BEVERLY WILLIAMS



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.

-Emmanuel Pinewood has made it safely in Iraq. Please keep him and Naomi in your prayers.

OUR SICK: Boyce Edwards' granddaughter, Lillianna, was taken Friday morning to the emergency room for chest pain and rapid heart rate. She is 5 years old. Please keep her in your prayers.

-Former member, Sarina Bell, was in a bus accident last Thursday. She is recovering from multiple wounds and a head injury. Please keep her in your prayers.

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & HOMEBOUND:

Cathy Young, Dennis & Sandra Marler's daughter (Shanna Cuba), Donna Hines friend's granddaughter (Kylie Pruitt), Connie Cruz, 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, Dora Ray Chanslor, 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.

SYMPATHY: We wish to extend our sympathy to Lois & Rufus Brown, whose cousin, Sandra Gibson passed away last week. They attended her funeral service in Mississippi. Please keep them in your prayers for their loss and as they travel.

-We wish to extend our sympathy to Dan Carter, whose friends, Peggy Harris and Betty Parker, recently passed away. Please keep these families in your prayers.

-Please continue to keep the Cruz's family in Puerto Rico in your prayers with the loss of Rey's nephew.

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

SPECIAL NOTICE: Beginning today, the side doors will be locked at all times for security purposes. The main entrance will remain open during services. Every door can 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.

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 ❧

7- Ladies Christmas Fellowship at Kitty Kacir's (see page 2 for details).

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.

*Merry Christmas
& Happy New Year!*