

The 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.



Growing up mom and dad told my siblings and me not to eat anything before dinner. The reason- it could cause us not to have an appetite. This same analogy applies to our spiritual life. When we're full of other things, we won't hunger for God's Word. Our appetite could be full of worldly desires and distractors. Proverbs 27:7, "The full soul loatheth an honeycomb; but to the hungry soul every bitter thing is sweet." So many have lost their appetite for the word of God with fullness of worldly desires.

Have you noticed when you are physically sick you don't have a appetite? Many times even physical illnesses can cause a loss of appetite. We need to ask our Heavenly Father to examine us, search our hearts, and see if there is anything in our lives suppressing our hunger for Him and His Word. Psalm 139:23-24, "Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting." David asked God to search him and test his thoughts for sin that he may recognize it. Worldliness is an internal behavior that begins in the heart and can cause people to crave physical pleasure- everything they see, and pride of their achievements and possessions. Sometimes people can get so busy they forget to eat. Mark 4:19 lists three "distractions" which "choke" the Word: cares of this world, deceitfulness of riches, and lusts of other things. Luke 8:14 calls that last one the "pleasures of this life." We need to "cast our cares on Him," (1 Peter 5:7), and remind ourselves of what the Word says about the deceitfulness of riches and keep pleasures in their proper perspective. Luke 5:1 says: "And it came to pass, that, as the people pressed upon him to hear the word of God, he stood by the lake of Gennesaret" (this is the Sea of Galilee). Many people still yearn for that message and look for people who can speak it with conviction, character, and compassion. Let's be people who know the message of Christ, who live the lifestyle of that message with passion, and who share that message with others. People will still draw near to listen if what we speak is the Word of God! Our appetite should be on the one who is the way, the truth, and the life (John 14: 6).

We should not lose our appetite for the word of God and desire unacceptable traits of the world. Even if life appears to be a failure and we are not getting anything out of it such as recognition, having fun, money, and success. Paul, considered his life worth nothing unless he used it for God. What he put into life for God was far more important to him than what he got from the world! Our appetite for the world can cause us to be separated, tossed to the side, or cut off from God. What is more important to you; what you get out of life or what you put into it?

In love,

Brother Petties



CONGRATULATIONS! We wish to congratulate Marvin & Christina Fletcher's daughter, Noriah, for making alternate for the United States Olympic Senior Team Trials for 2018! SUPER JOB!

ALL THINGS WORK FOR GOOD

From the Desk of Dan Carter

I am sure you will agree with me that the above statement just does not seem right.

We are accustomed to thinking that all BAD things are bad; and, all GOOD things are good. And, that statement is true. Perhaps, I should have said that any GOOD thing can be used poorly; and, any BAD thing can be made to work out for some good.

I hope that clears it up a little. Fact is, most of us want all things to be to our liking all the time. We don't want any bad thing to ever come our way. I want to share a verse with you that will show more clearly what I am trying to say in this article.

Take a look at Romans 8:28. You have heard it quoted by preachers many times. Paul declares: *"And we know that to them that love God All Things work together for good, even to them that are called according to His Purpose."* Unless I completely misunderstand, this passage says that God can work things out from the most trying circumstances.

In other words, when things seem to be the darkest, God can bring light into our world. When Pharaoh would not hear God's word, God caused Moses to say to that wicked king: *"For this very cause have I raised you up, for to show in thee my power; and that my name may be declared throughout all the earth"* (Exodus 9:16).

See-God can use the most trying circumstances to show His glory! Now, learn this: Sometimes the hard things in life are necessary. Sometimes it is important that we go into the valley of death only to emerge on the other side free and happy!

Bad things happen to good people; and, good things happen to bad people. The rain comes on the just and the unjust (Matthew 5:45). Now, we can either be made bitter, or better, by how we approach each situation. The apostle Paul said: *"But I would you to know brethren, that the things that have happened to me have fallen*

out for the furtherance of the gospel" (Philippians 1:12). Now, remember all Paul went through. Now, read these words again! Paul was stoned, shipwrecked, beaten, and thrown into prison for the cause of Christ, but he proclaimed: "It was all for the good of the gospel." How about that?

One last thing: Note the passage says, ALL things: "All things work together for good." Now, that means, the good and the bad. God can use any circumstance to bring a good thing out of it, just as He used corrupt kings to show His power.

So, next time something comes that really rocks you to the core, just remember: God can make it turn out for good!

YEAR LONG BIBLE STUDY

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

Week 51 (January 21)

Sun: Acts 23-24
 Mon: Deuteronomy 29-31
 Tues: Esther 1-5
 Wed: Psalms 146-148
 Thurs: Song of Solomon 5-6
 Fri: Revelation 12-17
 Sat: III John

Week 52 (January 28)

Sun: Acts 27-28
 Mon: Deuteronomy 32-34
 Tues: Esther 6-10
 Wed: Psalms 149-150
 Thurs: Song of Solomon 7-8
 Fri: Revelation 18-22
 Sat: Jude

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

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NEWS FROM THE PEWS

REMEMBER OUR MILITARY & CIVILIANS:

-Rikki Martin's husband, Christopher, is deployed to South Korea, but will be returning home soon! Please keep this family in your prayers.

OUR SICK: Angela Thomas' mother, Onia Stephens, is recovering from surgery to remove blockage in her stomach area. Please keep her in your prayers.

-James Garner's wife, Tammy, is to have surgery in February. Please keep her in your prayers.

-John Llewellyn is to have surgery on his hand on February 13. Please keep him in your prayers.

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & HOMEBOUND:

Trudy Perrault's daughters, (Trudy & Carol), Dan's friend (Patsy Cathey), Garland Kelley, Zack Petties' co-worker, Linda Moore's brother (Carl Britton), James & Tammy Garner & family members (Christel Algozer & Mary Mosley), Dora Ray Chanslor, 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, Tina Pallo, Jim Dukes, Kyle Pocanowski's mother, Scott Davis, David Shilling, Brett Lingle, Brenda Sellers' mother, stepmother, & her sister (Jesse), Al & Gayle Wilson's sister-in-law (Regina Farmer), 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's 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 the family of former member Judy Sprott, who passed away on January 13. Judy was a faithful member here and widow of former elder, Bill Sprott. Please keep her and his family in your prayers.

VISITATION TEAMS: Visitation Team #2 will meet with their leader, Reggie Bass, today, to get their visitation assignments. Team members are: Reggie & Janet Bass, Boyce Edwards, Zack & Amanda Petties, and Gaylen & Nichole Williams.

THOSE TO SERVE THE WEEK OF JANUARY 21, 2018:

PARKING LOT DUTY: ROGER DEEM

HALL MONITOR: BRUCE BROWN

AUDIO/VIDEO SYSTEMS FOR JANUARY:
BRETT LINGLE

ANNOUNCEMENTS: TREVOR HEILMAN

SONG DIRECTOR: ZACK PETTIES

COMMUNION:

(NORTH) LEE FISHER, REY CRUZ
GRAHAM TUCKER, PATRICK SELLERS

(SOUTH) ANDRE PETTAWAY, TREVOR HEILMAN
DERREL HEGINBOTHAM, JOHN HOBSON

SCRIPTURE READING: JOHN LLEWELLYN

PICK UP CARDS: BO BRYANT
RANGER SANDERS

PRAYERS:

(A.M.) REGGIE BASS, AL WILSON
(P.M.) LEE FISHER, JOHN LLEWELLYN

NURSERY ATTENDANTS (A.M.):

VICTORIA POLANCO & ANGELA THOMAS

EVENING SONG DIRECTOR:

GAYLEN WILLIAMS

EVENING COMMUNION:

BOYCE EDWARDS, TREVOR HEILMAN

WEDNESDAY SONG LEADER:

REGGIE BASS

WEDNESDAY PRAYER: JOHN LLEWELLYN

PREPARE COMMUNION FOR JANUARY:

NATALIE FISHER

Join Us Today!



January 21, 2018

@ 10:30 am & 5:00 pm

Featuring our Guest Speaker:
Al Washington

Welcome to all our visitors and members!! To our visitors, we invite you to come back and visit with us whenever you can!

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

THANK YOU!

Please turn off or silence your phone devices-thank you!



☪ JANUARY ☪

Ladies Bible Class, today at 3:30 pm, in the fellowship hall.

☪ FEBRUARY ☪

4-Fellowship Luncheon following morning service (kitchen group #2 will have kitchen duty)

17-Ladies Breakfast & Workday

18-Ladies Bible Class, 3:30 pm, in the fellowship hall.

19-The office will be closed in observance of the Presidents' Day holiday.



- Brother Washington is a former educator and native of West Palm Beach, Florida. He relocated with his wife Rhonda, and two sons, Zachary and Gabriel, to Austin, Texas, where he attended the Southwest School of Bible Studies, graduating in 2004. He has served as a pulpit minister for University Hills church of Christ and associate minister at the church of Christ in Pflugerville, Texas.
- Currently, brother Washington works with the World Video Bible School in Maxwell, Texas as a Director's assistant and CCDF Manager (Church of Christ Donation Fund) which includes managing the donated materials for the majority of their international customer service base and he also handles the purchasing responsibilities for WVBS.



Save the Dates:
June 2-6!



WE WILL BE HOSTING A MARRIAGE RETREAT & GOSPEL MEETING, STARTING JUNE 2 (WITH A MARRIAGE RETREAT, THEN JUNE 3-6 (OUR ANNUAL GOSPEL MEETING)), WITH OUR RETURNING GUEST SPEAKER, DR. BILL DAVIS, EDITOR OF FOCUS PRESS MAGAZINE, AND ELDER AT ARLINGTON ROAD CHURCH OF CHRIST, IN JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA.