

# 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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## **PREACHERS**

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## **TREASURER**

*Trevor Heilman*

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## **MONTHLY SUPPORT:**

*Cherokee Home  
For Children  
Cherokee, TX*

*Christian Homes &  
Family Services  
Abilene, TX*

*Foster's Home  
For Children  
Stephenville, TX*

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

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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.

## **THE GREAT MYSTERY OF GODLINESS-I TIMOTHY 3:16**

### **Shepherds Notes by Boyce Edwards**

*"And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory"-I Timothy 3:16.*

The great truths contained in this verse are alluded to as a "mystery" because without divine revelation from God we could not know them. Deacons are men who must hold "the mystery of the faith" in a pure conscience-I Timothy 3:9. It is only by the inspired scriptures of God that Christians can know NT truths and all Christians should hold strongly to those truths without violation of their conscience! Six points are mentioned by Paul.

1. God was manifest in the flesh. Here I strongly appose any translation not stating it was "God" who was manifest in the flesh! There is abundant manuscript evidence supporting "God," and I don't want that point weakened! John 1:1 & 14 settles the issue!

*"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*

*And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth."*

2. Justified in the Spirit. The phrase is more accurately rendered, "vindicated by the Spirit" in the ESV and other versions. The thought is that God's Holy Spirit "vindicated" Christ as God's Son every time Christ performed a miracle-see Matthew 12:22-30; John 3:2; Romans 1:4 and other kindred texts!

3. Seen of angels. Angels of God were involved in the announcement of Christ's birth to Joseph and Mary, to the shepherds in the field when He was born, they ministered to Him in His temptation, strengthened Him in His agony, announced His resurrection to the disciples, addressed His ascension into heaven, and worshiped Him-see Matthew 1:20 & 21; Luke 1:11-13; 2:9-15; Matthew 4:11; Luke 22:43; Matthew 28:5-7; Acts 1:10 & 11; & Hebrews 1:6.

4. Preached among the nations-see Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15 & 16; and Romans 1:14-16.

5. Believed on in the world. See the book of Acts and all the NT books after Acts! The wonderful message of salvation through Christ was carried throughout the entire Roman Empire in Paul's lifetime-see Colossians 1:23.

6. Received up into glory. Christ's exaltation to the right hand of the Father was one of the incontrovertible truths preached by Peter on the day of Pentecost-see Acts 2:32-36. According to Paul's teaching in I Corinthians 15, Christ has been, and will remain resurrected at God's right hand until all enemies (including death) will be destroyed! This is proof-positive that all Christians (living or dead at Christ's coming) will experience heaven with incorruptible and immortal bodies. This is the ultimate victory that will be received by all Christians who remain steadfast, immovable, and always abound in the work of the Lord-see I Corinthians 15:1-58.

**THANK GOD FOR THIS GREAT MYSTERY- Boyce.**

*Ladies-If you are interested in attending a ladies retreat in Salado, on May 18-19, please sign up at the ladies bulletin board. There will be a devotional on the 18th, so if you cannot stay over and would like to attend the devotional, please sign up as well. \*We need to have a count by February 2.*



*From the Desk of Dan Carter*

I know you have heard the above statement many times. Fact is, the home is the center of any civilization. Without homes patterned after God's Will, any nation is doomed to fail.

There is no place more important for the dwelling place of Christ than the home. It is in the home where our most important relationships are created. Where homes have Christ as their center there is love, acceptance, and peace. A home without God is doomed to fail. Today we need more emphasis placed on the home. We need husbands and

wives to stay together; we need children to honor their parents; and, we need parents to teach their children the way of God.

It is hard to believe that just a few years ago the home was the place where families grew close to each other and the community, country, and church were held in high honor. If I were to be asked what is the number one problem today...I would answer, "We Need More Home Life!" I do not mean just a place to sleep and eat, but a place of real love and peace. Let me show you just a few scriptures that will show what I am trying to say:

**Husbands and Wives: "Husbands love your wives, even as Christ loved the church, and gave Himself for it," and, "Women, love your husbands and love your children."**

**Children and Parents: "Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honor your father and mother (which is the first commandment with promise), that it may be well with thee, and that you may live long upon the earth. And fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but nurture them up in the admonition of the Lord" - Ephesians 5:25-27; Titus 2:4; Ephesians 6:1-4.**

In my humble opinion, we will never have our country back on course until we return to the home life we need. Set God's Word as priority! Be together without television, radio, and video games. Have periods of real interaction. Enjoy getting to know your children. Let them see that you are always ready to aid them. Teach them about the need of worship. Teach them of honesty and integrity. Above all, show them by example what you mean. Let mothers and dads return to their most important work...train your children. Children, honor your parents and be obedient.

Lessons of life are hard sometimes. God allows us time to grow up, but we must take it all to heart and put out minds to it.

Learn from those who are older and wiser. Honor the gray-haired ones. Love God, your neighbor, your country, and, yourself.

**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.*

**THOSE TO SERVE THE WEEK OF  
JANUARY 28, 2018:**

**PARKING LOT DUTY:** PATRICK SELLERS

**HALL MONITOR:** JACOB BRYANT

**AUDIO/VIDEO SYSTEMS FOR JANUARY:**  
BRETT LINGLE

**AUDIO/VIDEO SYSTEMS FOR FEBRUARY:**  
JOHN HOBSON

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** DENNIS MARLER

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(NORTH) TONY SHELTON, TREVOR HEILMAN  
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JOHN LLEWELLYN, GREG CULP

**SCRIPTURE READING:** ANDRE PETTAWAY

**PICK UP CARDS:** GIANNI GRIFFITH  
GAVIN VINCENT

**PRAYERS:**  
(A.M.) GAYLEN WILLIAMS, ROGER DEEM  
(P.M.) DERREL HEGINBOTHAM, JIM DUKES

**NURSERY ATTENDANTS (A.M.):**  
VICTORIA POLANCO & SANDRA MARLER

**EVENING SONG DIRECTOR:**  
JOHN LLEWELLYN

**EVENING COMMUNION:**  
LEE FISHER, REY CRUZ

**WEDNESDAY SONG LEADER:**  
ZACK PETTIES

**WEDNESDAY PRAYER:** JOHN LLEWELLYN

**PREPARE COMMUNION FOR JANUARY:**  
NATALIE FISHER

**PREPARE COMMUNION FOR JANUARY:**  
BARBARA HUGHART

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.

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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:** Traelyan Griffith is home recovering from emergency gallbladder surgery last Tuesday. Please keep her in your prayers.

-Connie Cruz has asked for prayers for a 14 year old girl named Urooj, who has bone cancer. Please keep her in your prayers.

-Donna Hines friend's granddaughter, 2 year old Kylie Pruitt, was admitted last Thursday for her second stem cell transplant. 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:** Angela Thomas' mother (Onia Stephens), 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), 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 Zack & Amanda Petties and family on the loss of Amanda's brother and gospel preacher, Donald Allen. Please keep this family in your prayers.

-We wish to extend our sympathy to Donna Hines' friend, Linda Pierce and family who have recently lost her husband, former Texas State Trooper, Karl Pierce, to cancer. Linda Pierce's granddaughter is Kylie Pruitt who has been in our prayers as she battles cancer. Please keep this family in your prayers.

**VISITATION TEAMS:** Visitation Team #3 will meet with their leader, Andre Pettaway, today, to get their visitation assignments. Team members are: Andre & Alfreda Pettaway, Beverly Williams, Donna Hines, and Brenda & Patrick Sellers.

**FELLOWSHIP POTLUCK LUNCHEON:** We will have our monthly Fellowship Potluck Luncheon on Sunday, February 4, following the morning service in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring casseroles, meat dishes, vegetables, and desserts. Kitchen Group #2 will have kitchen duties: Brenda Sellers, Amanda Petties, Angela Thomas, Trudy Perrault, and Rey & Connie Cruz.

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!



## ☪ FEBRUARY ☪

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

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

**7-Singing Night**

**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.**