

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.

I'll Fly Away *Shepherds Notes-By Boyce Edwards*

I walked out of my office the other day and saw five balloons making their way heavenward, and I was reminded of the statement of the Psalmist where he said, *“The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away”* Psalms 90:10. Of those seventy or eighty years, the NKJV makes the translation of, *“Yet their boast is only labor and sorrow!”* In the previous verses, the writer has spoken of the brevity of man’s life and the chastisement of God because of sin, and “the boast” of the seventy or eighty years is only sorrow and toil! But a day is coming wherein God’s people can “fly away” from all of their troubles!! THANK GOD!!

In Romans 8, Paul refers to the church as the “the creation,” and says of it, *“For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it in hope; because the creation itself will also be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God”*-vss. 20 & 21. Paul further says of this creation, *“Even we ourselves also groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body”*-v. 23. In the severity of their Egyptian bondage the OT people of God “groaned” to God for deliverance from their affliction-see Acts 7:34. God has placed us Christians in a context of vanity and corruption so that we are groaning (stenazomen, crying out in distress) for the redemption of our body-that is, the resurrection! We are groaning and “hoping” for something better! Paul walked through all the difficulties of his life because he knew there was “something better on the other side!” He knew that beyond fighting the good fight, finishing his race, and keeping the faith, there was a crown of life which would be given to him by the Lord-II Timothy 4:7 & 8. Paul knew the day would come when he would “fly away from all the trials, persecutions, sorrows, and disappointments of life!”

As Christians reflect upon the Psalmist’s statement of “flying away,” we cannot help but think of the record of the poor beggar who was *“carried by the angels into Abraham’s bosom”*-Luke 16:22. I sometimes say of the beggar that he was carried by “Angelic Express” into Abraham’s bosom. Since God is no respecter of persons, its logical to draw the conclusion that upon death, the spirit of departed Christians will be escorted to heaven in the same manner!

In II Timothy 4:6, Paul tells us the time of his departure was at hand. The word “departure” is from the Greek, analuseos, “to loose away from,” and is a reference to the departure of Paul’s spirit upon death to make its flight to heaven to be with the Lord. It’s the same word that’s used in Philippians 1:23 where Paul expresses his desire to “depart,” analusai, and be with the Lord!

Some day those five balloons I saw will return to the earth, but when the Christian dies and his spirit “flies away to heaven to be with the Lord,” it will not return to the earth! The abode of God’s saints in heaven is eternal!

Albert E. Brumley had it right when he said in his song that Christians often sing:

“Some glad morning when this life is o’er, I’ll fly away;

To a home on God’s celestial shore.....

When I die, Hallelujah, by and by, I’ll fly away.” God bless and keep-Boyce.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

From the Desk of Dan Carter

Believe it or not I can remember when I was just a child running around and having a great time with my two brothers. Back in the 50's, I never gave thought of what it might be like in the 2000's; in fact, I never thought that far ahead! In fact, all I could think about was reaching the ripe Old Age of 21, because, then, I would be a man.

Now, as the year 2018 is here, I think about this New Year and what we can accomplish together for the cause of Christ. The New Year gives us hope and encouragement in many ways.

1. I wish for all of you to be in health.
2. I pray for your safety.
3. I pray for us to grow in our Spiritual Man.
4. I pray that your family will be at peace and harmony.
5. I pray for the children. I pray for the parents. I pray for the elderly.
6. I pray that every one of us may grow together in Christ and reach many souls for Him in 2018.

*I am sure that we can add many things to the list, but above all, let us be grateful, let us be kind, and let us be forgiving. We have a loving heavenly Father; a loving Savior; and brothers and sisters of whom we are loved, and we love them. The family of God is wonderful.

The apostle John referred to a Christian Friend in Third John, verses 1 & 2: *"The elder to the well-beloved Gaius, whom I love in the truth. Beloved, I wish above all things that you may prosper and be in health, even as your soul prospers."*

What a tremendous statement! You can hear the love in every verse. This is the way we should feel toward every brother and sister in Christ. Peace and harmony among the brethren is paramount to the growth and expansion among believers.

If we truly care for the brethren, then we will do all we can to promote peace in the family. It also shows our love for the Savior.

My lesson this morning is going to deal with these sentiments. I will be studying with you from Psalm 133. Here is seen the unity and beauty of serving God together. I pray the lesson will be of benefit to each of us. Let us always remember the words of Paul in Ephesians 4:31 & 32: *"Let all bitterness and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice: And be kind one to another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake has forgiven you."*

Together, let's make 2018, the best year ever!

YEAR LONG BIBLE STUDY

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

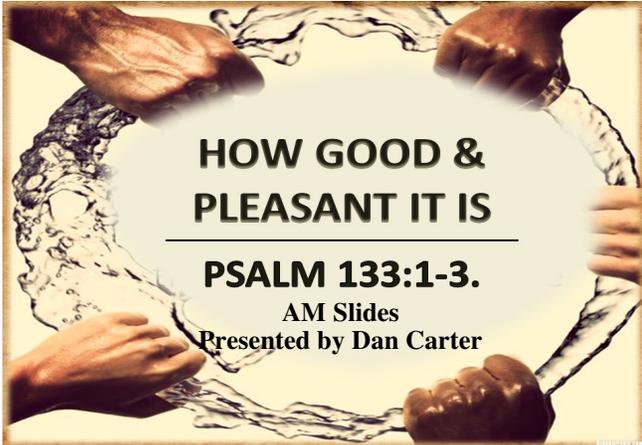
Week 51 (January 21)

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.*



HOW GOOD & PLEASANT IT IS

PSALM 133:1-3.

AM Slides
Presented by Dan Carter

A CLOSER LOOK AT THE TEXT

- 1. UNITY:** Oneness; To Be Unified; Being Together. *God's People: One Heart-One Mind (I Cor.1:10,11; Eph.4:1-3,31-32; Amos 3:3; Matthew 5:23,24.)

Note: Joseph's brothers: Genesis 50:18-21!

A CLOSER LOOK AT THE TEXT,CONT.

- 2. COMPARED:** Vs. 2.

***Precious Oil:** Exodus 30:23. Aaron & His Sons Were Anointed. Also, Kings Were Anointed.

Note: Christ Is The Anointed One (Psa.45:7; Heb.1:9). Christ Is Prophet; Priest; & King.

***Dew :** On Herman & Mount Zion.

TEXT EXAMINATION, CONT.

- 3. The Blessing: Verse Three:** *"...Like the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: For there the Lord Commanded the Blessing, Even Life For Evermore."*

Note: Isaiah 2:2,3; Acts 1:4-8. The History of the book of Acts shows true fulfillment of the Word of the Lord.

**THOSE TO SERVE THE WEEK OF
JANUARY 7, 2018:**

PARKING LOT DUTY: BRUCE BROWN

HALL MONITOR: ROGER DEEM

AUDIO/VIDEO SYSTEMS FOR JANUARY:
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RANGER SANDERS

PRAYERS:

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

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CHERYL FLORES & BRENDA SELLERS

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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 asks for prayers for a 35 year old co-worker. She has pneumonia and had to have her leg and some fingers amputated. Please keep her in your prayers.

-Linda Moore's brother, Carl Britton, is home now under hospice care with some improvement. Please keep him and the Moore family 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, 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), 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: Visitation Team #4 will meet with their leader, Derrel Heginbotham, today, to get their visitation assignments. Team members are: Derrel & Carla Heginbotham, Lee & Natalie Fisher, Roger & Linda Deem, Dan Carter, Angela Thomas, and Martha Bell.
*If you are interested in serving in the Visitation Program, please see Dan Carter.

LADIES BREAKFAST & WORKDAY: On Saturday, January 20, at 9:30 am, we will have our monthly Ladies Breakfast & Workday in the fellowship hall.

SUNDAY EVENING GUEST SPEAKER: Join us this evening at 5:00 pm, and hear the Gospel proclaimed by brother Mike Lane who will serve as our guest speaker.

LADIES: If you would like to serve in areas such as: the kitchen groups, communion preparation, or Sunday morning AM nursery, please see any of the elders, deacons, or call the office.

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!

Join Us
This
Sunday!

January 7, 2018

@ 5:00 pm

Here at the church
of Christ in
Killeen, Texas.

Featuring our Guest Speaker:

Mike Lane

Brother Mike Lane is a recent graduate of Southwest School of Bible Studies in Austin, Texas. He is a gospel preacher and upcoming blog writer. Mike and his wife, Rachel, have been married for 12 years, and have two children, Annie & Austin.

