



Church of Christ

Ringing Out The Gospel

**"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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Speakers & Sermon Dates:

***Dan Carter**

Graduate, Brown Trail School of Preaching

- April 8th & 22nd
- May 6th & 13th
- Jun 24th

***Al Washington**

Graduate, South West School of Bible Studies

- April 1st & 15th
- May 20th & 27th
- June 17th

***Boyce Edwards**

Graduate Sunset School of Preaching (SSOP)

- April 29th
- July 29th
- September 30th

*Our mission is to share
the Good News of our Lord
and Savior Jesus Christ
with our neighbors
for their soul's salvation.
*Our speaker for today is
Dan Carter.*

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of your attendance.**

THANK YOU!

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.

BIBLE STUDIES AND COUNSELING OFFERED

- ⇒ Bible Studies With One Of Our Preachers Or Elders
- ⇒ Free Bible Correspondence
- ⇒ Free Marriage And Family Counseling

*To our visitors—Thanks for being with
us today, and please come again!*



***Reaching Across
Cultural Barriers***
Shepherds Notes
 by Zack Petties

In the Gospel of Galatians 3:28, Paul says, "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus". It's man's natural inclination to feel uncomfortable around people who are different from us, and gravitate towards those who are similar to us. As a teaching of the Gospel, the body of Christ has spread worldwide, including all races and all are viewed equal in the sight of God.

In Acts the 10th Chapter, God sent an angel to Cornelius, who was a Roman Army Officer, and a Captain stationed in Caesarea. He wasn't a believer in Christ but a seeker of God, and a devout man who gave generously to the poor. God could have explained the way of salvation to Cornelius without the use of Peter. But instead, he gave clear instructions to Cornelius on how to contact Peter, so that Peter could go and preach the gospel to the Gentiles. God's willingness to save is shown to those who sincerely seek him. When He was pleased to open the gospel to the Gentiles, He picked a Gentile who represented something that every loyal Jew hated—a military commander from the occupying Roman forces! Peter had to break out of his comfort zone in order to obey God! Have you been picked to send a message of the Gospel to someone out of your comfort zone? And Cornelius would have had to overcome any prejudice that he may have had against contacting an uneducated Jew to explain spiritual truth to him. He might rather have had a member of the Jewish Sanhedrin come, but he would have missed the way of salvation. When Peter arrived at Cornelius' house, he was surprised not only to find just a handful of Gentiles, but a whole house full! Peter's opening comment in Acts 10:28 about it being unlawful for a Jew to associate with a foreigner was not a rude comment as some would think. According to Jewish law, certain foods were



**New Testament Study
(Chronological Order)**

Day 42 - John 14-17

Day 43 - Matthew 27; Mark 15

Day 44 - Luke 23; John 18-19

Day 45 - Matthew 28; Mark 16

Day 46 - Luke 24; John 20-21

Day 47 - Acts 1-3

Day 48 - Acts 4-6

Day 49 - Acts 7-8

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

forbidden to be eaten as shown in Leviticus, Chapter 11. Rather, he was just acknowledging the obvious and explaining why he was deliberately violating the commonly understood customs. Convinced with tradition and views with certain biases toward Gentiles, Peter had to overcome barriers to spread the Good News to a Gentile family. Under those conditions, the Gentiles heard the word and Peter commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord.

Thankfully, the Lord works gradually and gently with us in spite of our many shortcomings and sins. He teaches us by putting us in uncomfortable situations, where we have to challenge our blind assumptions and grow to be more like the Lord Jesus, who was the friend of sinners that others were prejudiced against. Christians should not allow any barrier of language, culture, or race, to keep them from telling others about Christ! When we as Christians keep the royal law found in the Scripture, "Love your neighbor as yourself," (Mark 12:31) we are doing what's right. But if we show favoritism, we sin (James 2:8 & 9).

In love,

Brother Petties

Me, Myself & I

From the Desk of Dan Carter

We humans are something else! Our attention is almost always focused on us: "We know what makes us happy, and we know what makes us sad; we laugh when happy; we pout, when mad."

Often, when things don't go our way, we get upset by throwing tantrums, like Ahab, in 1 Kings 21:4. Oh, I almost forgot: "Nothing is ever our fault!"

Now, I am aware there are a few gracious souls who seem not to fall into these things we've noticed. Few, I say: but, most of us know that we act this way. Down deep we desire to be good. Down deep, we know what is right, but it's the 'doing it,' where so often we fall short! Note Paul's words in Romans 7:15-25. He says, "Every time I would do good; evil is always present with me!" How true.

Honestly, my biggest problem is me! I struggle to be a saint, knowing the sinner-side is ever warring to destroy the good.

I am either too fat, or too slim; I am either to tall, or too short! I can't win for losing!

What is the problem? The problem is the title to this little article. I am always getting in the way!

Let's face it--we are stuck with us! So, we just as well make the best of it. We can either adjust and change, or, stay in the same old rut all our days. It is really our decision.

Yes, I am who I am-but, you know what! The heavenly Father loves me, and He can take this old self-centered guy, and make a vessel of honor for His glory! Like Paul, we must crucify self (Gal.2:20). We must not give up! We must say: "Without Christ, I am nothing!"

Do you know what I am going to do? I am going to yield my mind, my strength, my heart and soul, to the Lord (Luke 10:27,28). I am going to say: "All of Him, and None of Me!" He can use this man to His glory! I am determined to be different!

How about you? Do you want to join me? I hope you do.

Life is what we make it. We can bring glory to Him who loved us, or we can wallow in our own misery.

Let's make the right choice.

THOSE TO SERVE THE WEEK OF MARCH 25, 2018:

PARKING LOT DUTY: BRUCE BROWN

HALL MONITOR: TONY SHELTON

AUDIO/VIDEO SYSTEMS FOR MARCH:
JACOB BRYANT

AUDIO/VIDEO SYSTEMS FOR APRIL:
JOHN HOBSON

ANNOUNCEMENTS: DENNIS MARLER

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(NORTH) ROGER DEEM, JIM DUKES
CHARLES CULVER, KYLE POCANAWSKI

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JOHN HOBSON, PATRICK SELLERS

SCRIPTURE READING: TREVOR HEILMAN

PICK UP CARDS: BO BRYANT
ANDREW FORKEY

PRAYERS:

(A.M.) ZACK PETTIES, ANDRE PETTAWAY
(P.M.) LEE FISHER, TREVOR HEILMAN

NURSERY ATTENDANTS (A.M.):

VICTORIA POLANCO & BRENDA SELLERS

EVENING SONG DIRECTOR:

REGGIE BASS

EVENING COMMUNION:

TREVOR HEILMAN, DENNIS MARLER

WEDNESDAY SONG LEADER:

ZACK PETTIES

WEDNESDAY PRAYER: JOHN LLEWELLYN

PREPARE COMMUNION FOR MARCH:

AMANDA PETTIES

PREPARE COMMUNION FOR APRIL:

KITTY KACIR

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

OUR SICK: James Garner's wife, Tammy, is recovering from lower back surgery. Please keep her in your prayers.

-Millie Simcox is being tested for Hodgkin's lymphoma. Please keep her in your prayers.

-Mary Ann Culp was released from Seton Hospital and is now home. She will now be on dialysis. Please keep her in your prayers.

-Mildred Butlar is able to receive visits now. She is in room #101, at the Killeen Nursing & Rehabilitation facility. Please keep her in your prayers.

-David Shilling has been moved to room #214, at Indian Oaks. He would like visitors too. Please keep him in your prayers.

-We rejoice for J. R. Moore, who received a good report from his recent MRI.

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & HOMEBOUND: Betty Garnett's daughter in law (Jessica Garnett), Donna Hines's friend's granddaughter (Kylie Pruitt), Jodi Culp's father & his wife, Pat Bruner, Trudy Perrault's granddaughter (Lieda) & her daughters (Trudy & Carol), Linda Moore's brother (Carl Britton), James & Tammy Garner & family members (Christel Alcozer & Mary Simmons), Dora Ray Chanslor, Connie Cruz and her friends (Juanita Cardenas & Yolanda Perez) & Rey & Connie's family, Willard Dunn, Linda Walts, Tina Pallo, Jim Dukes, Kyle Pocanowski's mother, Scott Davis, David Shilling, 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, Sybil Cason, Jonathan Simmons Sr., Janet Simmons, Jonathan Simmons Jr., Garnie & Nada Miller, Gail Mende's son (Eric), Shirl Foster, and Amanda Petties' nephew. Please keep these members and loved ones in your prayers as they battle health problems.

NEW GREAT GRANDBABY! Carolyn & Danny Bryant announce the birth of their new daughter, Norah Kay, at 7 lbs. & 2 oz. Susan & Robert Jones are the grandparents and Carolyn Young is the proud great grandmother.

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.

LADIES: Ladies who are attending the May retreat in Salado need to confirm with Brenda Sellers or Amanda Petties by March 30. Payment has to be made to Amanda Petties by April 29. The cost is \$55 per person.

CHEROKEE HOME FOR CHILDREN DRIVE: We will be collecting caffeinated coffee, breakfast juice (non-perishable), and family sized tea bags until the week of April 29. These items can be placed in the foyer next to the pantry box.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2018: Our 2018 VBS will be held from July 22 through 25. Please save the date!

SIGN UP FOR YARD WORK AND BUILDING CLEANING: We invite our members to sign up to help with the yard work and cleaning the building. The sign up sheets are on the bulletin board in the south foyer.

**Thank you to everyone who has been coming to the building to help with the cleaning!*

SAVE THE DATES: From June 2nd—June 6th we will host a Marriage Seminar (June 6), and Gospel Meeting (June 3-6) with our returning guest speaker, Dr. Bill Davis. Brother Davis is an Editor of Focus Press Magazine, and serves as an elder at the Arlington Road church of Christ, in Jacksonville, Florida.

☪MARCH☪

25-Men's Business Meeting at 3:30 in the fellowship hall.

25-Cherokee Drive Begins

☪APRIL☪

15-Ladies Bible Study.

21-Ladies Retreat at the campgrounds.