

# 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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## **SHEPHERDS**

*Boyce Edwards  
Lee Fisher  
Zachary Petties*

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## **DEACONS**

*Jacob Bryant  
Rey Cruz  
Roger Deem  
Dennis Marler  
Gaylen Williams*

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## **PREACHERS**

*Dan Carter  
Boyce Edwards  
Al Washington*

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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**

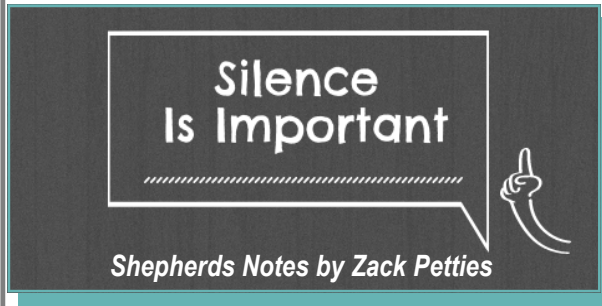
BIBLE CLASSES \_\_\_\_\_ 9:30 A.M.

WORSHIP \_\_\_\_\_ 10:30 A.M.

EVENING WORSHIP \_\_\_\_\_ 5:00 P.M.

### **WEDNESDAY**

CLASSES/WORSHIP \_\_\_\_\_ 7:00 P.M.



Job's three friends sat on the ground with Job for 7 days and nights. And no one said a word, for they saw that Job's suffering was too great for words (Job 2:13).

## **OFTEN THE BEST RESPONSE TO ANOTHER'S SUFFERING IS SILENCE**

Why did the friends arrive & then just sit QUIETLY? According to Jewish tradition, people who come to comfort someone in mourning SHOULD NOT SPEAK until the mourner speaks. Job's friends realized that Job's pain was too deep to be healed with mere words, so THEY SAID NOTHING. If only they had continued to SIT QUIETLY! Often, we feel we must say something spiritual & insightful to a hurting friend. Job agonized over his situation and his three friends explained that he must be suffering because of some terrible sin he committed. They tried to persuade Job to repent of his sin. We must be careful what we assume to be true in the lives of others. We cannot assume that suffering is their fault or a result of their sins.

Perhaps what he or she NEEDS MOST is just OUR PRESENCE, SHOWING that we CARE, and that we LOVE them! *"BE SILENT, and know that I AM GOD! I will be honored by every nation. I will be honored throughout the world"* (Ps.46:10).

## **SILENCE IS ONE OF THE BEST EXPRESSIONS OF RESPECT FOR GOD**

War & destruction are inevitable, but so is God's final victory. At that time all will stand quietly before God. How proper then for us to be still, reverently honoring GOD, and his power & majesty! Take time daily to be still and exalt GOD!

*"While you did all this, I remained silent, and you thought I didn't care. But now I will rebuke you, listing all my charges against you"* (Ps.50:21).

## **GOD'S SILENCE MAY BE AN INDICATION OF HIS PATIENCE**

At times GOD SEEMS SILENT. By HIS SILENCE HE IS NOT condoning sin, nor is He indifferent to it. Instead, HE IS WITHHOLDING deserved punishment, GIVING TIME FOR PEOPLE TO REPENT (2 Pt.3:9). GOD TAKES NO pleasure in the death of the wicked and wants them to turn from evil (Ezekiel 33:11). But HIS SILENCE DOES NOT last forever--A TIME OF PUNISHMENT WILL SURELY COME!

Be silent, when GOD speaks from His holy word-listen & obey GOD. During your sleepless, uncomfortable nights think about God, and review all the ways God has helped you in your time of need. In quiet moments, make it a point to count examples of God's faithfulness to you. Doing so is far more likely to give you the rest than any other items you might count!

In Love,

Brother Petties



## AUTHOR UNKNOWN

### From the Desk of Dan Carter

How often we come upon a beautiful saying, or poem, and anxious to see the author's name, we are shocked that the author is unknown.

To be quite honest some of the greatest poems I have ever read were written by an Author Unknown! Let me share with you one such poem. It is so full of meaning and truth that you really would like to have known who penned it, yet--it is "Author Unknown." Read this poem:

*To Get His Goodnight Kiss He Stood  
Beside My Chair One Night  
He Raised An Eager Face To Me  
A Face With Love Alight.*

*And As I Gathered In My Arms  
The Son God Had Given Me  
I Thanked The Lad For Being Good,  
And, Prayed He'd Always Be.*

*His Little Arms Crept' Round My Neck  
And Then I heard Him Say  
Four Simple Words I Will Never Forget  
Four Words That Made Me Pray.*

*They Turned A Mirror On My Soul--  
On Secrets No One Knew.  
They Startled Me; I Hear Them Yet;  
He Said: "I Want To Be Just Like You!"*

Isn't that a beautiful poem? I stand amazed. It made my heart jump. My earnest prayer is that all of us will have the courage of those brave words. So, again, I wonder: "Who Wrote Them?" The answer comes back: "Author Unknown!" One of these days I hope to meet "Author Unknown." He is my favorite writer.

Makes you think, right? We are all being watched by the eyes of the Almighty. Wonder what He is thinking about you and me? Is He pleased by the attitude that we manifest, even when we are hurt? We should live so those who do not even know us can say, as "Author Unknown:" "I Want To Be Just Like You!"

Down through the years some of the greatest things I have ever read were written by "Author Unknown." Perhaps, you know who he is and can help me out. If not, just watch for more of his writings and let me know when you find any. It thrills me to read everything I can by "Author Unknown."

"Author Unknown" was a wise man--wasn't he?

Thank you for reading this little note and I hope it encourages you to think of good things and not the bad.

### 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!*



**New Testament Study  
(Chronological Order)**

- Day 8 - John 5
- Day 9 - Matthew 12:1-21; Mark 3; Luke 6
- Day 10 - Matthew 5-7
- Day 11 - Matthew 8:1-13; Luke 7
- Day 12 - Matthew 11
- Day 13 - Matthew 12:22-50; Luke 11
- Day 14 - Matthew 13; Luke 8
- Day 15 - Matthew 8:14-34; Mark 4-5
- Day 16 - Matthew 9-10
- Day 17 - Matthew 14; Mark 6; Luke 9:1-17
- Day 18 - John 6
- Day 19 - Matthew 15; Mark 7
- Day 20 - Matthew 16; Mark 8; Luke 9:18-27
- Day 21 - Matthew 17; Mark 9; Luke 9:28-62

*\*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  
MARCH 4, 2018:**

**PARKING LOT DUTY:** TONY SHELTON

**HALL MONITOR:** ROGER DEEM

**AUDIO/VIDEO SYSTEMS FOR MARCH:**  
JACOB BRYANT

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** DENNIS MARLER

**SONG DIRECTOR:** REGGIE BASS

**COMMUNION:**  
(NORTH) ZACK PETTIES, BRUCE BROWN  
PATRICK SELLERS, CHARLES CULVER

(SOUTH) BOYCE EDWARDS, REY CRUZ  
TREVOR HEILMAN, GREG CULP

**SCRIPTURE READING:** ANDRE PETTAWAY

**PICK UP CARDS:** RANGER SANDERS  
BO BRYANT

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

**NURSERY ATTENDANTS (A.M.):**  
ANGELA & DERICA THOMAS

**EVENING SONG DIRECTOR:**  
ZACK PETTIES

**EVENING COMMUNION:**  
BOYCE EDWARDS, GAYLEN WILLIAMS

**WEDNESDAY SONG LEADER:** ZACK PETTIES

**WEDNESDAY PRAYER:** JOHN LLEWELLYN

**PREPARE COMMUNION FOR MARCH:**  
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**OUR SICK:** Mildred Butlar has been moved to a nursing facility to rehabilitate from her stroke. Please keep her in your prayers.

-We received great news regarding Zack & Amanda Petties' son-in-law's stepmother Vivian, who is now cancer free.

-We received a good report on former member, David Chapman, who is now taking a chemotherapy pill that has stopped the cancer. He will always have to take them but are tolerable. Please keep him in your prayers.

**CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & HOMEBOUND:** Pat Bruner, George Kacir's wife (Tiffany), Kenneth Sellers, Trudy Perrault's granddaughter (Lieda) & her daughters (Trudy & Carol), Linda Moore's brother (Carl Britton), James & Tammy Garner & family members (Christel Algozer & Mary Mosley), 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, 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, Amanda Petties' nephew. Please keep these members and loved ones in your prayers as they battle health problems.

**REJOICE!** We rejoice for Tony Shelton who came forward last Sunday requesting prayers for forgiveness. Please keep him encouraged and in your prayers.

**NEW BABIES!** We wish to congratulate Graham & Ashley Tucker on their newborn sons, Jason & Jacob, who were born on Sunday, February 25. We are collecting diapers for them. They can be placed in the foyer. Please keep them 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.

**FAREWELL:** Please join us following the Sunday evening service for a farewell fellowship to say farewell to Lucero Escalera. She is PCSing to Kuwait. Please keep her in your prayers.

**FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON:** Please join us following the morning service in the Fellowship Hall for our monthly fellowship luncheon. Kitchen Group #3 will have kitchen duties (Judy Wall, Debbie Edwards, Heather Heilman, Luke & Sharon Martin, and Dennis & Sandra Marler).

**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.

## WELCOME TO THE LORD'S CHURCH THAT MEETS HERE!

*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 today is Al Washington.*

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

THANK YOU!

### 3 MARCH 3

**4-Fellowship Luncheon** following the morning service, Kitchen Group #3 will have kitchen duties (Judy Wall, Debbie Edwards, Heather Heilman, Luke & Sharon Martin, and Dennis & Sandra Marler).

**4-Farewell fellowship** for Lucero Escalera following the evening service.

**12-16** The secretary will be on vacation.

**24-Ladies Breakfast & Workday**

**25-Cherokee Drive Begins**

