



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



*“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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## *Come Join Us!*

*Speakers & Sermon Dates:*

### **\*Dan Carter**

Graduate, Brown Trail School of Preaching

- April 8th & 22nd
- May 6<sup>th</sup> & 13th
- Jun 24th

### **\*Al Washington**

Graduate, South West School of Bible Studies

- 15<sup>th</sup>
- May 20th & 27<sup>th</sup>
- June 17th

### **\*Boyce Edwards**

Graduate Sunset School of Preaching (SSOP)

- April 29th
- July 29th
- September 30<sup>th</sup>

*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  
Al Washington.*

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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!*

**"SOMETHING is BETTER Than NOTHING"***Shepherds Notes by Zack Petties*

In our early years it may have been instilled in us to do our very best in what we did. But, in some the ideal is, "At least I've done or given something." In Gen 4:5-7, when Cain learned that God had not accepted his sacrifice he was wroth, and his countenance fell. In verse 7, we learn that right behavior results in good productivity. God evaluates both our motives and the quality of what we offer Him. Those of us who lead the church especially need to ponder these things. Notice in Malachi 1:7-13, when the Lord confronted Israel through Malachi, Israel didn't get it. In verse 6, the priests said, "How have we despised Your name?" In verse 7 they also said, "How have we defiled You?" They looked at all their activities: they were busy offering sacrifices and leading the people in worship. What was the problem in the attitude illustrated?

The problem was that they were not doing what they did with a God-ward focus. They were not offering their sacrifices to please the Lord. They were not focused on magnifying His name. In fact, they were bored with the whole thing (V:13). Their attitude reflected their arrogance and lack of reverence for God. They were going through the motions of worship, but their hearts were not seeking to exalt and glorify God as He deserves. It's really easy to lead in worship, preach sermons, teach Sunday School, or serve the Lord in any capacity with wrong motives. If our hidden motive is to have people think highly of us, our hearts are not right before God. Our attitude in all service or labor should always be, "Lord, this is an offering to please You and to magnify Your name!" Any other focus dishonors God, whether we are aware of it or not. We should give God His due honor of service, and not just give Him what we want to give Him. Salvation is a free gift. You cannot earn it or pay for it. You can only accept it freely. And it came at the cost of the sacrificing the life of

God's beloved Son. Once you accept such a precious gift, it demands everything you have in response. When you recognize that you are not your own, you were bought with a price, and that all that you have has been freely given to you by God, how can you hold back anything from Him? But these priests in Malachi's day were giving God the left-overs. They had no use for a blind, lame, or sick animal, so they'd give it to God on the altar (1:8). But God tells them that He would rather that they close the doors of the temple than to have them offer these cheap sacrifices to Him (v.13).

Don't give God the leftovers! Give Him the best you've got! His name will be great among the nations. Make sure that He is great in your daily life! When we all appear before the judgement seat of Christ; what a joy it would be to hear the words of the Lord. Saying, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou has been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord" (11 Cor. 5:10; Matt 25:21).

In love,

Brother Petties



### New Testament Study (Chronological Order)

- Day 56 - Galatians 4-6
- Day 57 - Acts 17; Acts 18:1-18
- Day 58 - 1 Thess.1-5; 2 Thess.1-3
- Day 59 - Acts 18:19-28; Acts 19:1-41
- Day 60 - 1 Corinthians 1-4
- Day 61 - 1 Corinthians 5-8
- Day 62 - 1 Corinthians 9-11
- Day 63 - 1 Corinthians 12-14

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

*From the Desk of  
Dan Carter*

### **TAKING SIDES**

"I'm not taking sides"-- I know you have heard that statement before. Some men have a disagreement in the church and you will hear the above statement: "I don't take sides."

What about taking the Lord's side? Have we ever realized that in an argument one person is wrong and the other is right? Both cannot not be right! Now, they can both be wrong, but they cannot both be right. That is true. No way around it. So, when a person fails to take sides (as he calls it), he either knows what is right but doesn't want to contradict a friend; or, he just does not care for the truth in the matter.

This makes me think of a scripture our Lord gave in Matthew 6:24. Remember it? *"No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other."* This reminds me of another passage in Matthew 12:30: *"He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathers not with me scatters abroad."*

So, when a person fails to take a stand for the truth, he has chosen the false way. Either we choose to stand with Christ in truth, or we choose to follow the false way; there can be no other conclusion.

'Choosing Sides' shows that we are not directed in our thinking by truth, but friendship. This is sad. Churches are often split asunder because of such foolishness. "Truth is truth," whether we like the person, or not. Let the truth stand. Stand for truth.

I go back again to the words of Joshua. Last week I told you of his heroic stand against the false way and his love for the way of God. Hear his words again: *"And if it seem evil for you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom you will serve; as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord"*-Joshua 24:15. As surely as they were called upon to make their decision, so must we do today.

Take your stand for righteousness. Stand on the Truth of God. Stand for the right. Be ready to give answer for your faith.

### **THOSE TO SERVE THE WEEK OF APRIL 15, 2018:**

**PARKING LOT DUTY:** PATRICK SELLERS

**HALL MONITOR:** JACOB BRYANT

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JOHN HOBSON

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**SCRIPTURE READING:** DENNIS MARLER

**PICK UP CARDS:** BO BRYANT  
GIANNI GRIFFITH

**PRAYERS:**  
(A.M.) ZACK PETTIES, ANDRE PETTAWAY  
(P.M.) DERREL HEGINBOTHAM, JIM DUKES

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

**EVENING SONG DIRECTOR:**  
ZACK PETTIES

**EVENING COMMUNION:**  
REY CRUZ, JACOB BRYANT

**WEDNESDAY SONG LEADER:**  
GAYLEN WILLIAMS

**WEDNESDAY PRAYER:**  
REGGIE BASS

**PREPARE COMMUNION FOR APRIL:**  
KITTY KACIR & BETTY KNIGHT

## NEWS FROM THE PEWS

**OUR SICK:** Nada Miller has recently underwent gall bladder surgery, there were some complications during the surgery and currently has to be on a ventilator. She is at Scott and White in the ICU. At this time, she is not able to have visitors. Please keep her in your prayers.

-Rey & Connie Cruz are asking for prayers on behalf of Christine Jackson and her baby who was born April 7, prematurely. Please keep them in your prayers.

-David Shilling has been transferred to Killeen Nursing & Rehabilitation Center. He is in room 603-B. Please keep him in your prayers.

**CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & HOMEBOUND:** Mildred Butler, Millie Simcox, Shawn Forkey, Diedre Jones' mother, Betty Garnett's daughter in law (Jessica Garnett), Donna Hines's friend's granddaughter (Kylie Pruitt), Jodi Culp's father & his wife, Trudy Perrault's granddaughter (Lieda), her granddaughter's husband, great grandson (Romeo), great grandson (Jesse), & 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 (Benancio Padilla, Jane Rubio, Juanita Cardenas, 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, nephew (Matthew), & 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 GRANDDAUGHTER:** We rejoice with Zack & Amanda Petties on the birth of their new granddaughter, Kyelaiah Nichelle, born on April 7. Please keep her and her mother 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, Gaylen & Nichole Williams, and James Garner.

**SENIOR BANQUET:** Our Annual High School Senior Banquet on Saturday, April 21st, from 6-8pm, at Rudy's BBQ, located at 5621 E Central Texas Expy, in Killeen. Our graduating senior this year is Aleah Heilman. The price is \$15 which includes brisket, sausage, chicken, beans, coleslaw, potato salad, drinks, and cake. Please give the payment to Jacob or Jessica Bryant by this Wednesday, April 18.

**LADIES:** There will be a Ladies Bible Study, today at 3:30, in the Fellowship Hall. -There will be a ladies potluck retreat at the Nolanville Campgrounds on Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, at 9:30 am. Bring your favorite dish! Ladies from the area congregations have been invited to join us.

-Ladies who are attending the May 18-19 retreat in Salado need to make the payment to Amanda Petties by April 29. The cost is \$55 per person. If you do not wish to stay overnight, but would like to fellowship the evening of 18<sup>th</sup>, then you are invited to join them for food, fellowship and fun.

**CHEROKEE HOME FOR CHILDREN DRIVE:** We are 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. There has been a great response so far-Thank you!

**MARRIAGE SEMINAR & GOSPEL MEETING:** Join us on Saturday, June 2 for our Marriage Seminar & June 3-6 for our Summer Gospel Meeting with our returning speaker, Dr. Bill Davis, who is an elder at the Arlington Road church of Christ, in Jacksonville, Florida, & an editor of Focus Press Magazine. Please save the dates and join us!

**SIGN UP FOR YARD WORK:** We invite our members to sign up to help with the yard work. The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the south foyer.

**Help Needed:** Any men who is able to help weed eat at the campgrounds Friday evening, April 20, after 4:00, would be greatly appreciated. Thank you!

**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.

### ☪APRIL☪

15-Ladies Bible Study, 3:30, in the Fellowship Hall.

21-Ladies Potluck Retreat at the campgrounds at 9:30 am.

21-Senior Banquet at Rudy's BBQ, from 6-8pm.

29-Cherokee Drive ends.

### ☪MAY☪

6-Fellowship Luncheon following the morning service. (Kitchen Group #5)

18-19-Ladies Salado Retreat

22-Lifeline Screening in the fellowship hall.

28-Office will be closed in observance of Memorial Day.

### ☪JUNE☪

2-Marriage Seminar with Dr. Bill Jackson.

3-6-Summer Gospel Meeting with Dr. Bill Jackson.