



# 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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*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  
Boyce Edwards.*

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

## THANK YOU!

### 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!*

**Come Join Us!**  
*Speakers & Sermon Dates:*

#### \*Dan Carter

Graduate, Brown Trail School of Preaching

- May 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>
- June 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>

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Graduate, South West School of Bible Studies

- May 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>
- June 17<sup>th</sup>

#### \*Boyce Edwards

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

### 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.

Please turn off or silence your  
phone devices—thank you!



## SHEPHERDS NOTES BY LEE FISHER

### **God Wants Quality, Not Quantity**

*The LORD said to Gideon, "The people who are with you are too many for Me to give Midian into their hands, for Israel would become boastful, saying, My own power has delivered me"-Judges 7:2.*

The story of Gideon and the selection of the three hundred men of valor, has always been a remarkable story. Actually it cannot be told in such a short Shepherds Notes-(*Judges Ch. 6 & 7*). However, I wanted to mention just a few points in the story which can be useful to Christians today. This story is a striking reminder that numbers do not equal success. We see how the Lord reduced thirty-two thousand stalwart men to three hundred in order to bring the army to its effective strength! To accomplish this The Lord said, to Gideon, Say to those that are "*fearful and afraid let him turn and depart at once from Mount Gilead*"-(*Judges 7:3*). And twenty-two thousand of the people returned, and ten thousand remained. The twenty-two thousand that were with Gideon at first did not fulfill God's purpose! With God it wasn't the size of the army; but how effective it was! What type of people were those men? Were they full of doubts & fears? Were they sound of heart? Was their faith solid as a Rock?

Notice then, when we come to the second action of God's testing. Thousands should have returned with the first group; but ten thousand remained-*Judges 7:3*. If all of them had been honest and sincere, there might have been no need for a second sifting process. You have the same thing today! When the cost of serving God is not fully considered, we see some members who are with God to a certain point, but when tough times arise, they are gone! "*Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?*" (*Roman 8:35*).

I am not going to say that that the three hundred men chosen by God had none of the fears, doubts, or concerns of those who had gone away! No, I do not think that! But I do think that they were men who controlled their fear and did not let it overcome their faith. Their attitude was, "*I will*

*trust God and not be afraid!*" Our heavenly Father has never asked any man to do more than he is able; but He does expect every man to do according to his ability while trusting in Him! Faith in God opens the door to things we never thought possible!

One final point, Gideon might have looked upon the three hundred as determined men. But I think these were also men who had counted the cost, stood firm, and had shown what manner of men they were! A battle of three hundred against a huge host would need determined men; and the battle that Christians face today needs determined men and women NOW! Please do not believe for one moment that it will ever be easy to be successful in a fight against evil, but it can be done! Looking at some of our Old Testament examples, some men and women found it hard to resist evil and so shall we. Satan lies in ambush with all his countless hosts. The battle will be hard, but resist the devil and stand firm on God's word and the devil will flee! "**Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you**" (*James 4:7*). As mentioned earlier, large numbers do not necessarily equal success, so remain faithful, because God wants quality, not quantity!

You're always in my prayers!

Lee



### New Testament Study (Chronological Order)

*Day 71 - Romans 11-13*

*Day 72 - Romans 14-16*

*Day 73 - Acts 20:4-38; Acts 21; Acts 22; Acts 23:1-35*

*Day 74 - Acts 24-26*

*Day 75 - Acts 27-28*

*Day 76 - Colossians 1-4; Philemon*

*Day 77 - Ephesians 1-6*

*\*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*

### **STRESSFUL DAYS!**

"THESE ARE THE DAYS OF OUR LIVES," was the name of a popular T.V. Soap Opera years ago. It had to do with every type of problem that could happen to folks. Sounds like our modern world! Many are just stressed out! They are tired of life, ready to throw in the towel, and, give up!

Yes, it is different! Yes, many feel hopeless! Yes, there are many bitter feelings floating around among the people; yet, there is hope! Listen to a few choice words from our Lord:

"Let Not Your Heart Be Troubled," "My Peace I Give Unto You," "Be Not Anxious," and, "I Will Be With You!"

I know what you are saying. I know life throws many hard days to us, but just remember there is an evil force at work. There is evil all about us. God did not take us out of the world, but gave us the grace to hold up. The apostle Paul was under many stressful, hurtful circumstances, yet he endured! He made it. "I am ready to be offered. The time is at hand. I fought the good fight, I kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the righteous Judge will give me at that day."

You know, we can make it! We can be faithful and happy, no matter what! Hold on. Don't give up! *"Our hope is sure and steadfast, as an anchor for the soul, and where we can enter beyond that veil; where Christ, our Lord, has entered for us"*-Hebrews 6:19 & 20.

Yes, I know the road is difficult. There are many hurts along the way. The devil "walks about as a roaring lion" wanting to devour us, but we have an Anchor. We have the One who overcame and is at the right hand of God.

"Our Hope Is Built On Nothing Less Than Jesus' Blood And His Righteousness," are the beautiful words of a favorite song.

Christians are marching to glory under the banner of Jesus Christ. All other ground is sinking sand!

Yes, these are stressful days. Yes, we are being tested. Yes, the devil wants to rob us of our inheritance: but, we are overcoming through that precious ONE who died for us! Hang in there; Don't give up!

**\*SPECIAL NOTE:** Sybil Cason is our oldest member: soon to be 97! I saw her just a few days ago and she was in great spirits! She is an example of what I have been saying! Hang In There!

### **THOSE TO SERVE THE WEEK OF APRIL 29, 2018:**

**PARKING LOT DUTY:** PATRICK SELLERS

**HALL MONITOR:** JACOB BRYANT

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**AUDIO/VIDEO SYSTEMS FOR MAY:**  
PATRICK SELLERS

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**SCRIPTURE READING:** JOHN LLEWELLYN

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**PRAYERS:**  
(A.M.) REGGIE BASS, TREVOR HEILMAN  
(P.M.) LEE FISHER, JOHN LLEWELLYN

**NURSERY ATTENDANTS (A.M.):**  
BRENDA SELLERS & VICTORIA POLANCO

**EVENING SONG DIRECTOR:**  
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GAYLEN WILLIAMS

**WEDNESDAY PRAYER:** ZACK PETTIES

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

**PREPARE COMMUNION FOR MAY:**  
ROGER & LINDA DEEM

## NEWS FROM THE PEWS

**OUR SICK:** James Garner's wife, Tammy Garner, is recovering well but still has pain. Please keep her in your prayers.

-We rejoice with Millie Simcox on her negative test results from lymphoma. Please keep her in your prayers.

**CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & HOMEBOUND:** Larry Knight, Alice Allison, Billie Lentz, Garnie & Nada Miller, Mildred Butlar, 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., 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.

**SYMPATHY:** We wish to extend our sympathy to Glenda Carter and her family on the passing of her husband, Cecil Carter. Brother Carter was also a former elder here. Please keep this family in your prayers.

**REJOICE:** We rejoice for Marcella Williams, our new sister in Christ who was baptized last Tuesday evening!

**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.

**FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON:** We will have our monthly Fellowship Potluck Luncheon on Sunday, May 6, following the morning service in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring casseroles, meat dishes, vegetables, and desserts. Kitchen Group #5 will have kitchen duties (Creta Bales, Betty Knight, Donna Hines, & Carolyn Williams).

**LADIES:** Ladies who are attending the May 18-19 retreat in Salado need to make the payment to Amanda Petties by today. The cost is \$55 per person. If you do not wish to stay overnight, but would like to fellowship the evening of 18th, please inform Brenda Sellers, and join us 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 end of this week. These items can be placed in the foyer next to the pantry box. Thank you for your great response!

**MARRIAGE SEMINAR & GOSPEL MEETING:** Join us for a Marriage Seminar on Saturday, June 2, & for our Summer Gospel Meeting, June 3-6. Our returning speaker will be Dr. Bill Davis, who is an elder at the Arlington Road church of Christ, in Jacksonville, Florida, & an editor of 'Think' Magazine. We have flyers for everyone to pass out in their neighborhoods. Invite everyone you can! Please save the dates and join us!

## FAREWELL!

*We wish to send a special farewell to Gaylen Williams' parents, Thaddeus & Martha Williams. They will be leaving tomorrow (Monday) to return to their home in New York. They will be missed!*

### ☪APRIL☪

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 Davis.

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

