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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/DEVOTIONAL _____ 7:00 P.M.



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*

Shepherds Notes by Lee Fisher

AFRAID, ASTONISHED, AND OFFENDED (MARK 5:1-20)

The story of the Maniac of Gadara has always amazed me. Here is a man that was so crazed and powerful that he could not be tamed or controlled, even with chains. The amazing thing though was that the men of that country did not seem to be afraid of him, rather, they were annoyed. So they tried, time and again, to bind him. When Jesus shows up the demons within the man are cast out into the swine who are subsequently destroyed, now here is the amazing thing, *"Then they came to Jesus, and saw the one who had been demon-possessed and had the legion, sitting and clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid"* (Mark 5:15).

Do not be afraid, Christ has power over all things.

Why were they afraid? In chapter six the woman with an issue of blood was afraid when she was healed. Herod was afraid when he supposed that John was risen from the dead. The disciples were afraid when they saw Jesus walking on the water. Because of Jesus many were astonished and offended. This is true even today!

A lack of knowledge and sin will cause us to be afraid of that which we have no need to be afraid of. Come to know Jesus, obey him, be faithful to him, and know that *"There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love"* (1 John 4:18).

By Tim Dooley, 2018 Church of Christ Articles

BIBLE STUDIES AND COUNSELING OFFERED

*Bible Studies With One Of Our Preachers Or Elders

*Free Bible Correspondence

*Free Marriage & Family Counseling

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please come again!

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JOIN US FOR OUR 5TH ANNUAL LADIES DAY OCT. 13TH!

"Be Still & Know..." -Psalm 46:10

*With our guest speaker: Becky Blackmon
Christian sister and author of "The Begging
Place."*

Enjoy a light breakfast before the lesson; lunch will be served at noon. Childcare will also be provided for children ages one to five. Please register your children as well.

For registration, please contact us at:
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Be of the SAME Mind
From the Desk of Dan Carter



Old Testament Chapter Study
(In Chronological Order)

Men, while living in the flesh, will have division and offenses. It is just expected...and it happens. Ever since Cain and Abel, division has arisen.

Our Lord said: "Offenses will come," but woe to the one causing the offense (Matt. 18:7).

God calls on us to love and be at peace in the body. Division usually comes from selfishness. Churches, Nations, families, and etc., are divided. Though Jesus is the Prince of Peace, He cried: *"The father will be against the son; the mother against the daughter"*- Matthew 10:35. He is the Prince of Peace only if people will walk together, otherwise, there will be great division.

The church is warned of division that is sure to come; and, how to handle trouble-makers. Note these verses:

Romans 16:17: *"I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause division and offenses contrary to the doctrine which you have learned, and avoid them."*

James 3:16: *"For where envy and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work."*

Philippians 2:2 & 3: *"Fulfill ye my joy, that you be like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. Let nothing be done through strife or vain-glory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than self."*

That statement made by our Lord in John 13:35, must be noted by every child of God: *"A new commandment I give unto you that you have love one to another."*

Throughout my life, I have seen families and churches torn asunder. Division is not pretty. Hate often fills the life of those torn apart. The dividing of a church, a family, a nation, is never pretty.

We must ever put forth the effort to be like Christ. Even when people hurt Him, He did not return evil for evil.

Always walk according to the teaching of Christ. Be at peace with one another and with God who brought us into the family.

- Day 104 - 1 Samuel 21-24
- Day 105 - Psalm 7, 27, 31, 34, 52
- Day 106 - Psalm 56, 120, 140-142
- Day 107 - 1 Samuel 25-27
- Day 108 - Psalm 17, 35, 54, 63
- Day 109 - 1 Samuel 28-31; Psalm 18
- Day 110 - Psalm 121, 123-125, 128-130
- Day 111 - 2 Samuel 1-4
- Day 112 - Psalm 6, 8-10, 14, 16, 19, 21
- Day 113 - 1 Chronicles 1-2
- Day 114 - Psalm 43-45, 49, 84-85, 87
- Day 115 - 1 Chronicles 3-5
- Day 116 - Psalm 73, 77-78
- Day 117 - 1 Chronicles 6
- Day 118 - Psalm 81, 88, 92-93
- Day 119 - 1 Chronicles 7-10
- Day 120 - Psalm 102-104
- Day 121 - 2 Samuel 5:1-10; 1 Chronicles 11-12
- Day 122 - Psalm 133
- Day 123 - Psalm 106-107
- Day 124 - 2 Samuel 5:11-25; 2 Samuel 6:1-23; 1 Chronicles 13-16
- Day 125 - Psalm 1-2, 15, 22-24, 47, 68
- Day 126 - Psalm 89, 96, 100, 101, 105, 132
- Day 127 - 2 Samuel 7; 1 Chronicles 17
- Day 128 - Psalm 25, 29, 33, 36, 39
- Day 129 - 2 Samuel 8-9; 1 Chronicles 18
- Day 130 - Psalm 50, 53, 60, 75
- Day 131 - 2 Sam10; 1 Chronicles 19; Psalm 20

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

☞OCTOBER☞

- 6-**Men's Breakfast at the Killeen Golden Corral at 8:30 am.
- 7-**Fellowship Luncheon following the morning service. Kitchen Group #2 will have kitchen duties (*Judy Wall, Linda Deem, Cheryl Flores, Betty Knight, and Dennis & Sandra & Marler*).
- 7-**Food Bank Drive for the local Killeen Food Care Center will end.
- 13-**5th Annual Ladies Day
- 21-**Foster's Home for Children Drive will begin.

 **NEW BABY!** Congratulations to Kingsford & Evelyn Asare on the birth of their new baby girl, Elianna, who was born on September 13 and weighed in at 6.14 pounds. Please keep them in your prayers.

 Ladies-Please sign up to bring salads (any kind) & desserts (any kind) and/or breakfast breads for our upcoming Ladies Day, October 13. Sign-up sheets are on the Ladies Bulletin Board in the south hallway.

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

REMEMBER OUR MILITARY: Please keep Tracy Wilson's son, Zane Wilson in your prayers as he is deployed.

OUR SICK: Letty Burgos is recovering from an infected toe. Please keep her in your prayers.

-John Llewellyn had eye tests on the September 21, and the first surgery will be on October 2. Please keep him in your prayers.

-Rey & Connie Cruz are requesting prayers for Marta Torrez, in Uvalde. Please keep her in your prayers.

-Please keep Heather Heilman's co-worker's son, 19 year-old, Jordan Davis, in your prayers. He was in a severe auto accident on Sept. 5. His condition has slightly improved, but still has a long time before a complete recovery. His mother thanks everyone for their prayers and asks for continued prayers for him.

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & HOMEBOUND:

Archie & Jessi Turner, Mary Ann Culp, Mildred Butlar, former members (Gene and Penny Fogle), William Odum's father, former member Emmanuel Pinewood's son (Josiah), Ralph Hughart's sister-in-law (Carol Hughart), Marcella Williams' sister (Shiela), David Shilling, Judy Wall's sister-in-law, (Gail Scott) & brother (Don Scott), Billie Lentz, Millie Simcox, Jim Dukes' sister (Marie Session), Lois Brown, Dora Ray Chanslor, Alice Allison, Garnie & Nada Miller, Shawn Forkey, Donna Hines's friend's granddaughter (Kylie Pruitt), Trudy Perrault's granddaughter (Lieda), great grandson (Jesse), & her daughters (Trudy & Carol), Connie Cruz and her friends (Oscar Hernandez, Jane Rubio, Juanita Cardenas & Yolanda Perez) also Rey & Connie's family here & in Puerto Rico, Willard Dunn, Linda Walts, Tina Pallo, 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, 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.

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.

CHANGE CAN DRIVE: We are collecting change for Christian Homes & Family Services in Abilene until November. Change cans are located in the foyer. Please pick one up to fill.

KILLEEN FOOD CARE CENTER DRIVE: Until October 10, we are collecting "meals in a box." A hamburger, chicken, or tuna helper, or an entire meal that's shelf-stable and in one package. These items can be placed in the foyer.

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

Thank You!

THOSE TO SERVE THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 16, 2018:

PARKING LOT DUTY: JOHN HOBSON

HALL MONITOR: PATRICK SELLERS

AUDIO/VIDEO SYSTEMS FOR SEPTEMBER:
JACOB BRYANT

ANNOUNCEMENTS: DAN CARTER

SONG DIRECTOR: GAYLEN WILLIAMS

COMMUNION:
(NORTH) LEE FISHER, ANDRE PETTAWAY
JIM DUKES, CHARLES CULVER

(SOUTH) ZACK PETTIES, TREVOR HEILMAN
REGGIE BASS, BRUCE BROWN

SCRIPTURE READING: DENNIS MARLER

PICK UP CARDS: RANGER SANDERS
ANDREW FORKEY

PRAYERS:
(A.M.) DERREL HEGINBOTHAM, AL WILSON
(P.M.) LEE FISHER, JIM DUKES

NURSERY ATTENDANTS (A.M.):
GAYLE & TRACY WILSON

EVENING SONG DIRECTOR:
ZACK PETTIES

EVENING COMMUNION:
GAYLEN WILLIAMS & DENNIS MARLER

WEDNESDAY SONG LEADER:
JOHN LLEWELLYN

WEDNESDAY PRAYER:
REY CRUZ

PREPARE COMMUNION FOR SEPTEMBER:
LETTY BURGOS

Thank You For Your Help!

Sermon PowerPoint Outlines - Presented by Boyce Edwards

Lessons From Anna, the Prophetess - AM Sermon

"And there was one Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Aser: she was of great age, and had lived with an husband seven years from her virginity. And she was a widow of about fourscore and four years, which departed not from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day. And she coming in at that instant gave thanks likewise unto the Lord, and spake of him to all that looked for redemption in Jerusalem"-Luke 2:36-38.

I. Some things about Anna

- She was a prophetess (an inspired, female teacher)-v. 36
- A virgin when she married-v. 36
- Was married 7 years to her husband-v. 36
- Departed not from the temple-v. 37
- Served God with fastings and prayers night and day-v. 37
- Gave thanks to God-v. 38
- Spoke of Christ to all that looked for redemption in Jerusalem-v. 38

II. Lessons we can learn from Anna

- "Old Folks" should continue serving God!
 - Moses was trained of God for 80 years before he was ready to be the leader of God's people for the last 40 years of his life!
 - Caleb was 85 years of age when he took on the monumental task of driving the Anakims out of the land of Canaan-see Joshua 14:6-15.
 - Question: If Jesus had lived to be a hundred years old, could we envision Him ceasing His teaching ministry?
 - Brethren, God has a vital place for men and women who have grey and silver hair!
Don't stop serving God because of "old age!"
- Anna did not use the early loss of her husband as a reason to harden her heart against God!

"Harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness. So I swear in my wrath, They shall not enter into my rest. Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God. But exhorting one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end. While it is said To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation"-Hebrews 3:8, 11-15.

Question: How many brethren have you known who stopped their service to God because of some tragedy in their life?

God will not accept such puny excuses!
God's people need to urgently press forward in their service to God, like Anna-even in the face of great losses/difficulties!!

C. Anna lived an exemplary life from her youth through "old age!"
That's seen from the fact that she was a virgin when she married, and in her "great age" she was still steadfastly devoted to the Lord!

Question: How many virgins do we have in America today? Apparently, not very many!

"But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not once be named among you, as becometh saints"-Ephesians 5:3.

Its encouraging to see someone obey the gospel when they are old; but what's really impressive is to be able to see faithfulness in a person's life from their youth until they are old!!

D. Thanksgiving was a practice in Anna's life!
"For innumerable evils have compassed me about: mine iniquities have taken hold upon me, so that I am not able to look up; they are more than the hairs of mine head: therefore my heart faileth me"-Psalm 40:12.

"Many, O Lord my God, are thy wonderful works which thou hast done, and thy thoughts which are to us-ward: they cannot be reckoned up in order unto thee: if I would declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered"-Psalm 40:5.

"In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you"-1 Thessalonians 5:18.

"Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice"-Philippians 4:4.

How much do we think this statement meant to the brothers in Philippi?
Remember, Paul was a prisoner in Rome uncertain of whether he would live, or die!

E. Prayers were surely a key to the great spiritual success achieved by Anna!
She served God night and day with prayers and fasting-v. 37.

"Pray without ceasing"-1 Thessalonians 5:17.

Question, If prayers were so important to the sinless Lord; how much more important are they to Christians of today?

III. Summary of the lesson

- God's people need to serve as long as possible!
- Christians should never harden their hearts against God because of tragedies and difficulties!
- The best possible scenario in life is to become a Christian early and remain steadfast to the Lord until death!
- Thanksgiving should be a practice in a Christian's life!
- Prayers are essential to a successful Christian life!

INTRODUCTION TO THE GOSPEL OF JOHN - PM Sermon

I. The date of John

- It was written before AD 70
 - "Now there is (present tense) at Jerusalem by the sheep gate a pool, which is called in the Hebrew tongue Bethesda, having five porches"-John 5:2.
This pool and its porches would have been destroyed by the Roman army in AD 70!
 - All scholars who date the Synoptic Gospels prior to AD 70 do so because no mention is made of the destruction of Jerusalem as a past fact! This is significant, and has application to the time of John's composition too!
 - "One of the oddest facts about the New Testament is that what on any showing would appear to be the most datable and climactic event of the period-the fall of Jerusalem in AD 70, and with it the collapse of institutional Judaism based on the temple-is never once mentioned as a past fact"-Redating the NEW TESTAMENT, John A. T. Robinson, pg. 13.
 - Think of the number of times the NT refers to fulfillment of past historical events! It is totally unrealistic to believe if the 4 gospels were written after the destruction of Jerusalem, that its destruction would not have been mentioned!
 - Remember: Daniel prophesied of its destruction in Daniel 9:24-27, and the Lord alluded to Daniel's prophecy in Matthew 24:15 & Mark 13:14, and made application to

the destruction of Jerusalem which was still future at the time!

- All scholars who date John after AD 70 do so because of external evidence!
- No one should ever exalt external evidence over internal evidence in regard to the bible!!

Internal evidence is evidence within the bible!

External evidence is evidence outside the bible!

II. John uses nearly 7 full chapters to refer to the last 21 hours of the Lord's life (13:1-19:30). Chapter wise, that's one-third of his book! In contrast, Matthew, Mark, and Luke each use only 2 chapters each!

This point is extremely significant!

In this section of John, one sees the "heart and soul" of the Lord!

And I mean by that statement, that the great depth of love, care, and compassion the Lord had for His disciples (and by application, you and me!) is "laid bare!"

LET'S LOOK AT SOME TEXTS THAT EMPHASIZE THIS POINT!

John 13:1, *"Now before the feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them to the end."*

John 13:4-17, as Master and Lord, Jesus washed the feet of the apostles!

John 13:21, The Lord was troubled in spirit.

John 13:34 & 35, *"A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another."*

John 14:1-3, When you're troubled, keep on trusting the Father and Me!

John 14:15, *"If ye love me, keep my commandments."*

John 14:23, *"If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him."*

John 14:16-18; 15:26 & 16:13, Jesus promised another Comforter (the Holy Spirit) would come and guide them into all truth!

John 14:27, *"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."*

That very day, Jesus walked straight into the "Jaws of Death" totally unafraid and at peace! The world cannot offer that kind of peace-it only comes from God!!

John 15:1-14, "My Friends!"

Michael Combs has a song entitled, "Drinking from my Saucer."

One stanza says, "Ain't got a lot of riches, but I've got a friend in Jesus, and that makes me rich enough."

John 17, Jesus prayed for Himself and the apostles.

Verse 11, *"Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me."*

Verse 15, *"I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil one."*

Verse 26, *"And I have declared unto them thy name, and I will declare it: That the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them."*

John 18:1 & 2-Jesus and the 11 apostles go to the garden of Gethsemane.

John 18:18, It was cold that night, and a fire was made by those who were in the courtyard.

Luke 22:43 & 44, *"And there appeared an angel unto him, from heaven, strengthening him. And being in agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground."*

John 18:27, *"Peter then denied again: and immediately the cock crew."*

Luke 22:61 & 62, *"And the Lord turned, and looked upon Peter. And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he said unto him, Before the cock crew, thou shalt deny me thrice. And Peter went out and wept bitterly."*

John 18:12-40, Jesus is delivered into the hands of lawless men and falsely tried.

John 19:1 & 2, Pilate scourged the Lord, and the soldiers platted a crown of thorns and put it on his head.

John 19:17 & Matthew 17:33, The Lord carried His own cross as He headed for Golgotha, but somewhere along the way He fell under the weight of it, and then Simon, from Cyrene, was compelled to carry it the rest of the way.

John 19:18, The Lord was crucified.

1. Crucified at 9 am-Mark 15:25.

2. Darkness came at 12 pm and remained until 3 pm-Mark 15:33 & 34.

The Lord cried out and said, *"My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken me?"*

Luke 23:34, *"Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do."*

Can we ever forget this statement?

John 19:30, *"When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost."*

CHRISTIANS NEED TO REMEMBER THE STATEMENT IN JOHN 12:32 & 33.

"And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me. This he said signifying what death he should die."

III. THE TWO MAJOR TEACHINGS OF THE GOSPEL OF JOHN:

- Christ had divine power
- Christ's great love and compassion

Remember the "spiritual negatives" in place at the time of John's writing:

- The prevalence of false teachers-Matthew 24:4 & 5, 11, 23 & 24
- Sin abounding-Matthew 24:12
- Severe persecution-Matthew 24:9

These are 3 powerful tools in Satan's arsenal to lead Christians away from God and His church.

God's "spiritual antidote" for falling away is given to Christians in John 20:30 & 31. They must keep on believing!

BRETHREN IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT WE ABIDE IN GOD'S WORD!

WHEN WE DO, WE WILL BE AWARE OF THE GREAT POWER, COMPASSION, AND LOVE OF GOD!

"I have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the evil one"-1 John 2:14.