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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.

**"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**

WALKING BEFORE GOD

Shepherds Notes by Lee Fisher

The Lord appeared to Solomon a second time and said unto him, "I have heard your prayer and your supplication that you have made before Me; I have consecrated this house which you have built to put My name there forever, and My eyes and My heart will be there perpetually. Now if you walk before Me as your father David walked, in integrity of heart and in uprightness, to do according to all that I have commanded you, and if you keep My statutes and My judgments, then I will establish the throne of your kingdom over Israel forever, as I promised David your father, saying, 'You shall not fail to have a man on the throne of Israel.' But if you or your sons at all turn from following Me, and do not keep My commandments and My statutes which I have set before you, but go and serve other gods and worship them, then I will cut off Israel from the land which I have given them; and this house which I have consecrated for My name I will cast out of My sight" -(1 Kings 9:1-7).

After Solomon had finished building and dedicating the temple, God warned him that he and his people were not to be disobedient, but fear the Lord and keep his commandments. But "Solomon did evil in the sight of the Lord, and did not fully follow the Lord, as did his father David." Nothing can purchase for us liberty to sin, nor should we believe that we have a license to do so because of God's grace. Solomon later realized he would rather be chastened of the Lord, than be allowed to go on with ease and prosperity in sin.

One of the most dangerous doctrines taught in denominationalism today is the doctrine of, "Once saved, always saved." The belief of this doctrine states that once a person enters into a saved state with God there is nothing that saved person (Christian) can do to fall from that state of grace. He cannot so sin as to be lost in hell eternally. Once he is saved, he is always saved. It is very clear from the scripture reading above and other scriptures (Gal 5:1-4 & 2 Peter 2:20-22), that the bible clearly does NOT teach this false doctrine!

James 5:19-20, teaches that one can fall away from God and lose his salvation. James warns Christians that some of them could "wander from the truth" and need a brother to "turn him back" (5:19). This wandering brother is called a "sinner" who needs to be turned "from the error of his way" (5:20). When he turns, it "will save a soul from death." Thus, if this wayward brother is not turned back, his soul will not be saved from death. He is lost! His soul is not saved!

If we hold fast to our faith, God will not fail to keep his promises, "For we have become partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end" (Heb 3:14), and God will confirm us in the end. Also, I Kings 9:6 is a warning not only to us, but our children, "But if you or your sons at all turn from following Me, and do not keep My commandments and My statutes which I have set before you but go and serve other gods and worship them." Let not the children of godly parents expect to receive of the blessings unless they also walk in the steps of those that are gone before them! Therefore we need to diligently teach our children (Deuteronomy 6:6-9).

Solomon turned away from God and worshiped the false gods of his many pagan wives. The book of 1 Kings is a warning to all of us of the danger of disobedience! Even this wise man was deceived by his own sin. It should remind Christians of how much we need God! "Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall" -(1Cor 10:12).

"Keep the faith!" Lee

From the Desk of Dan Carter

HERE I AM; (RIGHT WHERE YOU LEFT ME)!

Most of you have experienced the same problem as have I. I lay my keys down, or my telephone, and then run all through the house frantically, trying to find them! Once they are found I then remember that I had left them there. They had no legs to get up and run and hide. They are right where I left them!

How about that? It is right, isn't it? The inanimate does not move itself, nor think on its own. Leaving the keys in the car is easy to see. I stand on the outside looking in! I know where they are, but getting to them is the difficult thing. However, when left in a place usually in plain sight, we go frantic. We are lost from them, they are not lost from us. They are just waiting until we pick them up again. You see, they have no mind of their own, they don't hide. They are right where we left them!

I am thinking that there should be a wonderful invention: something attached to them, and to a device we have on our belt, or purse, that would whistle if we got too far away!

You understand that the Word of God is that way! It warns us, if we will listen! God has so devised us that we can be warned. We can be encouraged to come back to the word. Don't wander too far away. Be ready to find the way by keeping our focus. God gives us many warnings.

In the Old Testament God warned: "*My people have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out broken cisterns, that hold no water*" (Jer. 2:13); and, the New Testament says: "*Which have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray*" (2 Peter 2:15). God has not gone away from us...we leave God! God is as that Father in Luke 15: He is waiting for us to return--where we Left Him!

The world is in a bad way. Sin has made a ravage of our souls and the earth. I pray that people may wake up and go back and find God! He is waiting for us to find Him, again.

A Crown for a Cross

The Ammonites' history with Israel was continually tense. The Ammonites were descendants of Ben-Ammi, Lot's younger daughter's son (Genesis 19). They refused to aid Israel in their flight from Egypt and had hired Balaam to curse Israel (Deuteronomy 23). In Israel's siege against the last Ammonite stronghold, Rabbah (2 Samuel 12:26–31), Joab had captured the city's water supply and was ready to take the city. He requested that the king come to Rabbah for the final battle so David would receive the honor instead of his captain. When the city fell, the crown was removed from the Ammonite king and placed on King David's head.

What is amazing is that this crown weighed almost seventy--five pounds. Some commentators have trouble believing that it could have been placed on David's head. However, in countries where travel is usually by foot and goods are often carried on the head, seventy--five pounds would not be unusual. I personally have seen young men carrying the rear axles of cars balanced on their heads!

Imagine what a glorious crown it must have been—pure gold encrusted with precious stones. If we travel through time a thousand years, we read of another King who had a crown placed on His head. This crown, however, was not gold nor encrusted with jewels. It was a crown of thorns, plaited by Roman soldiers and forced on the brow of Jesus of Nazareth (John 19:2). He was forced to stand before these mocking soldiers, blood running down His face, as they derisively bowed and shouted, "Hail, King of the Jews!" Jesus was willing to suffer humiliation and even give His life on the cruel cross to save mankind from the wages of sin (Romans 3:23; 6:23). Because He did, God "crowned him with glory and honor" and "put all things in subjection under his feet" (Hebrews 2:7–8). Truly, Jesus is the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords.

There is still more. Let us travel ahead to another time. It may be tomorrow, next week, next year, or ten thousand years from now. It is the time when Jesus appears at His second coming. The dead in Christ will be resurrected from the grave, and along with the living Christians, will be changed and meet Christ in the air (1 Thessalonians 4:13–18). Then there will be a great accounting, the Day of Judgment (Matthew 25:31–46). On that day, Jesus will hand out crowns to His faithful servants. Paul wrote, "*Finally, there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day: and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing*" (2 Timothy 4:6–8).

We can receive a crown, not from a man, but from the King of kings and Lord of lords Himself. Paul referred to this crown as an "imperishable crown" (1 Corinthians 9:25). James and John referred to it as the "crown of life" (James 1:12; Revelation 2:10), and Peter called it the "crown of glory" (1 Peter 5:4). They all represent the

wonderful gift of the eternal life with God for His faithful servants. Will you receive a crown? Can God count you as one of His faithful? Ada Powell penned the following words, "There's a crown for your cross, there is gain for your loss; You'll be given a crown for your cross. There's a beautiful crown when your cross is laid down; You'll be given a beautiful crown." —Bob Bauer

Bauer, Bob. "A Crown for a Cross." *House to House Heart to Heart*, House to House Heart to Heart. To God Be the Glory., 1 Oct. 2018, housetohouse.com/a-crown-for-a-cross/.



Old Testament Chapter Study (In Chronological Order)

- Day 132 - Psalm 65-67, 69-70
- Day 133 - 2 Samuel 11-12; 1 Chronicles 20
- Day 134 - Psalm 32, 51, 86, 122
- Day 135 - 2 Samuel 13-15
- Day 136 - Psalm 3-4, 12-13, 28, 55
- Day 137 - 2 Samuel 16-18
- Day 138 - Psalm 26, 40, 58, 61-62, 64
- Day 139 - 2 Samuel 19-21
- Day 140 - Psalm 5, 38, 41-42
- Day 141 - 2 Samuel 22-23; Psalm 57
- Day 142 - Psalm 95, 97-99
- Day 143 - 2 Samuel 24; 1 Chronicles 21-22; Psalm 30
- Day 144 - Psalm 108-110
- Day 145 - 1 Chronicles 23-25
- Day 146 - Psalm 131, 138-139, 143-145
- Day 147 - 1 Chronicles 26-29; Psalm 127
- Day 148 - Psalm 111-118
- Day 149 - 1 Kings 1-2; Psalm 37, 71, 94
- Day 150 - Psalm 119:1-88
- Day 151 - 1 Kings 3-4; 2 Chronicles 1; Psalm 72
- Day 152 - Psalm 119:89-176
- Day 153 - Song of Solomon 1-8
- Day 154 - Proverbs 1-3
- Day 155 - Proverbs 4-6
- Day 156 - Proverbs 7-9
- Day 157 - Proverbs 10-12
- Day 158 - Proverbs 13-15
- Day 159 - Proverbs 16-18

*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 OCTOBER 14, 2018:

PARKING LOT DUTY: BRUCE BROWN

HALL MONITOR: JACOB BRYANT

**AUDIO/VIDEO SYSTEMS FOR OCTOBER:
JOHN HOBSON**

ANNOUNCEMENTS: DAN CARTER

SONG DIRECTOR: REGGIE BASS

COMMUNION:

(NORTH) LEE FISHER, ROGER DEEM
KINGSFORD ASARE, CHARLES CULVER

(SOUTH) DENNIS MARLER, REY CRUZ
TREVOR HEILMAN, JIM DUKES

SCRIPTURE READING: MARVIN FLETCHER

**PICK UP CARDS: ANDREW FORKEY
COREY CULVER**

PRAYERS:

(A.M.) ANDRE PETTAWAY, JOHN LLEWELLYN
(P.M.) MARVIN FLETCHER, JIM DUKES

**NURSERY ATTENDANTS (A.M.):
SANDRA MARLER & CHERYL FLORES**

EVENING SONG DIRECTOR: ZACK PETTIES

**EVENING COMMUNION:
TREVOR HEILMAN, DERREL HEGINBOTHAM**

**WEDNESDAY SONG LEADER:
GAYLEN WILLIAMS**

WEDNESDAY PRAYER: DENNIS MARLER

**PREPARE COMMUNION FOR OCTOBER:
DENNIS & SANDRA MARLER**

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

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

OUR SICK: Willard Dunn was hospitalized last week and is currently in room #435, North Tower, at Scott & White Hospital, in Temple. Please keep him in your prayers.

-James Garner's granddaughter is recovering from a high fever and urinary tract infection. Please keep her in your prayers.

-John Llewellyn will soon have his second cataract surgery. Please keep him in your prayers.

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & HOMEBOUND: Jean Basco, Heather Heilman's co-worker's son (Jordan Davis), Archie & Jessi Turner, Mary Ann Culp, Mildred Butler, former members (Gene and Penny Fogle), Julie Odum, William Odum's father, 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), 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, Marta Torres, 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 #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, Merlene Stoker, and Gaylen & Nichole Williams.

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.

CHILDREN SAVE THE DATE: Save the date for October 27. We will be traveling to the Robinson Family Farm & Pumpkin Patch in Temple, TX. We will leave here from the building at 10:00 am. Admission is \$5 each and children 2 & under are free. The farm has hay rides, bounce pads, trains, games, crafts & more! Please see Gaylen Williams for more information and sign up in the foyer.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS FOOD DONATIONS TO THE KILLEEN FOOD CARE CENTER! 101 meal helpers were contributed!

GREAT JOB! As of October 7, a total of \$600 has been collected for Bibles to give to the boys under John Carter's care (Dan Carter's son) at the New Mexico Christian Home, in Portales, NM. We will continue to collect until October 28. If you would like to contribute to this mission, please see any of the elders or Dan Carter.

WELCOME!
***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 & Family Counseling**

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

For more information go to our website www.kcofc.org, or scan the QR code with your phone's camera or QR app.

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OCTOBER

21-Foster's Home for Children Drive will begin.

21-Banquet honoring our Widows & Widowers.

27-Children's trip to Robinson Family Farm & Pumpkin Patch in Temple, TX.

NOVEMBER

3-Men's breakfast at the Killeen Golden Corral, 8:30 am.

4-Fellowship Luncheon following morning service in the Fellowship Hall. Kitchen Group #3 will have kitchen duties (Joyce Brown, Janet Bass, Natalie Fisher, Carla Heginbotham, Donna Hines, & Beverly Williams).