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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*



Several times throughout Paul's writings, he references open doors – opportunities that the Lord made available to him during his ministry (I Cor. 16:9, II Cor. 2:12, Col. 4:3). As praying Christian women, whether we use the phrase or not, we often pray for open doors. We pray for job openings when seeking employment, we pray for doctors and appointments with specialists when seeking treatment for loved ones, and hopefully, like

Paul, we pray for opportunities to teach lost souls and share the gospel (Col. 4:2-3). After we pray for these things, then what? We know that God doesn't work, providentially, on our timeline. We know that He answers according to His will, which at times is "no," even though (in our humanity) we were hoping for "yes." Sometimes, however, the door may be wide open, and we just miss it! Particularly concerning seeking the lost, consider these reasons why we may miss opportunities.

I close my eyes.

Of course my eyes aren't physically closed, but they might be blinded by the busyness of life. My heart is in the right place because I'm seeking opportunities, but I don't see them because I'm distracted. Somewhere along the line, we've learned to equate increased busyness (particularly in good, spiritual activities) with elevated faithfulness. Yet, Psalm 46:10 tells us where to find God; in the stillness. Could it be that opportunities to share the Gospel are more easily seen in the stillness, as well?

[Tweet "Somewhere along the line, we've learned to equate increased busyness with elevated faithfulness."]

It doesn't fit with my plan.

I often wonder if Paul was a planner, or if after so many twists and turns in his life, he just learned to go with the flow. It's interesting the number of times he wrote of his wishes and hopes to visit a certain person or tarry in a certain place. Yet, we know that things didn't always turn out just the way he wanted. The open doors that Paul prayed for, and took, didn't always align with his desires, but they lead to the path where the most good could be accomplished. When I pray for opportunities to teach lost souls, am I (as a planner) truly willing to lay aside my schedule and aspirations?

I'm looking for the easiest road.

Often times we equate the best path with the easiest path. "Of course this is what God wants, because I didn't have to jump through any hurdles," we reason. Yet, Paul, clearly seeking to do the will of the Lord, recognized a wonderful opportunity in I Corinthians 16:9 that contained "many adversaries." It may be that easy paths lead to wonderful occasions to share the gospel, and we should certainly take them. But, how many times have I overlooked a soul-saving opportunity because there were a few obstacles in the way?

The future of the church is dependent upon us doing our duty today; planting and watering the seed in the hearts of lost souls. As we prayerfully search for these open doors, may we each have the willingness and discipline to open our eyes, adjust our plans, and jump over hurdles! God is for us. Let's not let ourselves get in the way. Don't miss the open doors.

Baker, Kathryn. "Don't Miss the Open Door." *Come Fill Your Cup*, 25 July 2016, comefillyourcup.com/2016/07/19/dont-miss-the-open-door/.

From the Desk of Dan Carter

SAME DAY: DAY IN AND DAY OUT

This was an old saying when I was a kid. It is to say that nothing really changes. It just turns on its circuits and comes another day! Isn't that what a wise man said many years ago? Listen:

"The wind goes toward the south, and turns about to the north; it whirls about continually, and returns again according to its circuits. All things are full of labor. The thing that has been, is that shall be; and there is no new thing under the sun"-Eccl. 1:6-9.

Things just continue as they have always been. We occupy the same ground that our grandparents walked upon. And, we commit the same trespasses as did they!

I was awakened to the sound of rain falling on the roof this morning. I never wondered what it was; I knew! Rain comes and rain goes. Heat comes and heat goes. All the rivers run into the sea, yet the sea is not filled, for the place from whence they came, they return...to run back into the sea again! Now, that does not show my wisdom--Solomon said that a long time ago! Fact is we are here for a short time, then we move on. What has happened will happen again. The sun will rise, the sun will set! Winter comes, winter goes! It is the same old world.

Tell you something else; man does not change. We may change our places of abode. We may wear different types of clothing. We may shave our heads, or let the hair grow, but we are still the same human beings which have been place on this planet by our maker.

Because of sin having come to dwell with us, and, we giving allegiance to it, have encountered great hurts and burdens for ourselves and our fellows. Because of the sin problem, we live with many hurts and tribulations. The devil walks among us (I Peter 5:8), and desires to have us love this present world, of which he is god (2 Cor.4:4). All death, disease, and ruin of our lives, are traced to sin. Sin brings death (Rom.6:23).

The need of all mankind is the Savior. He is our only hope. All things will continue as they have until God calls an end to this place and it will be burned up. Only those who have turned to Him with their whole heart will escape destruction.

Jesus said: *"I am the Way, Truth and Life"-John 14:6.* If man ever expects to be at peace, he must turn from the evil world, and turn to Christ. There is no other way.

One day, this world, as we know it, will be destroyed. It is coming. It will happen...God said so! Only those who follow Him will be happy.

Please make that decision today.



Old Testament Chapter Study (In Chronological Order)

- 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
- Day 160 - Proverbs 19-21
- Day 161 - Proverbs 22-24
- Day 162 - 1 Kings 5-6; 2 Chronicles 2-3
- Day 163 - 1 Kings 7; 2 Chronicles 4
- Day 164 - 1 Kings 8; 2 Chronicles 5
- Day 165 - 2 Chronicles 6-7; Psalm 136
- Day 166 - Psalm 134, 146-150
- Day 167 - 1 Kings 9; 2 Chronicles 8
- Day 168 - Proverbs 25-26
- Day 169 - Proverbs 27-29
- Day 170 - Ecclesiastes 1-6
- Day 171 - Ecclesiastes 7-12
- Day 172 - 1 Kings 10-11; 2 Chronicles 9
- Day 173 - Proverbs 30-31
- Day 174 - 1 Kings 12-14
- Day 175 - 2 Chronicles 10-12
- Day 176 - 1 Kings 15:1-24; 2 Chronicles 13-16
- Day 177 - 1 Kings 15:25-34; 1 Kings 16:1-34; 2 Chronicles 17
- Day 178 - 1 Kings 17-19
- Day 179 - 1 Kings 20-21
- Day 180 - 1 Kings 22; 2 Chronicles 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
NOVEMBER 18, 2018:**

PARKING LOT DUTY: JOHN HOBSON

HALL MONITOR: ROGER DEEM

AUDIO/VIDEO SYSTEMS FOR NOVEMBER:
PATRICK SELLERS

ANNOUNCEMENTS: DENNIS MARLER

SONG DIRECTOR: GAYLEN WILLIAMS

COMMUNION:
(NORTH) BOYCE EDWARDS, JACOB BRYANT
CHARLES CULVER, DERREL HEGINBOTHAM

(SOUTH) ANDRE PETTAWAY, TREVOR HEILMAN
BRUCE BROWN, JIM DUKES

SCRIPTURE READING: MARVIN FLETCHER

PICK UP CARDS: COREY & CHASE CULVER

PRAYERS:
(A.M.) LEE FISHER, AL WILSON
(P.M.) ZACK PETTIES, JOHN LLEWELLYN

NURSERY ATTENDANTS (A.M.):
CHERYL FLORES & VICTORIA POLANCO

EVENING SONG DIRECTOR: REGGIE BASS

EVENING COMMUNION:
GAYLEN WILLIAMS, JIM DUKES

TUESDAY SONG LEADER: ZACK PETTIES
(SINGING NIGHT)

TUESDAY PRAYER: MARVIN FLETCHER

PREPARE COMMUNION FOR NOVEMBER:
VICTORIA POLANCO



**THOSE TO SERVE THE WEEK OF
NOVEMBER 25, 2018:**

PARKING LOT DUTY: BRUCE BROWN

HALL MONITOR: MARVIN FLETCHER

AUDIO/VIDEO SYSTEMS FOR NOVEMBER:
PATRICK SELLERS
AUDIO/VIDEO SYSTEMS FOR DECEMBER:
JACOB BRYANT

ANNOUNCEMENTS: DAN CARTER

SONG DIRECTOR: REGGIE BASS

COMMUNION:
(NORTH) ROGER DEEM, REY CRUZ
CHARLES CULVER, JOHN LLEWELLYN

(SOUTH) JACOB BRYANT, DENNIS MARLER
JIM DUKES, JOHN HOBSON

SCRIPTURE READING: GIANNI GRIFFITH

PICK UP CARDS: BO & COOPER BRYANT

PRAYERS:
(A.M.) ZACK PETTIES, DAN CARTER
(P.M.) DERREL HEGINBOTHAM, JAMES GARNER

NURSERY ATTENDANTS (A.M.):
BRENDA SELLERS & SANDRA MARLER

EVENING SONG DIRECTOR: ZACK PETTIES

EVENING COMMUNION:
ROGER DEEM, TREVOR HEILMAN

WEDNESDAY SONG LEADER:
GAYLEN WILLIAMS

WEDNESDAY PRAYER: JOHN LLEWELLYN

PREPARE COMMUNION FOR NOVEMBER:
VICTORIA POLANCO

PREPARE COMMUNION FOR DECEMBER:
BEVERLY WILLIAMS & DONNA HINES

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

REMEMBER OUR MILITARY: Please keep Tracy Wilson's son, Zane Wilson in your prayers as he is deployed. -Kingsford Asare is on a training mission. Please keep him in your prayers.

OUR SICK: Trudy Perrault's daughter, Carol, had surgery to remove her kidney and gall stones and a stint placed in her bladder for two weeks. Please keep her in your prayers.

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & HOMEBOUND: Brenda Sellers' sister (Jessie Gilcrest), Billye Hughes, Merlene Stoker, Dora Ray Chanslor, Donna Hines's friend's granddaughter (2 year-old Kylie Pruitt), Willard Dunn, Jean Basco, Heather Heilman's co-worker's son (Jordan Davis), Archie & Jessi Turner, Mary Ann Culp, Mildred Butlar, former members (Gene and Penny Fogle), Julie Odum, William Odum's father & uncle, Ralph Hughart's sister-in-law (Carol Hughart), David Shilling, Judy Wall's sister-in-law, (Gail Scott) & brother (Don Scott), Millie Simcox, Jim Dukes' sister (Marie Session), Lois Brown, Alice Allison, Garnie & Nada Miller, Shawn Forkey, 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, Linda Walts, Tina Pallo, 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: The Visitation Ministry will be postponed until December 2.

FOSTER'S HOME FOR CHILDREN DRIVE: We are collecting gallon-sized zip locked storage & freezer bags until the week of November 25. These items can be placed in the foyer.

HOLIDAY BASKETS: Please join us as we prepare holiday baskets for our bereaved on Saturday, December 1, at 9:30 am, in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to donate to this effort, please see Lee Fisher.

LADIES HOLIDAY FELLOWSHIP: Kitty Kacir will host a Ladies Fellowship at her home on Thursday, December 13, at 6:00 pm. Ladies, please bring a wrapped ornament and your favorite holiday dish for a potluck.



The boys at the New Mexico Christian Home, in Portales, NM, are very grateful for the Bibles that were given to them! Thank you so much for your generosity and Christian love!

WELCOME!
**Our speaker for today is Dan Carter.*

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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NOVEMBER

19-23-The secretary will be on vacation.

20-Midweek Singing Devotional @ 6:00 PM.

21-23-The office will be closed in observance of the Thanksgiving Day holiday.

25-Foster's Home for Children Drive will end.

DECEMBER

1-Holiday Baskets to be prepared for our benevolent starting at 9:30 am, in the Fellowship Hall.

13-Ladies Fellowship at the home of Kitty Kacir starting at 6:00 pm..