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*Foster's Home
For Children
Stephenville, TX*

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Children's Home
San Benito, TX*

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*

THE INCREDIBLE COURAGE OF DAVID!

- Shepherds Notes By Boyce Edwards

What a pathetic sight it was when David made his way from shepherding his daddy's sheep to the valley of Elah. Not a single soldier from the army of Israel would step forward and take up the challenge to meet the giant called, Goliath, on the battlefield. Goliath is described as a man of war from his youth, and had a height of somewhere near ten feet tall-see I Samuel 17:4 & 33. The soldiers of Israel including king Saul were dismayed and greatly afraid, and no one would take up the giant's challenge-see vs. 8-11.

We're not told of the age of David at the time of the battle, but it well could have been that David was still under the age of twenty-see Numbers 1:3 & 42. I sometimes characterize him as a young man who still had "peach fuzz" on his face. He is said to be a "youth," and was the youngest son of Jesse-see vs.12-14, 33, & 42.

When David viewed the battlefield context, he was enraged and said, *"Who is this uncircumcised Philistine that he should defy the armies of the living God?"-v.26*. His oldest brother accused him of having pride and naughtiness in his heart, but his reply was, *"Is there not a cause?"-vs. 28 & 29*. David's answer to Eliab evidently meant, *"Is there not justification for me to step out on the battlefield and fight this one who defies God and His army?"* And, indeed there was!

When David got to Saul, he said to him, *"Let no man's heart fail because of him; thy servant will fight with this Philistine"-v. 32*. King Saul objected to young David going against the seasoned man of war, but David told Saul of God delivering him from a lion and a bear when he tended his father's sheep. He then said to king Saul, *"The Lord that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, he will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine"-v. 37*.

David, though armed with only his sling and 5 stones, was unafraid as he walked out on the battlefield to meet Goliath-see vs. 40-44. He said to Goliath, *"This day will the Lord deliver thee into mine hand; and I will smite thee, and take thine head from thee; and will give the carcasses of the host of the Philistines this day unto the fowls of the air, and to the wild beasts of the earth; that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel. And all the assembly shall know that the Lord saveth not with sword and spear: for the battle is the Lord's, and he will give you into our hands"-vs. 46 & 47*.

As one reads the rest of the chapter he will find that's exactly what God did! David's key to victory was that he trusted in God; not his accuracy, or speed in throwing the stone! He wasn't afraid because he trusted in the one true and living God! There are way too many cowards today in God's church who are afraid to stand up to the wicked Goliath's who are doing everything they can to destroy the church! God, give us more men of faith and courage like David! God bless and keep always, Boyce.

From the Desk of Dan Carter

IF THE SKIES ABOVE YOU ARE GRAY

Often we find ourselves in the dumps. We have had a bad day. We just feel down, depressed, and rung out. You know what I mean. The cares of the road can get you down.

The statement that heads this article is the beginning of a familiar old song. It then says: "You Are Feeling So Blue, If Your Cares And Burdens Seem Great, All The Whole Day Thru, There's A Silver Lining That Shines, In The Heavenly Land, Look By Faith And See It My Friend, Trust In His Promises Grand!"

Our Brother, Galen, led this as we were being dismissed last Sunday Night. A beautiful song! I Love It! We all have our struggles and hurts in life, but the answer, the only answer, is "Trust In God!"

Believing Our Lord And Trusting His Word Will Bring Us To A Peace That This Old World Cannot Give!

I want to show you a statement of the Lord's. Listen to it closely: *"My Peace Give I Unto You: NOT AS THE WORLD GIVES, Give I Unto You. Let Not Your Heart Be Troubled, Neither Let It Be Afraid"*-John 14:27. Then, we must absorb this verse: *"Trust In The Lord With All Your Heart; And Lean Not Upon Your Own Understanding"*-Proverbs 3:5.

That says it all; we must have faith, dear brethren. We must look to a power greater than self. James says, *"Submit Yourselves To God, Resist The Devil, And He Will Flee From You"* -James 4:7. The Key Word here is: Submit! God must always come first! Hard days come to God's People. We will suffer! We will go through many rough days. But, those that hold to the faith will be victorious!

So, If The Sky Is Gray, If We Are Feeling Blue...Remember, there is a silver-lining! We will always be winners, with Christ!

Have Faith! Hang In There! Once This Is Over, We Will Wonder Why We Fretted So!



Old Testament Chapter Study (In Chronological Order)

- Day 181 - 2 Chronicles 19-23
- Day 182 - Obadiah; Psalm 82-83
- Day 183 - 2 Kings 1-4
- Day 184 - 2 Kings 5-8
- Day 185 - 2 Kings 9-11
- Day 186 - 2 Kings 12-13; 2 Chronicles 24
- Day 187 - 2 Kings 14; 2 Chronicles 25
- Day 188 - Jonah 1-4
- Day 189 - 2 Kings 15; 2 Chronicles 26
- Day 190 - Isaiah 1-4
- Day 191 - Isaiah 5-8
- Day 192 - Amos 1-5
- Day 193 - Amos 6-9
- Day 194 - 2 Chronicles 27; Isaiah 9-12
- Day 195 - Micah 1-7
- Day 196 - 2 Chronicles 28; 2 Kings 16-17
- Day 197 - Isaiah 13-17
- Day 198 - Isaiah 18-22
- Day 199 - Isaiah 23-27
- Day 200 - 2 Kings 18:1-8; 2 Chronicles 29-31; Psalm 48
- Day 201 - Hosea 1-7

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

THE HANDWRITING ON THE WALL-AM Sermon

Daniel 5:5 & 6, 24-28

I. The writing on the wall to Balshazzar

II. God’s figurative handwriting on the wall to other men.

III. CONCLUSION

A. In reality, Belshazzar wrote the handwriting on the wall against himself!

B. What kind of handwriting is being written on the wall about you and me?

**HANDWRITING ON THE WALL THAT’S GOOD!
-PM Sermon**

I. My experience has been that the phrase “handwriting on the wall” is used in a positive sense too!

A. There had to have been good handwriting on the wall about John the Baptist as he grew up!

B. Wasn’t there good handwriting on the wall for Timothy as he was taught by two godly women?

C. There was good handwriting on the wall for the prodigal son when he came to himself!

**THOSE TO SERVE THE WEEK OF
DECEMBER 9, 2018:**

PARKING LOT DUTY: JOHN HOBSON

HALL MONITOR: MARVIN FLETCHER

AUDIO/VIDEO SYSTEMS FOR DECEMBER:
JACOB BRYANT

ANNOUNCEMENTS: DAN CARTER

SONG DIRECTOR: GAYLEN WILLIAMS

COMMUNION:
(NORTH) LEE FISHER, ROGER DEEM
CHARLES CULVER, REGGIE BASS

(SOUTH) DENNIS MARLER, TREVOR HEILMAN
BRUCE BROWN, PATRICK SELLERS

SCRIPTURE READING: ANDRE PETTAWAY

PICK UP CARDS: BO & COOPER BRYANT

PRAYERS:
(A.M.) ZACK PETTIES, DERREL HEGINBOTHAM
(P.M.) TREVOR HEILMAN, ROGER DEEM

NURSERY ATTENDANTS (A.M.):
AMANDA PETTIES & NATALIE FISHER

EVENING SONG DIRECTOR: REGGIE BASS

EVENING COMMUNION:
DENNIS MARLER, ROGER DEEM

WEDNESDAY SONG LEADER: ZACK PETTIES

WEDNESDAY PRAYER: REY CRUZ

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 deployed to the border. Please keep him in your prayers.

OUR SICK: Jean Basco is recovering from a second stroke. Please keep her in your prayers.

-Jim Duke's sister is in the hospital in Florida. Please keep her in your prayers.

-Jerdene Williams' friend and member in Oklahoma City, Hunter Rhodes, has been diagnosed with cancer and will have four months of treatment to endure. Please keep him in your prayers, he is also a doctor.

-Former member, Tommy Bailey's mother, Nancy Pyron, is recovering from a fall and has had to be placed in a nursing facility. Her address is posted in the south hallway for anyone who would like to send cards or flowers.

-Brenda Sellers' sister, Jessie Gilcrest, had to be placed in a nursing facility to recover from her previous surgery. Please keep her in your prayers.

-Donna Hines's friend's granddaughter, 2 year-old Kylie Pruitt, is currently hospitalized for an infection. Please keep her in your prayers.

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & HOMEBOUND:

Connie Cruz, Nelda Cox, Jim Dukes, Julie Odum, James Garner, Billye Hughes, Merlene Stoker, Dora Ray Chanslor, 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), 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's 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), 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.

REJOICE! We rejoice for our new sisters in Christ, Tanja and Tiffany Arch, who were baptized last Sunday after having bible studies with Josephine Spears. We also rejoice for our new members, Donna McClenan-Weaver and Josephine Spears who placed membership here last Sunday! Please welcome and encourage these sisters and keep them in your prayers.

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.

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

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 And Family Counseling

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

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DECEMBER

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

24-25-Office will be closed for the Christmas holiday.

31-January 1-Office will be closed for the New Year holiday.

MERRY CHRISTMAS
&
HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!