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*"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*

"OBEY IT, AND TEACH IT"

Shepherds Notes by Zack Petties

A certain study indicates that Christians worldwide are simply becoming too busy for God. Christians from 139 countries at the rate of 4 in 10 say they "often," or "always" rush from task to task at work. This busy life is found to be a distraction from God among Christians around the globe. About 6 in 10 Christians say that it's often, or always true that the busyness of life gets in the way of developing their relationship with God! Christians are becoming more vulnerable to adopting secular assumptions about how to live, school, work, children, and relationships which could lead to a hurry up and overload cycle. People are needing to hear the Gospel-Romans 10:17. Christians need to be deeply involved in going throughout the world and teaching all nations-Matt. 28:19.

The Israelites had great thrill above reproach before entering into the Promised Land in Joshua 3:9. They were over joyed with a hasty attitude that obscured their focus on God. The fast pace, fast living, and the ideal of keeping up with society can keep Christians detracted from their service to God! Felix the governor of Judaea stated in Acts 24: 25, *"Go thy way for this time; when I have a convenient season, I will call for thee."* In Acts 24:22, we learn when Felix heard Paul's message, he had a more perfect knowledge of "that way." Some, like Felix, have a accurate understanding of The Christian Faith. The Gospel can cause one to tremble, it is startling, it can strike terror into the heart of the most proud and foolhardy sinner! Many people are startled by the word of God, but are not effectively changed by it! Many are in fear of the awareness and consequences of their sin! This is how Satan, the adversary, can influence one to stay away, or avoid any contact with the word of God! Busying one's self with the fear that exposes awareness and consequences of sin while remaining in it, can cause everlasting separation from God! People who have dropped their guard could be lost for ever! Mark 1:1 shows excitement of receiving the Gospel to the point of telling that Jesus is the true Son of God!

Matt. 6:33 says, *"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."* The verb indicates a continual or constant seeking!

The Christian's first concern is to seek first the righteousness that is symbolic of God's kingdom and then all of the material things shall be added unto him. In 1 John 1:9, *"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."* Sin must be dealt with! It is a fact, and the correct way of dealing with sin is not to deny it, but to acknowledge it, and allow God to cleanse it! Whether we have obeyed the gospel or not, we should never allow ourselves to be too busy for God!

In Love,
Brother Petties

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.

Super Job to Gabriela Cruz (former members Rey & Connie Cruz's granddaughter), Aristine Fletcher (Marvin & Christina Fletcher's daughter & Jerdene Williams' granddaughter), and Gianni Griffith (Traelyan's son & Lee & Natalie Fisher's grandson) for achieving the Honor Roll!



From the Desk of Dan Carter

LIVING IN THE PAST

In Philippians 3:13, Paul wrote: *"Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: But this one thing I do, Forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching to those things which are before, I press toward the mark of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."*

I would suppose that all of us, from time to time, live in the past. It is hard not to do. Our minds wander back. We have joys, and regrets, of the past. It is a part of our lives and hard to forget.

Paul remembered the past as well. In fact, he reminds us, from time to time, how he had persecuted the church of Christ in his anger. He, however, changed his life and became the persecuted, rather than the persecutor. Paul had much to forget. He did not allow it to stop him from his appointment: He gave his life to teaching Christ. He did not allow the past to stop him. This was his meaning in Philippians three.

Now, this is a good lesson for us. Living in the past, saps your energy for today. We need to focus on what we can do, not what we should have done. The rest of our life lies ahead. We need to focus on moving forward for Christ with our whole hearts. This was Paul's meaning in the verse.

Now, what can we do? Set your goal and reach for it. Let all you do be focused on the glory of Christ. Let Him live in you. You be His hands; His feet; His desire, to do the Father's Will.

This year can be the greatest yet. We can all reach forward together. We can do many things to bring honor and glory to His name.

Remember these words: *"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me"*-Philippians 4:13. And, here is another verse: *"Let all you do, be done in the name of the Lord"*-Colossians 3:17.

I see much being accomplished this year, if we put the kingdom first (Matthew 6:33). There are many souls to be brought to Christ; there are many brothers and sisters, needing encouragement. We can pull together and accomplish much for Christ in 2019.

The life of the apostle Paul is one of the greatest examples to be found for one setting his affections on the Above, not of things of the Earth. He was willing to spend, and be spent, for the cause of Christ.

Actually, this is the only thing that really counts, isn't it? A life lived in Faith; a life devoted to Christ; and, a life in

service to others. Let the past be a teaching tool for present. Use it to grow. Use it to profit. Correct what you can, and move on. David is a good example. He regretted what he had done and he begged for forgiveness. He then set his head to live the rest of his days after God's Heart.

This is exactly what we should do. Living on sour lemons of the past will give you sour taste for the future. Be done with it. Reach forward; be a conqueror through Christ.



Old Testament Chapter Study (In Chronological Order)

- Day 223 - Jeremiah 14-17
- Day 224 - Jeremiah 18-22
- Day 225 - Jeremiah 23-25
- Day 226 - Jeremiah 26-29
- Day 227 - Jeremiah 30-31
- Day 228 - Jeremiah 32-34
- Day 229 - Jeremiah 35-37
- Day 230 - Jeremiah 38-40; Psalm 74, 79
- Day 231 - 2 Kings 24-25; 2 Chronicles 36
- Day 232 - Habakkuk 1-3
- Day 233 - Jeremiah 41-45
- Day 234 - Jeremiah 46-48
- Day 235 - Jeremiah 49-50
- Day 236 - Jeremiah 51-52
- Day 237 - Lamentations 1; Lamentations 2; Lamentations 3:1-36
- Day 238 - Lamentations 3:37-66; Lamentations 4; Lamentations 5:1-22
- Day 239 - Ezekiel 1-4
- Day 240 - Ezekiel 5-8
- Day 241 - Ezekiel 9-12
- Day 242 - Ezekiel 13-15
- Day 243 - Ezekiel 16-17
- Day 244 - Ezekiel 18-19
- Day 245 - Ezekiel 20-21
- Day 246 - Ezekiel 22-23
- Day 247 - Ezekiel 24-27
- Day 248 - Ezekiel 28-31
- Day 249 - Ezekiel 32-34
- Day 250 - Ezekiel 35-37

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

**LESSONS FROM THE FEET OF JESUS, #1
AM SERMON**

I. We learn of the mercy and compassion of the Lord.

Matthew 15:30; Matthew 15:22; Matthew 9:36.

A. Mercy (eleos) means to have a feeling of sympathy towards misery; and then it refers to active compassion with a desire to relieve the afflicted.

B. Compassion (splanchnizomai) means to be moved with one's inward parts towards those afflicted and suffering.

Question: Would the Lord leave the 99 sheep in the wilderness and go and search after the one lost sheep until He found it? See Luke 15:3-6; Luke 19:10; Matthew 10:6; I Timothy 1:15; Ephesians 2:4 & 5.

Read Ezekiel 16:1-8 and see if you can't make application to God's mercy being applied to you when you were baptized into Christ!

II. From the feet of Jesus, we learn to worship Him! Matthew 28:9.

A. The wise men fell down and worshipped Jesus when He was a baby-Matthew 2:11.

B. A leper worshipped the Lord and asked to be cleansed by him-Matthew 8:2.

C. Jairus worshipped the Lord and asked Him to come and lay his hand on his daughter so she would live-Matthew 9:18.

D. After the Lord stilled the storm, the apostles worshipped Him-Matthew 14:33 and context.

E. James and John and their mother (the wife of Zebedee) worshipped the Lord when she asked the Lord for a special place for James and John in the kingdom-Matthew 20:20 & 21.

F. Luke 24:51-53.

G. The four living creatures, twenty four elders, and the thousands of angels are pictured as worshipping God and the Lamb-see Revelation 4:10 & 11; 5:12 & 13.

H. When Jesus was born, God said, "Let all the angels worship him"-Hebrews 1:6.

I. Jesus said, "But in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men"-Matthew 15:9.

J. John 4:23.

K. Worship was extremely important for the Ethiopian eunuch, because he had traveled hundreds of miles to worship God in Jerusalem-see Acts 8:27.

L. Men are not to worship other men! (Acts 10:25 & 26).

M. Christians ought to be characterized as "worshippers of God"-see Acts 18:7.

III. At the feet of Jesus, we learn of His death, the cross, the shedding of His blood, His love, and His perfect sacrifice!

Luke 24:38-40.

A. His love-John 3:16; Romans 5:6-8; I Timothy 2:6.

B. His sacrifice-Isaiah 53:5-8; Isaiah 53:10-12.

C. His blood-Matthew 26:28; Romans 3:25.

**THOSE TO SERVE THE WEEK OF
JANUARY 27, 2019:**

PARKING LOT DUTY: ROGER DEEM

HALL MONITOR: MARVIN FLETCHER

AUDIO/VIDEO SYSTEMS FOR JAN/FEB:
PATRICK SELLERS

ANNOUNCEMENTS: DENNIS MARLER

SONG DIRECTOR: REGGIE BASS

COMMUNION:

(NORTH) GAYLEN WILLIAMS, TREVOR HEILMAN
KINGSFORD ASARE, GIANNI GRIFFITH

(SOUTH) ZACK PETTIES, BRUCE BROWN
CHARLES CULVER, RUFAS BROWN

SCRIPTURE READING: ANDRE PETTAWAY

PICK UP CARDS: COREY & CHASE CULVER

PRAYERS:

(A.M.) LEE FISHER, JOHN LLEWELLYN

(P.M.) ZACK PETTIES, DERREL HEGINBOTHAM

NURSERY ATTENDANTS (A.M.):

GAYLE & TRACY WILSON

EVENING SONG DIRECTOR:

GAYLEN WILLIAMS

EVENING COMMUNION:

TREVOR HEILMAN, ROGER DEEM

WEDNESDAY SONG LEADER:

TYLER CUTTS

WEDNESDAY PRAYER: REGGIE BASS

PREPARE COMMUNION FOR JANUARY:

NATALIE FISHER

PREPARE COMMUNION FOR FEBRUARY:

BARBARA HUGHART

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

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

OUR SICK: Merlene Stoker is recovering from heart & kidney complications. Please keep her in your prayers.

-Trudy Perrault's daughter, Trudy, will have a tonsillectomy & adenoidectomy on February 7. Please keep her in your prayers.

-Rikki Martin's grandmother is recovering from an aneurism in either the aorta or mental artery. There was mass found on her kidney as well. Please keep her in your prayers.

PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & HOMEBOUND: Gaylen Williams' sister (NuRucha), Merlene Stoker, War Mobley's sister, Jim Dukes' sister (Marie Sessions), Brenda Sellers' sister (Jessie Gilcrest), Barbara Robinson, Jane Farris, Gaylen Williams' co-worker (Cynthia), Tyler Cutts' grandfather, Julie Odum, Jean Basco, Jerdene Williams' friend (Hunter Rhodes), Donna Hines's friend's granddaughter (2 year-old Kylie Pruitt), James Garner & his wife (Tammy), Billye Hughes, Dora Ray Chanslor, Willard Dunn, Heather Heilman's co-worker's son (Jordan Davis), Archie & Jessi Turner, Mary Ann Culp, 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), Lois Brown, Alice Allison, Garnie & Nada Miller, Shawn Forkey, Trudy Perrault's granddaughter (Lieda), great grandson (Jesse), & her daughters (Trudy & Carol), 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), and Shirl Foster. Please keep these members and loved ones in your prayers as they battle health problems.

SYMPATHY: We wish to extend our sympathy to Angela Thomas' sister, Jesslyn Bradford, on the loss of her son, Brandon Bradford, who died suddenly at the age of 31 on January 18. Her address is posted in the foyer for anyone who would like to send sympathy or encouragement cards.

-We wish to extend our sympathy to Christopher & Rikki Martin on the loss of their close friend in Hawaii. Please keep them in your prayers.

-We wish to extend our sympathy to the family of Don Walker, who was the director of Southwest School of Preaching. He passed away on January 24. Please keep this family 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.

FELLOWSHIP POTLUCK LUNCHEON: Join us for our monthly Fellowship Potluck Luncheon on Sunday, February 3, following the morning service in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring casseroles, meat dishes, vegetables, and desserts. Kitchen Group #2 will have kitchen duties: (Judy Wall, Tonja Archer, Linda Deem, Cheryl Flores, Betty Knight, Dennis & Sandra Marler, and Josephine Spear).

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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☞FEBRUARY☞

- 2-Men's breakfast at the Killeen Golden Corral, 8:30 am.**
- 3-Fellowship Luncheon after morning service. Group #2 will have kitchen duties.**
- 3-Elders & deacons meeting at 1:30 pm in the fellowship hall (following the Fellowship Luncheon).**
- 6-Singing Night**
- 16-Ladies Day at the Youngsport church of Christ.**
- 17-Ladies Bible Study @ 3:30 pm, in the fellowship hall.**
- 18-Office will be closed for the President's Day holiday.**