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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*



Paul's letter to the Philippiian church is short and sweet. It can very easily be read in one sitting. In fact, with books as short as Philippians, I like to read them twice in one sitting. If you do that, you may just pick up on something you missed the first time. That's exactly what happened to me this week. Everyone knows Paul says a lot about joy and rejoicing in Philippians, but here is another theme you may have missed

in Philippians.

What is Fellowship

Unfortunately, when we think about "fellowship" we typically think about sitting around talking to one another or sharing a meal with each other. Now don't get me wrong, sharing a meal together and visiting is an incredibly important part of being a Christian family, but there is far more to real fellowship than that.

The Greek word we translate "fellowship" is "koinonia" and the word meant something like partnership. In the first-century world, to be in fellowship with someone meant to be partners with them in some joint effort. Sharing a meal with someone might have implied to others that two people were in fellowship, but the meal wasn't their fellowship. Their fellowship was a deep and intimate partnership.

Paul's Fellowship with the Philippians

Paul uses the word "koinonia" (and other closely related words) throughout his letter to the Philippians, but it is translated with various English words like partnership, participation, and sharing. For Paul, his fellowship with the Philippiian church was all about the fact that they were partnering with him to share the Good News about Jesus with the world.

They partnered with Paul both in their financial support and in their prayers. Paul very much believed that when someone was praying for him, they were helping his missionary work to succeed. He believed strongly that the prayers of the Philippians would help him get out of prison.

There was nothing in the world more important to the apostle Paul than to proclaim the Good News of Jesus. The people closest to his heart, those for whom he had the most affection, were those who shared that vision. His appreciation boiled over for those who "labored side by side with [him] in the gospel," those he called "fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life."

Paul's love for the church in Philippi wasn't based on how many potlucks they had shared together, but on the fact that they were committed to helping him reach the world with the Good News about Jesus.

Additional Types of Fellowship

Paul also mentioned his fellowship with other partners in the gospel. Specifically, Paul talked about men like Timothy and Epaphroditus. These were men Paul considered "fellow workers" and "fellow soldiers." These were men who had often risked their lives to help Paul spread the Good News.

But there are other “fellowships” mentioned in Philippians. There is a fellowship of the Spirit. Paul encouraged the Philippians to be of one heart and mind based on their “participation in the Spirit.” In other words, the Spirit of God was partnering with the church to make them into the people He wanted them to be. The Spirit was working inside of them “to will and to work for His good pleasure,” so they could “shine as lights in the world.” Paul taught them that this partnership they shared with the Spirit, ought to impact the way they treated one another.

Another “fellowship” in Philippians is a fellowship of suffering. Paul longed to share (koinonia) in Christ’s suffering. He viewed suffering for Jesus as a way of being in deeper fellowship with Jesus. And when the church sent Paul a gift in prison, he said they were sharing in his trouble. They were in deep fellowship with him when they sacrificed of their own means to try to lift part of his burden.

Having Real Fellowship Today

There is much we can apply from this theme to the church today. Ask yourself some of these questions:

Are you in fellowship with your church family? Do you consider yourself their partner, helping them with burdens and struggles, sharing with them the responsibility of reaching your community with the Good News?

Are you in fellowship with preachers, evangelists, and missionaries? Do you partner with them by in sharing your finances and prayers to ensure their success?

Are you in fellowship with the Spirit? Do you understand that the Spirit of God wants to partner with you to change the way you think, feel, and act? Are you participating with Him so that you are a light shining in the world?

Are you in fellowship with Jesus? Do you long to share His suffering and are you sharing in the suffering of persecuted brethren throughout the world?

Spend some time today reading through Philippians. Spend some time thinking and praying about your fellowship.

I love you and God loves you,

Wes McAdams

McAdams, Wes. “What Is Real Christian Fellowship: What I Noticed When I Read Philippians.” *Radically Christian*, radicalchristian.com/what-is-real-christian-fellowship-what-i-noticed-when-i-read-philippians.

From the Desk of Dan Carter

PROVE ALL THINGS

“Prove all things; Hold fast to that which is good”

-I Thessalonians 5:21.

Paul and Silas established the work in Thessalonica on the second missionary tour. There was a synagogue there and Paul reasoned with a great number of Jews and Greeks. A number of them were obedient, but some envious Jews, stirred up the people and Paul and Silas had to leave. They then establish the work in Berea (Acts 17:1-11).

Paul was always desirous to know of the welfare of the brethren. He was able to visit some of them later on in his work and commend them to the Lord. He wrote to those brethren perhaps when he got to Corinth. This would have been one of his first letters. He wanted to know of their condition and to let them know of his love and remembrance of them.

He addresses a number of problems that he knows they will face with unbelievers, and with those who claim to be followers of Christ. In Chapter 5:21, of First Thessalonians, he says: *“Prove all things; hold fast to that which is good.”*

Every Christian should be aware of the evil one! He will ever try to destroy your faith! He will try to influence you away from the truth by the so-called friends, and even, family members! He will even use some who call themselves followers of Christ to take you away from the faith.

Here is the point: ‘How Do We Prove All Things’? How can we know if what we speak is truth? Let me give you some statements made by the Lord God which should help.

A. Study: 2 Timothy 2:15. In other words, if you read what God says, you are reading the truth! Note John 17:17.

Faith Comes From Hearing God’s Word (Romans 10:17); so if God says it, it is true! Otherwise, leave it alone. The Bible says: *“Now, those in Berea where more noble than those at Thessalonica, in that they received the Word of God With Ready Minds, and searched the scriptures to see if those things were true!”* (Acts 17:11). They looked in God’s Word To Find The Truth! Here is another statement: *“Whatsoever is not of faith, is sin!”* (Romans 14:23). So, if it is not from God, leave it alone!

B. Feelings Cannot Be Used Instead Of Truth: Often, you will hear someone say: “Well, I just feel better doing this, or that!” What if someone gave you a bottle of poison telling you it would make you feel good...would it? One cannot go on feelings in matters of religion. That is the reason we have so many churches today.

Everyone 'Feels' it is better! Feelings cannot take place of what the Bible says. The Bible exhorts: *"Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God! There are many false prophets gone out into the world"* (1 John 4:1).

I exhort you: Be Careful! The devil is going all out to destroy the faith of every Christian he can.

Here is another verse: *"He that abides not in the doctrine of Christ, has not God. If there come any unto you, and brings not this doctrine, receive him not to your house, nor bid him God speed: or, you will be partaking of his evil deeds"* (2 John 9-11).



**Old Testament Chapter Study
(In Chronological Order)**

- Day 203 - Isaiah 28-30
- Day 204 - Isaiah 31-34
- Day 205 - Isaiah 35-36
- Day 206 - Isaiah 37-39; Psalm 76
- Day 207 - Isaiah 40-43
- Day 208 - Isaiah 44-48
- Day 209 - 2 Kings 18:9-37; 2 Kings 19:1-37; Psalm 46, 80, 135
- Day 210 - Isaiah 49-53
- Day 211 - Isaiah 54-58
- Day 212 - Isaiah 59-63
- Day 213 - Isaiah 64-66
- Day 214 - 2 Kings 20-21
- Day 215 - 2 Chronicles 32-33
- Day 216 - Nahum 1-3
- Day 217 - 2 Kings 22-23; 2 Chronicles 34-35
- Day 218 - Zephaniah 1-3
- Day 219 - Jeremiah 1-3
- Day 220 - Jeremiah 4-6
- Day 221 - Jeremiah 7-9
- Day 222 - Jeremiah 10-13

*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
JANUARY 6, 2019:**

PARKING LOT DUTY: PATRICK SELLERS

HALL MONITOR: MARVIN FLETCHER

AUDIO/VIDEO SYSTEMS FOR JANUARY:
JOHN HOBSON

ANNOUNCEMENTS: DENNIS MARLER

SONG DIRECTOR: REGGIE BASS

COMMUNION:
(NORTH) ZACK PETTIES, ROGER DEEM
CHARLES CULVER, TAY HIGHTOWER

(SOUTH) JACOB BRYANT, GAYLEN WILLIAMS
RUFAS BROWN, BRUCE BROWN

SCRIPTURE READING: TREVOR HEILMAN

PICK UP CARDS: COREY & CHASE CULVER

PRAYERS:
(A.M.) ANDRE PETTAWAY, DAN CARTER
(P.M.) LEE FISHER, ROGER DEEM

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

EVENING SONG DIRECTOR:
TYLER CUTTS

EVENING COMMUNION:
ROGER DEEM, DERREL HEGINBOTHAM

WEDNESDAY SONG LEADER:
GAYLEN WILLIAMS

WEDNESDAY PRAYER: JOHN LLEWELLYN

PREPARE COMMUNION FOR JANUARY:
NATALIE FISHER

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: Barbara Robinson was admitted into Seton Hospital last week for breathing difficulties. Please keep her in your prayers.

-Jane Farris has the final stages of cancer and is under Hospice care. Please keep her in your prayers.

-Nelda Cox is recovering from congestive heart failure and pneumonia, she is at Seton Hospital, ICU #3. Please keep her in your prayers.

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & HOMEBOUND:

Gaylen Williams' co-worker (Cynthia), Tyler Cutts' grandfather, Julie Odum, Jean Basco, Jerdene Williams' friend and member in Oklahoma City (Hunter Rhodes), Donna Hines's friend's granddaughter (2 year-old Kylie Pruitt), Jim Dukes & his sister, James Garner & his wife (Tammy), Billye Hughes, Merlene Stoker, 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), Millie Simcox, 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), Shirl Foster, and Amanda Petties' nephew. Please keep these members and loved ones in your prayers as they battle health problems.

SYMPATHY: We wish to extend our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of Billie Lentz, who passed away on December 28. Please keep them in your prayers.

NEW BABY! We wish to congratulate Ellis & Jennifer Kacir on the birth of their new son, Duncan Wade Kacir, who was born on December 30th. His delighted grandmother is Kitty Kacir.

VISITATION TEAMS: The Visitation Ministry will resume the week of January 13, 2019.

FELLOWSHIP POTLUCK LUNCHEON: Join us today for our monthly Fellowship Potluck Luncheon, following the morning service in the Fellowship Hall. Kitchen Group #1 will have kitchen duties (Brenda Sellers, Martha Bell, Jessica Bryant, Kitty Kacir, & Amanda Petties).

LADIES BRUNCH & FELLOWSHIP: Ladies join us for our first Ladies Breakfast & Workday of 2019! Are we working? Nope, not this time! The purpose is for the ladies to bring ideas for the upcoming year, while fellowshiping and enjoying a potluck brunch. So ladies, bring your ideas and your favorite brunch dish to the fellowship hall Saturday, January 19th, starting at 9:30 am!

**From the staff here at the church office, we wish to thank everyone for their cards and gifts—we greatly appreciate them!*

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 And Family Counseling

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

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❧ JANUARY ❧

6-Fellowship Luncheon following the morning services. Kitchen Group #1 will have kitchen duties (Brenda Sellers, Martha Bell, Jessica Bryant, Kitty Kacir, & Amanda Petties).

19-Ladies Brunch & Fellowship @ 9:30 am, in the fellowship Hall.

20-Ladies Bible Study @ 3:30 pm, in the fellowship hall.

21-Office will be closed for the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.