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For Children
Stephenville, TX*

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Children's Home
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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*

ONE STEP AT THE TIME - Shepherds Notes by Boyce Edwards

"One step at a time, dear Savior, I cannot take any more;
The flesh is so weak and hopeless, I know not what is before.
One step at a time dear Savior, Till faith grows stronger in Thee;
One step at a time dear Savior, Till hope grows stronger in Thee."

This is the first stanza of the song that most Christians have sung hundreds of times. It has a powerful lesson that we sometimes forget-we don't mature as Christians over night! It is a process that is accomplished ONE STEP AT THE TIME! Peter reminds all Christians that at one time they were as newborn babes. *"As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby"*-I Peter 2:2. All of us are aware of the stages of growth when a tiny baby is born. Parents are so excited when it learns to turn over by itself! Soon it begins to crawl, and then it learns to stand without falling, and then, the first step is taken! All of these steps are important and celebratory, but it takes years for the little baby to become mature! There is a parallel when Christians start their walk with God! When they come up out of the waters of baptism, they are considered a spiritual baby, and God expects growth! This is why the verse is put in the form of a command, and the verb for desire (epipotesate) is an aorist imperative which is indicative of a continuous process! Christians are to "keep on, strongly desiring the milk of God's word so that growth may come!" To cease longing for the divine milk of God's word is a serious indication of spiritual decline, and will finally end in spiritual death!

As considerable time is involved in the physical realm from infancy to adulthood, this is also true in the spiritual realm. I've known of a good many faithful sisters in Christ who wore dresses that were above the knee years ago when they were young Christians; but the ones they now wear are long (spelled with about 7 o's)! For them, it was one step at a time! Years ago, as a young man and a young Christian, I enjoyed going to public swimming pools; but I've long since put that in my past history. For me, like everyone else, it was one step at the time; but the more I studied the biblical teaching about morals, lusting, modesty, and not causing others to stumble, I realized swimming in a public context was something I shouldn't do!

A point that needs to be emphasized here is that those Christians who are now spiritually mature must exercise patience and longsuffering as they encourage growth in neophyte Christians! They must remember the principle of: "Its one step at the time!" And, they mustn't demand, nor expect new Christian to be like them overnight. All the while, of course, they must be teaching God's word as they continue to encourage spiritual growth in the life of the babe in Christ!

God should be the Christian's example here, and He recognizes the different stages of spiritual growth in His sheep. *"He shall feed his flock like a shepherd; he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young"*-Isaiah 40:11. Anyone can recognize from this text that God gives special and tender care to certain of His sheep. He doesn't expect a wobbly-legged lamb to walk and run like a full grown sheep! I've been impressed for years with the text in Revelation 2:21 where we learn that the Lord gave even the wicked Jezebel "space to repent!" If the Lord gave time to such a vile and wicked person, how much more time should be given to the new-born Christians who are genuinely struggling each day to walk closer to the Lord?

May every child of God know that each step we take brings us a little closer to our eternal home in heaven; so let's keep on walking! God bless and keep-Boyce.

From the Desk of Dan Carter

KEPT IN PERFECT PEACE

Isaiah, the prophet, penned by inspiration: *"Thou Will Keep Him In Perfect Peace, Whose Mind Is Set On Thee: Because He Trusts In Thee"*-Isaiah 26:3.

Ask the average person: What Do You Desire More Than Any One Thing? The answer will be Happiness, or Peace Of Mind.

We've all been there. When it seems like we have gone to the end of the road; when there is no place to turn--we cry out: "Why, What Have I Done To Deserve This?" We all have problems. Someone rightly said: "We came into this world crying; and, we go out crying." It is like there is no end to it. Remember the problems Job faced? When he thought it was finished, then trouble came!

The loss of health; the loss of a job; the loss of a loved one; on and on the troubles seem to mount. As Christians, we have a sympathizing Savior. Hear the apostle: *"For We Have Not A High Priest That Cannot Be Touched With The Feeling Of Our Infirmities; but was in all points touched as we are, yet without sin"*-Hebrews 4:15.

Our Lord sees every tear. He has gone through hurts as all have. He stood the test--so can we! Our Lord is there, ready to succor us in our trials and hurts! He knows the hurts and pains because He suffered also. He is able to be our Comfort and Aide. "Thank You, Lord," for being there for us! So next time, take it to the Lord. Talk to the heavenly Father. Beg for His help in Christ. He hears us. Our tears go not unnoticed.

As of the past two months we have lost dear loved ones. We have tried to reassure the families that God cares. We should stand beside each other during these times. But, all in all, each of us must come to realize that our real help is from the Lord. He is the one who gives us the comfort of knowing that all will be brought to our good (Romans 8:28). He is the Great Shepherd. He cares for His sheep. He knows each one by name! He know what we need, even before we ask Him.

I have had many hurts brought against me in my short life. They have been painful. They have also been, helpful. I have learned the trust that must be given in the Lord. I have learned to lean on Him. I have learned to say, as did our Lord, "Thy Will Be Done!"

Let me close with this one last passage: *"Trust in the Lord with all your heart; lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will direct your paths"*-Proverbs 3:5.



Old Testament Chapter Study (In Chronological Order)

- 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.

THE LAW WRITTEN IN THE HEART
HEBREWS 8:10,11-AM SERMON

BACKGROUND MATERIAL

Note: Hebrews 8:7-12; Jeremiah 31:31-34.

1. First Written On Stone; Second, On The Heart.
2. Better Promises.
3. Sins Forgiven: Notice Hebrews 10:1-4.
4. Blood Shed By Christ—Once, For All!

MAJOR DIFFERENCES

1. Old Law: Moses; New Law: Christ. John 1:17.

Note: Deut. 18:18,19!

2. Better Sacrifice: Heb.10:4; John 1:29; Heb.10:19-22;
I John 1:7; Heb.9:12.

Note: I Cor. 5:7! Warning: Matthew 7:13-15!

3. New Day: Sabbath Day; First Day. Acts 20:7; I Cor. 16:1,2; Col.2:16,17.

4. Entrance Into The Family of God: Phil.3:5-9;
Col.2:11,12. Note: Acts 2:38; Gal.3:23-29!

WHAT'S A SPARROW WORTH?
MATTHEW 10:29-31-PM SERMON

WHAT SAITH THE SCRIPTURE

NOTE: Psa.34:3-8; Proverbs 30:5; 2 Tim. 3:10-12; I Cor. 10:13.

Faith Is Trust; Confidence. We Either Accept His Word,
Or We Reject Him!

Lessons From the Sparrows

1. Little Sparrows are insignificant. It is a wonder they had any price.
2. But, God Views Them Different.
3. He Is Aware When The Least Falls To The Earth—No Matter How Insignificant!

LESSONS TO LEARN

1. Every Soul Is Known By The Heavenly Father! Hebrews 12:9; Eccl.12:7.
2. He Watches For Our Physical/Material Needs! Matthew 6:30; Heb.13:5; Phil.4:19.
3. He Supplies Our Spiritual Needs! Eph.1:3; Matt.11:28,29;
I Cor.10:13; I Pet.5:7.

THOSE TO SERVE THE WEEK OF
FEBRUARY 3, 2019:

PARKING LOT DUTY: BRUCE BROWN

HALL MONITOR: JACOB BRYANT

AUDIO/VIDEO SYSTEMS FOR FEBRUARY:
PATRICK SELLERS

ANNOUNCEMENTS: LEE FISHER

SONG DIRECTOR: GAYLEN WILLIAMS

COMMUNION:
(NORTH) ROGER DEEM, ANDRE PETTAWAY
TAY HIGHTOWER, TYLER CUTTS

(SOUTH) DENNIS MARLER, TREVOR HEILMAN
CHARLES CULVER, RUFAS BROWN

SCRIPTURE READING: JOHN LLEWELLYN

PICK UP CARDS:
RANGER SANDERS & ANDREW FORKEY

PRAYERS:
(A.M.) BOYCE EDWARDS, AL WILSON
(P.M.) JIM DUKES, DENNIS MARLER

NURSERY ATTENDANTS (A.M.):
ANGELA & DERICA THOMAS

EVENING SONG DIRECTOR:
TYLER CUTTS

EVENING COMMUNION:
GAYLEN WILLIAMS, TREVOR HEILMAN

WEDNESDAY SONG LEADER (SINGING NIGHT):
REGGIE BASS

WEDNESDAY PRAYER: DERREL HEGINBOTHAM

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: Trudy Perrault's granddaughter, Leida, has been diagnosed with Type 2 Diabetes. Please keep her in your prayers.

PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & HOMEBOUND: Rikki Martin's grandmother, Merlene Stoker, 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, 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 the family of Jane Farris, who passed away January 31. Her service was held yesterday, here at the building. Please keep this family in your prayers.

VISITATION TEAMS: Visitation Team #4 will meet with their leader, Derrel Heginbotham, today, to get their visitation assignments. Team members are: Derrel & Carla Heginbotham, Lee & Natalie Fisher, Roger & Linda Deem, Dan Carter, Angela Thomas, and Martha Bell.

FELLOWSHIP POTLUCK LUNCHEON: Join us today for our monthly Fellowship Potluck Luncheon following the morning service in the Fellowship Hall. Kitchen Group #2 will have kitchen duties: (Judy Wall, Tonja Archer, Linda Deem, Cheryl Flores, Betty Knight, Dennis & Sandra Marler, and Josephine Spear).

YOUNGSPORT LADIES DAY FEBRUARY 16th: The ladies at the Youngsport church of Christ are hosting a Ladies Day on Saturday, February 16, from 10am-12pm. The guest speakers will be Karla & Jayla Sparks. We intend to take the church van. If you would like to ride in the van, please sign up on the sheet located on the ladies bulletin board. The van will leave at 9:15 am.

LADIES SAVE THE DATE: We will have a Ladies Movie Night on February 22, starting at 6:30 pm, in the fellowship hall. Please bring your lawn chair and join us for food, fun, and fellowship! For any questions, please see Victoria Polanco.

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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☞FEBRUARY☞

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.

22-Ladies