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MONTHLY SUPPORT:

***Cherokee Home
For Children
Cherokee, TX***

***Christian Homes &
Family Services
Abilene, TX***

*Foster's Home
For Children
Stephenville, TX*

*Sunny Glen
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.

Killeen Church of Christ

***"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***

CONTENDING WITH WORRY

Shepherds Notes by Lee Fisher

In life we have to contend with a lot of things: failing health, death of a loved one, marriages, children, finances, or a job loss, and the list goes on. As Christians we should not worry, but in reality, worry is something we will all have to contend with. If we say we never worry we might be deceiving ourselves, because worry can be disguised in many forms such as being troubled, concerned, or maybe just being bothered by something. It really doesn't matter by what name we may call it; but the bible says worry or anxiety is not good for us and it has no place in our lives. Think about it, what can it really do for us? *"And which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature?"* (Luke 12:25).

If we are honest with ourselves, we all at one time or another will be concerned about things that are out of our control. I remember when I first joined the Army, my first Job was a crewman for a very large Artillery Cannon, and it weighed tons. In fact, in order to fire that cannon we spent many hours without sleep traveling the backwoods of Southern Germany, going from one firing point to another. I was scared and worried all the time about what might happen. In my mind it was easy to see how someone could get killed from the process it took to just fire the cannon, let alone traveling at night in a convoy at very high speeds. Visibility was always bad due to the weather and training accidents at that time were common. A number of them lead to deaths of soldiers. Looking back at the danger of it, I did not have much control at all.

Things that are out of our control have a tendency to fill us with worry or anxiety to the point that our peace is taken away. Jesus said in Matthew, do not worry, “*Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble*” -Matthew 6:34). The Greek word for worry (merimnesete) used here, is not just giving attention to the natural things of life. It’s talking about things that disturb our peace of mind, or things we elevate to a high level and leaves us in a state of suspense. Or like having a feeling of just hanging in mid-air, which causes us to feel like we can’t move on. Or the type of worry that compels us to always try and figure out everything in life. It’s important for us to understand that we don’t know everything! Christians should never worry about things they cannot change! If we can change things- stop worrying and change them! And if we can’t change them, then don’t waste time worrying! Turn those things over to God! We should always do our part, or protect ourselves; but do not worry!

Live one day at a time and be thankful for life, health and strength of today. Have you ever seen anyone who was able to live in tomorrow, or back in yesterday? Each day will have its own challenges, problems, and troubles-they are part of life! Paul expresses this thought clearly to the Corinthians when he says, *“For indeed, when we came to Macedonia, our bodies had no rest, but we were troubled on every side. Outside were conflicts, inside were fears”*-(2 Corinthians 7:5). Some days are not filled with trouble, so always thank God for them! And, *“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus”*-(Philippians 4:6&7).

In Christian Love, Lee.

From the Desk of Dan Carter

OFTEN, I THINK

So many wonderful things about man was given by his Creator. Some of these things just slip by without our real attention. We just take them for granted. For instance: "The Blessing Of Thinking." Man has a marvelous machine known as the brain. We had computers before the computer came along. Our minds have the capability of not only retaining information; but, upon a moment's notice, recalling information stored there for years! Now, having said that, we must be careful what we think about. Listen: *"For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he"*-(Proverbs 23:7).

Therefore, we need to be careful with this precious blessing. Instead of thinking on evil things, we should devote our attention to good things: *"Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things"*-(Philippians 4:8).

Someone has rightly stated: "A Mind Is An Awfully Wonderful Thing To Waste."

Let me show you one other scripture to think upon: *"Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ"*-II Corinthians 10:5!

Now, that is a verse that should get to all of us. We should bring our thoughts into captivity of good things of Christ. The reason is simple: There Are Always Things That Try To Control Our Thinking! If it is not one thing, it is another. We are pledged today with many things that try to get our thoughts off the good. The devil wants us to be snared by the evil heart of unbelief. We are what we think. That is the reason the Apostle encouraged us to, "Think On Good Things!"

It is a battle--isn't it? We have all the modern electronics to keep our minds pointed in all directions

that often take us away from Christ. I am proud that we have the communications we have, but, we have to be careful. We need to focus our thinking on what is good and pleasant in the sight of the Almighty.

Be careful about what you see and what you hear! This was ever one of the Lord's warnings. He wanted us to be careful. He wants us to be ready. He wants us to make it to heaven.



New Testament Chapter Study

New Testament

Day -18- John 1-4
 Day -19- John 5-8
 Day -20- John 9-12
 Day -21- John 13-16
 Day 22- John 17-20
 Day 23 - John 21, Acts 1-3
 Day 24- Acts 4-7
 Day 25- Acts 8-11
 Day 26- Acts 12-15
 Day 27- Acts 16-19
 Day 28- Acts 20-23
 Day 29- Acts 24-27
 Day 30- Acts 28, Romans 1-3
 Day 31- Romans 4-7
 Day 32- Romans 8-11
 Day 33- Romans 12-15
 Day 34- Romans 16, I Cor 1-3
 Day 35- I Cor 4-7

Memory verses:

Beginner: Psalm 119:11
 Advanced: James 1:12-15

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

PETER'S TEACHING ABOUT MANNER OF LIFE, # 5
AM SERMON - BOYCE EDWARDS

I. DEFINITION: ANASTROPHE, "In the NT, mode of life, conduct, behavior, deportment (Gal. 1:13; Eph. 4:22; James 3:13; II Pet. 2:7; 3:11); life, as made up of actions (Heb. 13:7; I Pet. 1:15)"-Spiros Zodhiates, The Complete Word Study Dictionary New Testament, pg. 164.

II. MANNER OF LIFE passages in Peter's letters where influence is specifically mentioned.

III. THE THRUST OF THIS LESSON IS TO SHOW THAT GOD WANTS HIS CHILDREN TO LIVE LIVES THAT WILL INFLUENCE OTHERS TO BECOME CHRISTIANS!



SOME ENCOURAGING TRUTHS ABOUT PRAYER
PM SERMON - BOYCE EDWARDS

I. It's encouraging to me to know that all three members of the Godhead are involved in prayer, and all three of them do good things for Christians in prayer!

II. CLOSE

IN VIEW OF ALL OF THESE ENCOURAGING TRUTHS ABOUT PRAYER, MAY CHRISTIANS NEVER CEASE THEIR HEARTFELT PRAYERS!!

THOSE TO SERVE THE WEEK OF
MARCH 24, 2019:

PARKING LOT DUTY: BRUCE BROWN

HALL MONITOR: PATRICK SELLERS

AUDIO/VIDEO SYSTEMS FOR MARCH:
 JACOB BRYANT

ANNOUNCEMENTS: DENNIS MARLER

SONG DIRECTOR: REGGIE BASS

COMMUNION:
 (NORTH) ROGER DEEM, PAUL PORTLEY
 CHARLES CULVER, RUFAS BROWN

(SOUTH) ZACK PETTIES, GAYLEN WILLIAMS
 TYLER CUTTS, TAY HIGHTOWER

SCRIPTURE READING: MARVIN FLETCHER

PICK UP CARDS:
 COREY CULVER & RANGER SANDERS

PRAYERS:
 (A.M.) ANDRE PETTAWAY, TREVOR HEILMAN
 (P.M.) MARVIN FLETCHER, REGGIE BASS

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

EVENING SONG DIRECTOR: PAUL PORTLEY

EVENING COMMUNION:
 ROGER DEEM, DERREL HEGINBOTHAM

WEDNESDAY SONG LEADER: TYLER CUTTS

WEDNESDAY PRAYER: NATHAN BURTON JR.

PREPARE COMMUNION FOR MARCH:
 AMANDA PETTIES

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 will be having a biopsy on her bladder, which will determine if she will be able to have a heart procedure. Her son, Ian, who is a minister in the church, will undergo a hip replacement. Please keep them in your prayers.

-Carla Heginbotham's sister, Eileen Olson, is recovering from a mastectomy. Please keep her in your prayers.

-Rikki Martin's grandmother is recovering from surgery to have stints implanted where her aneurism occurred. Please keep her in your prayers.

-Brenda Sellers' mother has stage 4 cirrhosis of the liver and is on a liver transplant list. Please keep her in your prayers.

-Desiree Burton's father has been diagnosed with cancer. Please keep him in your prayers.

-Linda Moore's brother-in-law, Steve Moore's health is declining rapidly due to cancer. Please keep him in your prayers.

PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & HOMEBOUND: Freddie Lee Saffor, Jim Dukes's sister (Marie Sessions), Donna Hines's friend's granddaughter 2 year-old (Kylie Pruitt), Doris Edwards, Linda Moore's niece, Skip & Tina Pallo, Tanja, Tiffany, & Natasha Arch, Diane Holubec, Natalie Fisher's mother, Rikki Martin's grandmother, War Mobley's sister, Barbara Robinson, Gaylen Williams' co-worker (Cynthia), Tyler Cutts' grandfather, Julie Odum, Jean Basco, 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, Trudy Perrault's family, Linda Walts, Al & Gayle Wilson's sister-in-law (Regina Farmer), John Llewellyn's sister (Janet Schleyer), Sybil Cason, former members (Jonathan Simmons Sr., Jr., & 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.

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, Paul & Rubye Portley, Brenda & Patrick Sellers, and Josephine Spear.

PANTRY NEEDS: Our benevolence pantry needs to replenish some items. There are take home lists available and these items can be in the foyer. Thank You!

LADIES BIBLE STUDY: There will be a ladies Bible study today, at 3:30, in the fellowship hall.

LADIES FELLOWSHIP NIGHT: On Friday, March 29, at 6:30 pm, there will be a Ladies Nail Night hosted by Jennifer Forkey in the Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Forkey.

SIGN UP FOR YARD WORK: We invite our members to sign up to help with the yard work. The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the south foyer.

SPRING CLEANUP: On Saturday, April 6, at 10:00 am, following the Men's Breakfast at the Golden Corral, we will be meeting here at the building for a spring cleaning on the church yard. Please bring your gloves and help us clean. For any questions, please see Roger Deem.

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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☪MARCH☪

24-Ladies Bible Class, 3:30 pm, in the fellowship hall.

29-Ladies Fellowship Night hosted by Jennifer Forkey, 6:30 pm, in the fellowship hall.

☪APRIL☪

6-Men's breakfast at the Killeen Golden Corral, 8:30 am.

7-Fellowship Luncheon after morning service. Group # will have kitchen duties (Martha Bell, Lois Brown, Jessica Bryant, Kitty Kacir, Amanda Petties, and Brenda Sellers).