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**MONTHLY SUPPORT:**

**Cherokee Home  
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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.

*"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*

*Shepherds Notes By Boyce Edwards*

**GOD'S PEOPLE OUGHT TO BE "ADDICTED" TO SERVING THE SAINTS!**

*"I beseech you, brethren, (ye know the house of Stephanas, that it is the firstfruits of Achaia, and that they have addicted themselves to the ministry of the saints,) That ye submit yourselves unto such, and to everyone that helpeth with us, and laboureth. I am glad for the coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicus: for that which was lacking on your part they have supplied. For they have refreshed my spirit and yours: therefore acknowledge ye them that are such"-I Corinthians 16:15-18.*

The focal point of this lesson is upon Christians addicting themselves to the service of other Christians. The word addicting (etaxan) has within it the idea of, "to place, set, arrange, and order." Webster says addict means, "To devote or give (oneself) habitually or compulsively to something"-Webster's II, New College Dictionary, pg. 13.

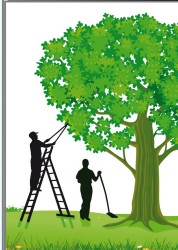
What a household! Stephanas and the rest of his family had given themselves over to serving (diakonian) other Christians, and this was their "regular business!" It is no surprise that Paul urged the brothers in Corinth to place themselves under such individuals and others like them-v. 16.

We cannot help but notice that Paul said of them that they "refreshed his spirit and that of the Corinthians"-v. 18. Even "the Paul's in the church" need to be refreshed every now and then!! God's people today must learn that they are placed by God in the church to serve others, and this service should be done habitually and compulsively!

Some years ago, the night before a beloved sister in Christ died, I dropped by for a short visit and had a prayer with her and a couple of her daughters. She said to me when I sat down beside her, "Boyce, I knew you would come!" Through the years since her passing, I have assumed that I refreshed her spirit that night before she died. But she will never know how much she refreshed my spirit that night by her statement! Her life was characterized by serving others in the church day by day! She habitually and compulsively served the other members in this congregation! Yes, she was addicted to serving the saints! She would never have assigned herself to "Sunday-morning-only-service!" She viewed every day as another day to serve God's people, and in doing that, she refreshed their souls!

The antonym for Christians addicting themselves to the service of the saints would be to remove ourselves from serving them! As I think about this point, the thought comes to my mind that apparently way too many in the church have even never started addicting themselves to the service of other brothers and sisters in Christ!

Isn't it time for all of God's people to be refreshing the spirits of other Christians by serving them? Let's all addict ourselves to the ministry of God's saints! God bless, Boyce.



**MEN'S CLEAN-UP AT THE NOLANVILLE CAMPGROUND:** On April 27th, starting at 10:00 am, there will be a clean-up consisting of trimming tree limbs and clearing the grounds from fallen limbs. Bring your work gloves, weed eaters, and chainsaws if you can. For any questions please contact Roger Deem.

\*In case of rain, we will reschedule on May 4th.

## From the Desk of Dan Carter

### \*IT CAN BE DONE

When I was young, I fell in love with the writing of \*Edgar Guest.

Most of you will remember having learned much of the following Edgar Guest poem. I hope you will find this poem by him a great source of encouragement. We can apply this to our lives as Christians:

\*"Somebody said it couldn't be done;  
But he with a chuckle replied:  
'Maybe it couldn't but he but he would be one  
Who wouldn't say no till he tried'.  
So, he buckled right in with a trace of a grin  
On his face; If he worried, he hid it.  
So, he started to sing as he tackled the thing  
That couldn't be done--but he did it!

Somebody scoffed: "Oh you will never do that;  
At least, no one has ever done it."  
So, he took off his coat, and he took of his hat,  
And the first thing we knew he had begun it.  
With the lift of the chin and a bit of a grin;  
Without the doubting of 'quid it',  
He started to sing as he tackled the thing  
That couldn't be done--but he did it.

There are thousands to tell you that it can't be done;  
There are thousands to prophecy failure;  
Thousands to point out to you, one by one,  
The dangers that await to assail you.  
But just buckle in with a bit of a grin,  
Take off your coat and go to it.  
Start in to sing as you tackle the thing  
That couldn't be done--and, you will do it."

Christians can learn a lot from the secular world. Failure is just not in the language of winners! We can do more than ever dreamed, if we will just roll up our sleeves and get to it!

Love the language of Paul: *"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me"* -Philippians 4:13.

There is much that lies before this congregation. We can move forward and grow in faith and numbers, but it takes 'rolling up' our sleeves and doing it!

God will give the increase (I Cor.3:6).



## New Testament Chapter Study

### New Testament

Day 40- 2 Cor 8-11

Day 41- 2 Cor 12-13, Gal 1-2

Day 42- Gal 3-6

Day 43- Eph 1-4

Day 44- Eph 5-6, Phil 1-2

Day 45- Phil 3-4, Col1-2

Day 46- Col 3-4, 1 Thes 1-2

Day 47- 1 Thes 3-5, 2 Thes 1

Day 48- 2 Thes 2-3, 1 Tim 1-2

Day 49- 1 Tim 3-6

Day 50- 2 Tim

Day 51- Titus, Philemon

Day 52- Heb 1-4

Day 53- Heb 5-8

Day 54- Heb 9-12

Day 55- Heb 13, James 1-3

Day 56- James 4-5, 1 Pet 1-2

### Memory verses for April 21 (recite or write):

Beginner: Rom 6:23

Advanced: John 8:34-35

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



*We wish to congratulate Zack Petties on his achievement as the 2019 MiW Special Education Instructional Assistant of the Year!*

### 2019 MiW Special Education Instructional Assistant of the Year



Mr. Zachary Petties has been married to his bride, Amanda Petties, for 30 years. They both are from Marshall, Texas. Together they have raised three wonderful children; one whom has served in the Army stationed at Fort Gordon, Georgia. He earned his Associate's Degree from Central Texas College. He served Honorably as a First Sergeant; retiring with 24 years of Army Active service. He is also a Lifetime member of the Military Order of the Purple Heart. Zachary now shares a distinction beyond his employment with the Clarke Elementary family as an Instructional Aide for the past 2 years. His involvement in the community includes: his local church which is gratifying as an Elder, Lads to Leader Coordinator (a program designed for youth that are from various locations of Church of Christ which provides teaching abilities, speech presentations, leading songs, and how to conduct a debate in a public or none public setting), Killeen Food Pantry support, events for the elderly and Single Soldiers, Children Homes for abandon children, and feeding the Homeless. His hobbies and interests during his spare time are: providing classes to the youth, fishing, hunting, bowling, and most importantly, spending time with the family.

## Preparing for Worship

Each Sunday morning my family prepares for worship. Over the years, we have developed a routine to help prepare our bodies and minds to approach the glory of God. If an organized and deliberate plan is not put into place, these mornings can be chaotic and tend to detour proper preparation for praise. Worship is not something we can turn on and off like an alarm clock. The following are some suggestions to help us all do a better job.

First, preparation begins on Saturday night by getting to bed at a decent hour. One does not want to fight his own fatigue when trying to direct his mind in deep thought.

Second, preparation comes by waking up on time. Set your alarm clock, just like you would to ensure an on-time arrival for work or school. Do not wait until the last possible minute and scramble around the house, yelling at the children and panicking because you are running late.

Third, preparation comes by starting the morning by thinking about spiritual things. Play songs of worship or devotion to direct your minds toward God. Prayer and Bible reading are other ways to help.

Fourth, preparation comes by having our Bibles, Bible class materials, and other needed items ready to go. One does not want to go on a Bible hunt minutes before departure. This usually breeds frustration, family tension, and sometimes causes one to enter worship empty-handed. As you would not leave your schoolbooks or briefcase at home during the week, do not leave your Bible on Sunday and Wednesday.

Fifth, preparation comes when we arrive early for Bible class and worship. This allows one to greet newcomers, visit with other members, put up coats or other articles, find a place to sit, and pick up congregational information (bulletin, class handouts, prayer lists, calendar, or other news). Teachers and others who are serving during the worship need to be extra early.

Sixth, preparation comes by taking a couple of minutes before worship begins and sitting quietly. Use this time to read a portion of Scripture, pray, or meditate on our Lord.

On Monday morning, many will awake early and begin their routines to prepare for school and work. The Lord demands no less; in fact, He demands our very best. Before we come before the God of heaven, may we prepare our hearts, minds, spirits, and bodies by putting some of these suggestions into practice. —Rob L. Whitacre

Whitaker, Rob L. "Preparing for Worship." *House to House Heart to Heart*, House to House Heart to Heart, 22 Mar. 2019, [housetohouse.com/preparing-for-worship/](http://housetohouse.com/preparing-for-worship/).

## THOSE TO SERVE THE WEEK OF APRIL 14, 2019:

**PARKING LOT DUTY:** TAY HIGHTOWER

**HALL MONITOR:** ROGER DEEM

**AUDIO/VIDEO SYSTEMS FOR APRIL:**  
PATRICK SELLERS

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** DENNIS MARLER

**SONG DIRECTOR:** GAYLEN WILLIAMS

**COMMUNION:**

(NORTH) LEE FISHER, JIM DUKES  
CHARLES CULVER, NATHAN BURTON JR.

(SOUTH) MARVIN FLETCHER, TREVOR HEILMAN  
RUFAS BROWN, KINGSFORD ASARE

**SCRIPTURE READING:** ANDRE PETTAWAY

**PICK UP CARDS:**

RANGER SANDERS & ANDREW FORKEY

**PRAYERS:**

(A.M.) PAUL PORTLEY, JACOB BRYANT  
(P.M.) JIM DUKES, REGGIE BASS

**NURSERY ATTENDANTS (A.M.):**

AMANDA PETTIES & NATALIE FISHER

**EVENING SONG DIRECTOR:** TYLER CUTTS

**EVENING COMMUNION:**

LEE FISHER, MARVIN FLETCHER

**WEDNESDAY SONG LEADER:** PAUL PORTLEY

**WEDNESDAY PRAYER:**

DERREL HEGINBOTHAM

**PREPARE COMMUNION FOR APRIL:**

KITTY KACIR

## NEWS FROM THE PEWS

**OUR SICK:** Al Wilson is scheduled for hip replacement surgery on April 24. Please keep him in your prayers.

-Former members, Tommy & Sheri Bailey's daughter, Brooke, injured her upper arm that has caused her much pain. Last week she underwent an MRI. Please keep her in your prayers for good results and treatment.

-Donna Hines's friend's granddaughter, 3 year-old Kylie Pruitt, has underwent blood tests and will undergo a GI test on Tuesday. She may be eligible to receive a trial medication. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.

**PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & HOMEBOUND:** Martha Bell, Annette Streater's father, Desiree Burton's father, Brenda Sellers' mother, Rikki Martin's grandmother, Carla Heginbotham's sister (Eileen Olson), former member, Merlene Stoker, Freddie Lee Saffor, Jim Dukes's sister (Marie Sessions) and nephew, 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, 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, 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 #2 will meet with their leader, Reggie Bass, today, to get their visitation assignments. Team members are: Reggie & Janet Bass, Boyce Edwards, Zack & Amanda Petties, and Gaylen & Nichole Williams.

**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.

**CHEROKEE HOME FOR CHILDREN DRIVE:** We are collecting the following items for Cherokee Home for Children until the week of April 28: Liquid Hand soap (please no bar soap), Deodorant, Mouthwash, Body wash, and Shampoo/Conditioners. These items can be placed in the foyer and there are take home lists there as well. Thank you!!!

**LADIES BIBLE STUDY:** There will be a Ladies Bible Study at 3:30 pm, in the fellowship hall.

**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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### ☪APRIL☪

- 14-Ladies Bible Study, 3:30 pm, in the fellowship hall.
- 27-Men's Clean-up at the Campgrounds (May 4 in case of rain).
- 28-Cherokee Drive ends.

### ☪MAY☪

- 4-Men's Breakfast at 8:30 am, at the Killeen, Golden Corral.
- 5-Fellowship Luncheon following the morning service. Kitchen Group #2 will have kitchen duties (Judy Wall, Linda Deem, Cheryl Flores, Betty Knight, Dennis & Sandra Marler, & Josephine Spear).