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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*

## Are We Building Up or Tearing Down?

By Jonathan McAnulty.

Though we may not always appreciate it, one of the great values of the wonderful book of Proverbs is that the inspired wisdom frequently hits close to home. We do well to reflect upon the sayings and make personal application to self as warranted.



Consider, if you will, the rather pointed observation of Proverbs

14:1: "Every wise woman builds up her home, but a foolish one tears it down with her own hands." (CJB) The proverb is not speaking about the building or destroying of a physical structure, but to the building up of a family. A wise woman makes decisions which make her family stronger, more loving, more united and better than it otherwise would have been. Through her tireless dedication, she nurtures, admonishes, and loves those in her care so that at the end of the task, when she is closing her eyes and preparing to sleep, she knows that the home she has built will weather her absence.

The foolish woman, on the other hand ends up with a broken family – and it is her fault based entirely on the choices she made, the words she used, the behavior she encouraged, and the way she drove those close to her away. That's a hard lesson because we so often want to blame others when we ourselves are the ones destroying the relationships we hold dear. As an immediate application, God is reminding us that if you want a strong home: wisdom, drawn from His Word, and applied to the family life, is key; otherwise, sinful, selfish words and actions will only destroy that which we want to preserve. And, as a warning, we do well to realize that years of work can be undone by moments of foolishness. Though a potter may labor for days over a particular vessel, it is the works of mere seconds to shatter the same.

While the proverb is pointed at women in particular, it is equally applied to men. Husbands and fathers who want a strong family must work to build the same up in wisdom, while guarding against those foolish words and actions which will undo all the labor that has gone before. What is true of the home, is true of the larger world beyond. The proverb's application stretches to encompass many walks of life: our community, our jobs, our friendships, and even the church itself.

In each case, there is a community built upon relationships between people. These relationships are made stronger through the values and wisdom God teaches in His word. Honesty, integrity, selflessness, faithfulness, love, compassion, kindness, goodness, self-control... values such as these can only strengthen the bonds between people. Likewise, gossip, theft, ridicule, scorn, infidelity, violence, drunkenness, selfishness and greed... these sorts of behaviors tear apart the fabrics of societies, breeding distrust and isolation, and making life more difficult for all involved.

Strong homes, strong communities, strong churches and strong friendships: none of these things happen by accidents. They are built up through wisdom and perseverance, with each member of the community in question acting responsible and loving. When we choose to act otherwise, we bear responsibility for the damage that follows.

The world around us is too often torn apart by those who give no thought to the future of their respective communities as they act irresponsible, selfishly and sometimes even violently. We see images on the television of men and women tearing apart their own homes, their own towns and their own families as they lash out, engaging in self-destructive behavior.

This behavior can take the form of rioting, drug-abuse, theft, divorce, alcohol, or a myriad of other sinful behaviors. In each case, the damage done does not just harm those around the perpetrator, but rebounds upon themselves with consequence after consequence. It may sound cliché, but it's still true – we must choose to be part of the solution, rather than part of the problem. We bear responsibility for our own actions and how we are choosing to build up our relationships with those around us. Rather than blaming others for the misfortunes that befall our relationships, we do better to examine our own conduct and whether we are building up or tearing down that which we hold dear.

**Church of Christ Articles, Bible Based Articles for the Edification of All Creation.**

## From the Desk of Dan Carter

### 'THEY WALKED NO MORE WITH HIM'

One of the saddest statements written of the life of Christ is found in John 6:66ff.

The people are told that they followed him only because he was able to give them food to eat. He said: "Quit laboring for the bread that perishes; but, seek the bread of eternal life: Spiritual Bread. I am the bread of life and unless you eat my flesh and drink my blood, you will die."

Many who heard these words: "turned and walked with him no more." They were more interested in the physical, than the spiritual. So it is in every generation. Only the few, will find the way to life.

It is sad to think how anyone could walk away from Christ!

I hear it all the time. Some want more! More what? This materialistic, heathen, philosophical world, wants what they want to make them feel good. Anything else is cast aside.

Often parents please their children; husbands please their wives; and, wives please their husbands. Whatever happened to pleasing the Lord?

I am afraid that we are raising a generation that feed their selfish desires more than desiring to please the giver of all good gifts! We are forgetting the God of heaven. We are relying on feelings, or what others tell us, instead of reading that blessed book and following it!

The Lord said: *"Whosoever would come after me, must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me"*- Matthew 16:24.

I am deeply concerned in the way many of our children are being reared today. Where is the discipline? Where is the teaching of honor and respect? Why do we allow children to do their own thing? More especially, why do we (adults), think the world owes us something? What has happened to us?

Why do people quit the Lord? Why do they choose to seek a place where they can do their own thing? Why are there so many churches to choose from, when the Bible declares that there is only One Body of Christ?

Who is causing people to leave the church of the Lord for counterfeits? You know the answer. We want to be entertained. We want to please the flesh. We want to seek a church that goes easy on sin and allows us to do our own thing; etc.

Now, to the question: "Who is causing people who once were strong to abandon the truth, and seek something else?" You know the answer. I am just going to put two verses down that tell it all: Matthew 13:28; I Peter 5:8.



## OLD TESTAMENT Chapter Study

### Old Testament

Day 74- Gen 33-37

Day 75- Gen 38-41

Day 76- Gen 41-44

Day 77- Gen 45-48

Day 78- Gen 49-50, Ex 1-2

Day 79- Ex 3-6

Day 80- Ex 7-10

Day 81- Ex 11-14

Day 82 - Ex 15-18

Day 83- Ex 19-22

Day 84- Ex 23-26

Day 85- Ex 27-30

Day 86- Ex 31-34

Day 87- Ex 35-38

Day 88- Ex 39-40, Lev 1-2

Day 89 - Lev 3-6

Day 90- Lev 7-10

Day 91- Lev 11-14

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

**EVIL COMPANIONSHIPS CORRUPT GOOD MORALS****I Corinthians 15:33****AM Sermon - Boyce Edwards****I. "I started hanging-out with the wrong crowd!"****II. Let's consider his statement!**

"Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners"-I Corinthians 15:33, KJV.

"Evil companionships corrupt good morals"-ASV.

"Bad company ruins good morals"-ESV.

"Evil company corrupts good habits"-NKJV.

**III. Let's take a look at other pertinent biblical passages!**

A. Deuteronomy 7:3 & 4.

B. Look at what happened to Solomon when he disobeyed these instructions from God-I Kings 11:1-11.

1. His wives turned away his heart-v. 3.

2. His wives turned away his heart after other gods-v. 4

3. His heart was not perfect with the Lord his God-v.4

4. Solomon went after false gods-v. 5

5. Solomon did evil in the sight of the Lord-v. 6

6. He built "worship places" for false gods-v. 7

7. He burnt incense and sacrificed to the false gods of his wives-v. 8

8. Solomon's heart was turned away from the Lord God-v. 9

9. The Lord was angry with Solomon-v. 9

10. Solomon did not keep God's commandment of not going after other gods-v. 10

11. Solomon did not keep the covenant and statutes which God commanded him to keep-v. 11

12. God took his kingdom from him-v. 11

**THOSE TO SERVE THE WEEK OF  
MAY 12, 2019:**

**PARKING LOT DUTY:** TAY HIGHTOWER

**HALL MONITOR:** MARVIN FLETCHER

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** TREVOR HEILMAN

**SONG DIRECTOR:** GAYLEN WILLIAMS

**COMMUNION:**  
(NORTH) LEE FISHER, PAUL PORTLEY  
CHARLES CULVER, KINGSFORD ASARE

(SOUTH) BRUCE BROWN, JIM DUKES  
RUFUS BROWN, SHAWN FORKEY

**SCRIPTURE READING:** TYLER CUTTS

**PICK UP CARDS:**  
RANGER SANDERS & ANDREW FORKEY

**PRAYERS:**  
(A.M.) ZACK PETTIES, DAN CARTER  
(P.M.) JIM DUKES, PAUL PORTLEY

**NURSERY ATTENDANTS (A.M.):**  
NATALIE FISHER & AMANDA PETTIES

**EVENING SONG DIRECTOR:** TYLER CUTTS

**EVENING COMMUNION:**  
LEE FISHER, PAUL PORTLEY

**WEDNESDAY SONG LEADER:** ZACK PETTIES

**WEDNESDAY PRAYER:** DENNIS MARLER

**PREPARE COMMUNION FOR MAY:**  
VICTORIA POLANCO

## NEWS FROM THE PEWS

**MILITARY & CIVILIANS OVERSEAS:** Please keep Tim Matter and his family in your prayers.

**OUR SICK:** Tina Pallo is recovering from a fractured wrist. Please keep her in your prayers.

-Jessie Turner is recovering from shoulder replacement surgery last Friday. Please keep her in your prayers.

-Please keep Heather Heilman's friend who has stage 4 cancer in your prayers.

-Former member, Janet Simmons, fractured her toe and is recovering from surgery to have a plate placed in her foot. Please keep her in your prayers.

-Former member, Ann Simpson, has a brother in Alabama, Jimmy Wanner, who is critical condition. Please keep him in your prayers.

-Former member, Louis French is having health problems. Please keep him in your prayers.

**PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & HOMEBOUND:** Martha Bell, Al Wilson, Gail Mende's son (Eric) & friend (Sue Worshim), Kathy Edwards, Brooke Bailey, Donna Hines's friend's granddaughter (3 year-old Kylie Pruitt), Martha Bell, 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 mother & niece, Skip & Tina Pallo, Tanja, Tiffany, & Natasha Arch, Diane Holubec, Natalie Fisher's mother, Rikki Martin's grandmother, 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), and Shirl Foster. Please keep these members and loved ones in your prayers as they battle health problems.

**LET'S GET THE WORD OUT!** Join us tomorrow and May 27, at 5:30 pm at the YMCA in Harker Heights to pass out flyers for the upcoming Gospel Meeting. For any questions, please see Zack Petties.

**LADIES SAVE THE DATE:** Join us as the ladies will host a Ladies Retreat at the Nolanville Campgrounds on Saturday, May 18, starting at 9:30 am. Our guest speaker is Joyce Brown.

**SAVE THE DATE:** Our annual Gospel Meeting will be held from June 9-June 12. Our guest speaker will be Tom Moore, from the Park Heights church of Christ in Hamilton, Texas.



**CONGRATULATIONS!!!!** We wish to congratulate Andrea Pettaway, who has graduated from Houston University with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering degree.

**CONGRATULATIONS!!!!** We wish to congratulate Noriah Fletcher, who will graduate on May 17, from Texas State University with a degree in Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, and with a minor in Spanish.

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY  
& 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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### ☪MAY☪

**12-**Collection Drive for homeless begins. We will be collecting new socks, underwear, of all sizes and cleaning supplies for local homeless shelters through June 21. These items can be placed in the foyer.

**18-**Ladies Potluck Retreat at the Campgrounds starting at 9:30.

**19-**Ladies Bible Study at 3:30 pm, in the Fellowship Hall.

**27-**Memorial Day (the office will be closed)