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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*

COMPLAINING

Shepherds Notes by Zack Petties

When you and I complain periodically we can become obsessed and think this is a fine behavior. Complaining and griping about others and about things in your own life is harmful, dangerous, and sinful! We have no room for complaining. Yes, there are many difficult days in this life we live, but everything we have are gifts from a generous God. *"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change"*-(James 1:17). If we grumble and complain, it shows how worldly we still are- (James 4:1-3). We need not to complain, but be content with what God is doing in our lives.

Christians are supposed to be a rejoicing people. Paul mentioned, *"Rejoice always"*-(1 Thessalonians 5:16). But, there are those who are always complaining. Those who remiss the fact of appreciation aren't rejoicing because they can't do them both at the same time. So, *"count it all joy"*-(James 1:2), and, *"do all things without grumbling"*-(Philippians 2:14). If we can learn to stop complaining all the time, fill our minds with rejoicing, be grateful, and give glory to God, we will *"shine as lights in the world"*-(Philippians 2:15). In Numbers 12 Miriam and Aaron complained about God speaking through Moses instead of them, and God gave Miriam leprosy because of her complaining. At the request of Moses, Miriam was healed of the leprosy, but God waited seven days to heal her. God hates complaining, and Paul wrote, *"And do not grumble, as some of them did and were killed by the destroying angel"*-(1 Corinthians 10:10). The men who spied out Canaan had returned to Israel's camp and reported that the Promised Land had giants. Knowing they would be squashed once they entered Canaan, the people grumbled-(Numbers 14:2). What Moses said to the people echoed the conviction that should be in us all: *"You are not grumbling against us, but against the LORD"*-(Exodus 16:8). Hebrews 13:5 says, *"Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things you have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee."*

Complaining is a snare that an individual can sink into when he isn't spending quality time with God. Paul had warned the Corinthian believers not to grumble! When a Christian starts grumbling, his attention has shifted from appreciating what he has, to what he doesn't have. As Christians, we can have a thankful heart toward God even when we do not feel thankful for the circumstance. *"Giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ"*-(Eph 5:20). Giving thanks to God keeps our minds in a right relationship with Him and prevents us from having harmful emotions and attitudes that will cause us to complain!

In love,
Brother Petties

From the Desk of Dan Carter

WHY GO BACK???

I know, that within reason, most of you feel the way I do. There is a desire to return to the days gone by. We dream of the way it "used to be." We tell our kids, but they can hardly believe what we are saying. We make it all sound like a fantasy world; like a dream world.

Well, to us, I guess it is. But, if you make a journey back you will find, as I have, that things never stay the same. Much has changed. Many you knew, have either died, or moved away. You soon find that you are, at the present time, living in the best place of all!

Just as it is in physical life, so it is in spiritual. Why would a person want to turn from the true life and go back? Why would a person leave the Lord and travel back to the world?

I recall that the apostle Paul wrote concerning a brother who returned to the world. Listen to this: *"Demas has forsaken me, having loved this present world, and has departed to Thessalonica"*-2 Timothy 4:10.

The apostle Peter also wrote of some: *"They have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray, following the way of Balaam, who loves the wages of unrighteousness; but, if they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ, and get tangled again therein, their latter end is worse than the beginning"*-2 Peter 2:15-20.

I would imagine that you have known some, who at one time, were faithful to the Lord, but who walk no more with Him. How disappointing it is. How could a person leave the Lord for the things of the world?

Here are a few thoughts:

Friends: It is difficult sometimes to stand against those with whom we have been close over the years. Being a Christian can separate us from loved ones, even family members-(Matt.10:37). The temptation is hard, and, some will give in to the pressure.

World Attractions: The Bible speaks of the many temptations of the worldly pleasure. Everywhere we look, we see the devil tempting us through

Lust of the Flesh; Lust of the Eyes; and, Pride of Life-I John 2:16. Some will give in for a "season of pleasure!"

Judgmental Brethren: Brethren can be so hurtful sometimes. Little statements can harm. Perhaps, nothing was meant, but it hurt. Let all of us be careful with how we speak. Let us be mindful that some folks mean well, but they phrase it in such a way, that we are hurt, and we quit the Lord.

I only mentioned a few things--there are many. Let all of us determine to strengthen the brethren. Let us do good toward all men, especially of the House of the Lord, and, don't allow anything, or anyone, to keep us from the Love of God in Christ.

Never, Never, give up!



OLD TESTAMENT Chapter Study

Old Testament

Day 219- Isaiah 3-6

Day 220- Isaiah 7-10

Day 221- Isaiah 11-14

Day 222- Isaiah 15-18

Day 223- Isaiah 19-22

Day 224- Isaiah 23-26

Day 225- Isaiah 27-30

Day 226- Isaiah 31-34

Day 227- Isaiah 35-38

Day 228- Isaiah 39-42

Day 229- Isaiah 43-46

Day 230- Isaiah 47-50

Day 231- Isaiah 51-54

Day 232- Isaiah 55-58

Day 233- Isaiah 59-62

Day 234- Isaiah 63-66

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

THE CHOICE IS YOURS
AM Sermon - Dan Carter
 GENESIS 13:11,12

BACKGROUND MATERIAL

HISTORY:

A. Terah: Genesis 11:27-31.

B. Abraham: Genesis 12:1-25:8. Note: Gal.3:6-9.

C. Lot: Genesis 11:31-12:5; 13:5-13; 19. Father of Moab & Amon.

Choices: Ex.32:26; Joshua 24:15; I Kings 18:21; Acts 8:36-38; Acts 9:6.

Choice Is Personal. It Is My Decision!

LOT'S CHOICE; OUR CHOICE

A. LOT'S: Materially Motivated; Spiritually Neglected:
 I John 2:15-17; 2 Tim.4:10. Note: Matt. 13:14-16;
 Gen.13:13; I Cor.15:33.

B. MINE: I Kings 18:21; Rom.3:4; Matt.16:24-26;
 Rom.6:17,18; I Sam.15:22. Note: Mark 16:15,16;
 John 14:15; John 15:14.

INFLUENCE

PM Sermon - Dan Carter
 I PETER 3:15,16

GREATEST EXAMPLE

CHRIST:

Purity & Obedience: I Peter 2:21,22; Hebrews 5:8,9.

Humble Submission: Philippians 2:6-8; Matthew 26:39.

Forgiveness: Luke 23:34.

OUR EXAMPLE TO OTHERS

Matt. 5:16; I Peter 3:16; I Pet. 3:1,2; Col.3:17.

Language: I Pet.3:15; Ex.20:7.

Return Good For Evil: Matt.5:39; Rom.12:19,20.

Render Faithful Service: Matt. 25:21.

How am I doing?

NOTE: 2 Corinthians 13:5; I Corinthians 11:1; I Peter 2:21,22.

THOSE TO SERVE THE WEEK OF
SEPTEMBER 29, 2019:

PARKING LOT DUTY: BRUCE BROWN

HALL MONITOR: MARVIN FLETCHER

AUDIO/VIDEO SYSTEMS FOR OCTOBER:
 PATRICK SELLERS

ANNOUNCEMENTS: DENNIS MARLER

SONG DIRECTOR: GAYLEN WILLIAMS

COMMUNION:

(NORTH) BOYCE EDWARDS, REGGIE BASS
 CHARLES CULVER, RUFAS BROWN

(SOUTH) LEE FISHER, TREVOR HEILMAN
 TYLER CUTTS, CAMERON REEVES

SCRIPTURE READING: ANDRE PETTAWAY

PICK UP CARDS:

COREY & CHASE CULVER

PRAYERS:

(A.M.) PAUL PORTLEY, DERREL HEGINBOTHAM
 (P.M.) ZACK PETTIES, CAMERON REEVES

NURSERY ATTENDANTS (A.M.):

BRENDA SELLERS & VICTORIA POLANCO

EVENING SONG DIRECTOR: PAUL PORTLEY

EVENING COMMUNION:

BOYCE EDWARDS, REGGIE BASS

WEDNESDAY SONG LEADER (SINGING NIGHT): REGGIE BASS

WEDNESDAY CLOSING PRAYER:
 MARVIN FLETCHER

PREPARE COMMUNION FOR OCTOBER:
 DENNIS & SANDRA MARLER

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

MILITARY & CIVILIANS OVERSEAS: Please keep our military members in your prayers. Some will be deploying soon. -Please keep Tim Matter and his family in your prayers.

OUR SICK: Former members, Janet Simmons, is recovering from a stroke and her son John John is recovering from a procedure last Wednesday. Please keep them in your prayers.

PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & HOMEBOUND: Diane Holubec, Martha Bell's sister, Kasey Kinsey, Martha Chafin, Tina Pallo's son (Jeremy) and sisters (Cheryle & Jeanette), Lois Brown, Willard Dunn, Jodi Culp's sister, (Catrina), Gail Mende & her son (Eric) & friend (Sue Worshim), Kathy Edwards, Brenda Sellers' mother, Carla Heginbotham's sister (Eileen Olson), Doris Edwards, Linda Moore's mother (Alta Britton), Skip & Tina Pallo, Tanja & Natasha Arch, Natalie Fisher's mother, Gaylen Williams' co-worker (Cynthia), Tyler Cutts' grandfather, Julie Odum, Jean Basco, Heather Heilman's co-worker's son (Jordan Davis), Archie & Jessi Turner, Mary Ann Culp, William Odum's father & uncle, David Shilling, Judy Wall's brother (Don Scott), Alice Allison, Garnie & Nada Miller, Linda Walts, John Llewellyn's sister (Janet Schleyer), Sybil Cason, 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 Jim Dukes and his family on the loss of his sister, Marie Sessions. Please keep them in your prayers.

-We wish to extend our sympathy to the family of 4-year old, Kylie Pruitt. She passed away on September 21 from an ongoing battle with cancer. Please keep them in your prayers.

VISITATION TEAMS: We will resume the visitation ministry the week of October 6.

FELLOWSHIP POTLUCK LUNCHEON: Join us for our monthly Fellowship Potluck Luncheon on Sunday, October 6, following the morning service in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring casseroles, meat dishes, vegetables, and desserts. Kitchen Group #3 will have kitchen duties (Janet Bass, Joyce Brown, Natalie Fisher, Donna Hines, Beverly Williams, & Marcella Williams).

JOIN US FOR OUR UPCOMING LADIES DAY! On October 12, from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm, the ladies will host our 6th Annual Ladies Day. Our theme is "Ye Are the Salt of the Earth:" (Matthew 5:13).

CHANGE CAN DRIVE: We are collecting change for Christian Homes & Family Services in Abilene until November 3. Change cans are located in the foyer. Please pick one up to fill.

KILLEEN FOOD CARE CENTER DRIVE: We are collecting Hamburger Helper, Tuna Helper, Chicken Helper, and other similar varieties until October 20. These items can be placed in the foyer.

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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☪OCTOBER☪

2-Singing Night

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

6-Fellowship Luncheon after morning service.

12-Ladies Day, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm.