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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*

## **Are There Problems in the Church?**

*Shepherds Notes by Lee Fisher*

*“I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given in Christ Jesus, that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and knowledge—even as the testimony*

*about Christ was confirmed among you—so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.” (1 Corinthians 1:4-8)*

Imagine yourself reading through the New Testament and noticing every epistle that gives correction or rebuke. Which one of them do you think would have the “most?” (Rom 2: 25-29) and (Gal 6: 11-15) shows a rebuke of people who sought to impose the Law of Moses on Gentile Christians. Maybe it’s 2 Thess. 3: 6-15, showing correction aimed at idle brethren. Could it possibly be Paul’s letters to Timothy and Titus in I Tim., chapter 1, and Titus, chapter 1? Those chapters have very severe rebukes addressing members who turned to meaningless talk and disrupting whole households by teaching things they ought not to teach unrelated to the Gospel. But truthfully, of all the epistles, First Corinthians would have the most rebuke of all.

In bible class on Sunday morning we are studying the book of 1 Corinthians. Reading the opening chapter, the book starts out with problems about division in the church and allegiance to men over Christ. It gets so bad that Paul must ask, “Is Christ divided?” (1:13). He continues:

Ch. 5:1, the church tolerating a man who had taken his father’s wife.

Ch. 6, brethren suing each other and visiting prostitutes.

Ch. 7, brethren being deserted by unbelieving spouses.

Ch. 11, read Paul’s rebukes about proper observance of the Lord’s Supper.

Ch. 12-14, misuses of spiritual gifts in the assembly.

Ch. 15:12, and those who said “that there is no resurrection of the dead.”

When you really think about it, all this is a lot to take in. Corinth was a church that was consumed with problems, and Paul did not cease to correct, rebuke, or condemn the error in this epistle! Yet, with all the problems Corinth had, it is very encouraging to come across a passage like this in the very same letter: *“I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus...who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ”*-(1:4, 8). Paul was still thankful for these brethren and hopeful that Christ will sustain them to the end. What does this teach us?

First, it teaches us that congregations of the Lord’s church, yes, the Lord’s church, have always had problems. Look at these epistles-the historical account of Paul’s travels in Acts, and Jesus’ evaluation of seven churches in Asia (Rev. Ch. 2 & 3) reveals that almost all of them had something wrong. Yet no inspired writer in the bible ever recommended shutting the doors the moment there was trouble! Some trouble in a church does not mean that its lampstand will immediately be snatched away.

Second, it teaches us not to be so pessimistic. Even when Paul came with correction, he also came with commendations of what faith did exist and was very optimistic about the future growth. When Jesus spoke of the church in Sardis, he still took note of the few *“who have not soiled their garments”*-(Rev 3:4). So all this being said, let’s ask ourselves, “Do we have problems here at W.S. Young?” Yes we do, but I am certain there is also faith, godliness, and spiritual growth here as well! With God’s guidance and grace, we can also erase our problems like Corinth did.

In closing I want say I also give thanks to God always for the congregation here at W.S Young, Keep the Faith! Lee

## From the Desk of Dan Carter



### “PASS THE POTATOES!”

I am sure that most of you are familiar with the expression above. Back when we all sat around the dinner table and someone wanted to be passed more peas, corn, potatoes, etc., they would say: "Please, pass that bowl of goodies to me."

Those were the days when the family members could be together and have a lot of discussions and laughs. It was simpler times. No one was in a hurry to leave the table because we would usually be headed back to work in the fields!

In my humble opinion, we need to return to that type of home life. We need family togetherness. We need the companionship of care and love.

Mother, Dad, Brothers and Sisters were together. And, often time, there would be grandma and grandpa with us as well.

Together, we thought we could take on the whole world! Dad settled our arguments and told us to hug and make-up. Mother kissed the hurts away!

Jesus had a close family life while on earth. Though He is the Son Of God, yet, He loved His brothers and sisters. He respected His parents on earth. Remember when His mother told Him that He had worried she and Joseph. It tells us *"He went down with them to Nazareth and was subject to them"*-Luke 2:51. He was also known as "The Carpenter's Son"-(Joseph's). *"Is Not This The Carpenter's Son? Is Not His Mother Called Mary? And His Brethren, James, Jose, and Simon, and Judas? And His Sisters, Are They Not All With Us?"*-Matthew 13:55,56.

Even His brothers did not believe until He was raised from the dead (John 7:5). James, one of the brothers, became a leader in the Church.

His mother always stood by Him. She was there when they crucified her son. She cried. Jesus told

her that He loved her and that from henceforth John would care of her.

These are sad scenes, yet, they are beautiful scenes! The family unit. Nothing can take its place. This is what we have in God--The Family (Ephesians 3:15). We are brethren; God is our Father; Jesus is brother--our Savior.

When a brother, or sister, is rejoicing, we rejoice. When they weep, we weep with them.

God has also made us brothers and sisters. We are family. Not only does the world need the family unit for wholeness; but, the Church needs this wholeness as well.



## OLD TESTAMENT Chapter Study

### Old Testament

Day 232- Isaiah 55-58

Day 233- Isaiah 59-62

Day 234- Isaiah 63-66

Day 235- Jeremiah 1-4

Day 236- Jeremiah 5-8

Day 237- Jeremiah 9-12

Day 238- Jeremiah 13-16

Day 239- Jeremiah 17-20

Day 240- Jeremiah 21-24

Day 241- Jeremiah 25-28

Day 242- Jeremiah 29-32

Day 243- Jeremiah 33-36

Day 244- Jeremiah 37-40

Day 245- Jeremiah 41-44

Day 246- Jeremiah 45-48

Day 247- Jeremiah 49-52

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



## READING WITH YOUR TONGUE

In his book, *The Wonder of the Word of God*, Robert L. Sumner tells of a man in Kansas City who was severely injured in an explosion.

The man's face was badly disfigured, and he lost his eyesight as well as both hands. He was just a new Christian, and one of his greatest disappointments was that he could no longer read the Bible. Then he heard about a lady in England who read braille with her lips. Hoping to do the same, he sent for some books of the Bible in braille.

Much to his dismay, however, he discovered that the nerve endings in his lips had been destroyed by the explosion. One day, as he brought one of the braille pages to his lips, his tongue happened to touch a few of the raised characters and he could feel them. Like a flash he thought, I can read the Bible using my tongue. At the time Robert Sumner wrote his book, the man had read through the entire Bible four times.

This reminds us that when we really want to know the will of God, we can find a way. Now is a great time to start a pursuit of the knowledge of God. — Observations made from Robert Sumner's book "The Wonder of the Word of God."

*"Delight yourself also in the Lord, and He shall give you the desires of your heart."* Psalm 37:4

Hth, "Reading with Your Tongue." *House to House Heart to Heart*, House to House Heart to Heart. To God Be the Glory, 20 Sept. 2019, <https://housetohouse.com/reading-with-your-tongue/>.



*"If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God."*

**Colossians 3:1-3 (KJV)**

## THOSE TO SERVE THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 13, 2019:

**PARKING LOT DUTY:** BRUCE BROWN

**HALL MONITOR:** JAMES GARNER

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** DENNIS MARLER

**SONG DIRECTOR:** PAUL PORTLEY

**COMMUNION:**

(NORTH) LEE FISHER, GAYLEN WILLIAMS  
CHARLES CULVER, KINGSFORD ASARE

(SOUTH) ZACK PETTIES, TREVOR HEILMAN  
RUFAS BROWN, REGGIE BASS

**SCRIPTURE READING:** ANDRE PETTAWAY

**PICK UP CARDS:**

COREY & CHASE CULVER

**PRAYERS:**

(A.M.) BOYCE EDWARDS, DAN CARTER  
(P.M.) LEE FISHER, MARVIN FLETCHER

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

NATALIE FISHER & AMANDA PETTIES

**EVENING SONG DIRECTOR:** REGGIE BASS

**EVENING COMMUNION:**

PAUL PORTLEY, TREVOR HEILMAN

**WEDNESDAY SONG LEADER:** PAUL PORTLEY

**WEDNESDAY CLOSING PRAYER:**

TYLER CUTTS

**PREPARE COMMUNION FOR OCTOBER:**

DENNIS & SANDRA MARLER

## NEWS FROM THE PEWS

**MILITARY & CIVILIANS OVERSEAS:** Alyssa Halcomb and Cameron Reeves, have deployed to Poland. Kingsford Asare is scheduled to be deployed to Kuwait next month. Tay Hightower is scheduled to train in California this month. Tim Matter is contracting in Kuwait. Please keep these members in your prayers.

**OUR SICK:** James Garner is being tested for heart problems. Please keep him in your prayers.

-Linda Moore's mother, Alta Britton, is under Hospice care. Please keep her in your prayers.

-Tyler Cutts is recovering from elbow surgery. Please keep him in your prayers.

-Mary McAnally's son is having health problems. Please keep her in your prayers.

-Former members, Rey & Connie Cruz are having health problems and Rey's brother is very ill in Puerto Rico. Please keep them in your prayers.

**PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & HOMEBOUND:** Former members (Janet & John John Simmons), Diane Holubec, Martha Bell's sister, Kasey Kinsey, 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, 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.

**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.

**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.

**PANTRY NEEDS:** Our benevolence pantry needs the following items: Canned beans, canned meats, canned vegetables and cream soups, canned corn and peas, canned fruit, rice, cereal, pasta, paper towels, and toilet tissue. These items can be placed in the foyer. Thank you!

**THANK YOU LADIES!** We wish to thank all the ladies for their efforts in making our 6th Annual Ladies Day another success!

**\*The office will be closed Monday, October 14, for the Columbus Day holiday.**

## WELCOME!

*\*Our speakers for  
Today are  
AM-Mike Lane.  
PM-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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### NOVEMBER

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

3-Fellowship Luncheon after morning service. Group #1 will have kitchen duties.

11-Veteran's Day (Office will be closed)

16-Ladies Breakfast & Workday, 9:30 am, in the Fellowship Hall.

27-29 Office closed for the Thanksgiving holiday.