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Cherokee Home
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Cherokee, TX

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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*

QUALITIES AND CHARACTERISTICS OF GOSPEL PREACHERS

Shepherds Notes by Boyce Edwards



From my vantage-point, the apostle Paul set a high standard for gospel preachers to follow. That high standard is seen in Paul's qualities and characteristics listed in Acts 20:18-36 where Paul addressed the Ephesian elders. May I encourage all preachers to follow in Paul's footsteps.

1. Paul was a servant of the Lord-Acts 20:19. See also Joshua 1:2; Matthew 20:25-28.
2. Paul was humble-Acts 20:19. See also James 4:6-10; I Peter 5:5-7.
3. He wasn't just a public preacher; Paul taught both publicly and from house to house-Acts 20:20. See also Acts 5:42.
4. Paul was not a respecter of persons-he testified repentance towards God, and faith towards the Lord Jesus Christ to both Jews and Gentiles-Acts 20:21. See also James 2:1-13.
5. He was courageous in the face of bonds, afflictions, and loss of life-Acts 20:22-24. See also Matthew 14:1-11; Acts 7:54-60; 12:2; Philippians 2:5-8.
6. His ultimate goal was to finish his course with joy, and fulfill his ministry that he had received from the Lord Jesus to testify of the grace of God-Acts 20:24. See also II Tim. 4:6-8.
7. He was pure from the blood of all men because he had preached God's whole counsel -Acts 20:26 & 27. See also II Timothy 3:16-4:8.
8. Paul gave severe warning to the Ephesians elders to take heed to themselves and all the flock. They were responsible for shepherding God's church which was purchased with Christ's blood-Acts 20:28. Paul knew there was a time to "blow the warning trumpet," as the OT prophets did-see especially Ezekiel 33:1-9.
9. Paul was compassionate to the point of tears-Acts 20:31. See also Luke 19:41-44; John 11:35.
10. He commended his brethren to God and to the word of His grace-Acts 20:32. See also II Timothy 1:12; I Peter 5:6 & 7.
11. Paul was non-covetous-see Acts 20:33. See also Joshua 7:20-26; John 12:6; Hebrews 13:5 & 6.
12. Paul was willing to work with his own hands so that he could take care of his own needs as well as the needs of others. In doing this, Paul showed others how to labor hard and help the weak-see Acts 20:34 & 35. See also I Timothy 5:8; Ephesians 4:28.
13. He taught others to remember the high-bar-teaching of the Lord of: "It is more blessed to give than to receive"-Acts 20:35. See also II Corinthians 8:9; I Timothy 2:6.
14. He was a man of prayer-Acts 20:36. See also Luke 6:12; I Thessalonians 5:17 & 18.

In summary, I'd like to say that Paul conducted himself in such a manner that he could say to others, "Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ"-I Corinthians 11:1.

I know that Christ is the ultimate example for preachers and all brethren; but as for a human example, I know of none higher for gospel preachers than the apostle Paul. Preachers, many eyes are upon us-let's not fail in setting the example that our brethren need to see in us! And let's not fail in the expectation God has for us! Luke 12:48 says: "For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall much be required"-Luke 12:48. God has given us much, and He has a right to expect much from us! Let us fulfill our obligations to Him! God bless always-Boyce.

From the Desk of Dan Carter

FRIENDS

James has much to say about friends and friendships. For instance, he reminds us that Abraham is called the 'Friend Of God'-James 2:23. That is a wonderful statement. Likewise, he warns: *"to be a friend of the world is to be an enemy of God"*-(James 4:4).

There was a man in the beginning that grew so close to God that the Bible says: *"Enoch walked with God: and was not; for God took him"*-(Genesis 5:24).

I am fortunate to have many good friends. These friends are scattered all over the United States. I get calls from time to time reminding me of their care. There is just no way to explain how wonderful it is to have real friends— the kind you can count on at any time, night, or day.

I had dear friends at school. I remember them from time to time, but, years have separated us. Over 50 years have passed since I saw some of them. I wonder if I would even know them after all these years.

The greatest friend you could ever have is the Lord Jesus Christ. In Proverbs 18:24, the statement is made: *"There is a friend who sticks closer than a brother."* My Lord said: *"Greater love has no man than this, that a man would lay down his life for his friends. And, you are my friends, if you do as I have told you"*-(John 15:13,14). Thus, our Lord gave Himself for us. That is the Love Of God- that He would call us His friends. *"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life"*-(John 3:16). Now, how is that for love?

I have had many loves in my life. I loved my mama and dad; my brothers; my wife; my children and grandchildren. I know you understand what I am saying. Sometimes friendships are broken and when that happens it hurts to the bone. The sad thing is that Christ came to bring us together in the brotherhood of God, but many will not receive that unity.

Families have been divided; loved ones destroyed. Again it hurts, because many will not accept the one thing that can bring us together as one.

Remember how the Lord prayed in John 17, "that they may be one; Father, as thou art in me, and I in thee, that they may be one in us." O, why, can't we be one. Why do we act like Cain? Let us all be one in Christ.

Recall when our Lord said: *"I came not to bring peace on earth: but a sword. For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against the mother. And a man's foes shall be they of his own house"*-John 10:34-36. Now, the Lord does not desire this, but He knows how we are.

The body of Christ is a family. A family that cares. A family that humbles self and is kind.

Let us be true friends. The friendship that never ends, but extends into eternity.



**Thank you everyone for your support on this year's Killeen Food Care Center Drive. We were able to help the community with approximately 100 meal helpers!*



OLD TESTAMENT Chapter Study

Old Testament

Day 244- Jeremiah 37-40

Day 245- Jeremiah 41-44

Day 246- Jeremiah 45-48

Day 247- Jeremiah 49-52

Day 248- Lamentations 1-4

Day 249- Lamentations 5; Ezekiel 1-3

Day 250- Ezekiel 4-7

Day 251- Ezekiel 8-11

Day 251- Ezekiel 12-15

Day 252- Ezekiel 16-19

Day 253- Ezekiel 20-23

Day 254- Ezekiel 24-27

Day 255- Ezekiel 28-31

Day 256- Ezekiel 32-35

Day 257- Ezekiel 36-39

Day 258- Ezekiel 40-43

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

I Am Thankful For . . .

I am thankful for . . .

- the wife who says it's hot dogs tonight because she is home with me and not out with someone else.
- the husband who is on the sofa being a couch potato because he is home with me and not out at the bars.
- the teenager who is complaining about doing dishes because it means she is at home, not on the streets.
- the taxes I pay because it means I am employed.
- the mess to clean after a party because it means I have been surrounded by friends.
- the clothes that fit a little too snugly because it means I have enough to eat.
- my shadow that watches me work because it means I am out in the sunshine, and for a lawn that needs mowing, windows that need cleaning, and gutters that need fixing because it means I have a house.
- all the complaining I hear about the government because it means we have freedom of speech.
- the parking spot I find at the far end of the parking lot because it means I am capable of walking and have been blessed with transportation.
- my huge heating bill because it means I am warm.
- the lady behind me in church who sings off key because it means I can hear.
- the pile of laundry and ironing because it means I have clothes to wear.
- weariness and aching muscles at the end of the day because it means I have been capable of working hard.
- the alarm that goes off in the early morning hours because it means I am alive.

—submitted by Frances Shipp, Weaver, Alabama

"In every thing give thanks"

1 Thessalonians 5:18

Hth, and Frances Shipp. "I Am Thankful For . . ." *House to House Heart to Heart*, House to House Heart to Heart, 21 Nov. 2016, <https://housetohouse.com/i-am-thankful-for/>.

THOSE TO SERVE THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 27, 2019:

PARKING LOT DUTY: JAMES GARNER

HALL MONITOR: BRUCE BROWN

AUDIO/VIDEO SYSTEMS FOR NOVEMBER:
PATRICK SELLERS

ANNOUNCEMENTS: DENNIS MARLER

SONG DIRECTOR: PAUL PORTLEY

COMMUNION:
(NORTH) ZACK PETTIES, KINGSFORD ASARE
CHARLES CULVER, REGGIE BASS

(SOUTH) DERREL HEGINBOTHAM, TREVOR HEILMAN
RUFAS BROWN, SHAWN FORKEY

SCRIPTURE READING: MICHAEL ROCKHOLD

PICK UP CARDS: CHASE & COREY CULVER

PRAYERS:
(A.M.) ANDRE PETTAWAY, TYLER CUTTS
(P.M.) ZACK PETTIES, PAUL PORTLEY

NURSERY ATTENDANTS (A.M.):
GAYLE & TRACY WILSON

EVENING SONG DIRECTOR: REGGIE BASS

EVENING COMMUNION:
TREVOR HEILMAN, DENNIS MARLER

WEDNESDAY SONG LEADER:
ZACK PETTIES

WEDNESDAY CLOSING PRAYER: MARVIN
FLETCHER

PREPARE COMMUNION FOR OCTOBER:
DENNIS & SANDRA MARLER

PREPARE COMMUNION FOR NOVEMBER:
ANNETTE STREETER

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

MILITARY & CIVILIANS OVERSEAS: Alyssa Halcomb Cameron Reeves, & LaSaundra Ingersoll have deployed to Poland.

-Kingsford Asare is scheduled to be deployed to Iraq next month.

-Tay Hightower is training in California.

-Tim Matter is contracting in Kuwait.

Please keep these members & their families in your prayers in your prayers.

OUR SICK: Esther Cox is being treated for breathing difficulties in Advent Health Hospital. Please keep her in your prayers.

-Sybil Cason is recovering from a hip replacement and is in room #245 at Seton Hospital. Please keep her in your prayers.

-Jim Dukes is recovering from health problems. Please keep him in your prayers.

-John Llewellyn is scheduled to undergo surgery on both of his hands on November 1. Please keep him in your prayers.

-Alyssa Halcomb's grandmother is in poor health. Please keep her in your prayers.

PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & HOMEBOUND: Natalie Fisher's mother (Odessa Dawkins), Gladys Driver, Linda Moore's mother (Alta Britton), Mary McAnally's son, Tyler Cutts, former members (Rey & Connie Cruz) (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 & 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, 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.

NEW BABY! We rejoice for Gaylen & Nichole Williams on the birth of their new son who was born October 24, and weighed 6 lbs, 6oz. Happy siblings are Gabrielle & Royal, and Grandparents are Lee & Natalie Fisher, and Thaddeus & Martha Williams. Congratulations!!!

VISITATION TEAMS: Visitation Team #1 will meet with their leader, Jim Dukes, today, to get their visitation assignments. Team members are: Jim Dukes, Marvin & Christina Fletcher, Jerdene Williams, Victoria Polanco, Ollie Jones, Kingsford Asare, and Lois Brown.

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.

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.

FELLOWSHIP POTLUCK LUNCHEON: We want to invite everyone to our monthly Fellowship Potluck Luncheon on November 3, following the morning service in the fellowship hall. KITCHEN GROUP #1 will have kitchen duties (Martha Bell, Lois Brown, Kasey Kinsey, Linda Moore, Amanda Petties, & Victoria Polanco).

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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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.

3-Fosters Home For Children Mac-n-Cheese Drive

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

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

25-29 The secretary will be on vacation.

27-29 Office closed for the Thanksgiving holiday.