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For Children
Stephenville, TX

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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*

Hey, Where's Your Helmet?

By Boyce Edwards

The subject is extracted from Paul's directive to the Christians at Ephesus to "put on the whole armor of God." In light of this apostolic command, let's explore some preliminary statements found in Ephesians 6:10-20. In this tremendous section of Scripture, the Christians are reminded that their strength comes from the Lord! Without His strength and might, they are totally helpless (Ephesians 6:10). King David made this same confession in 1 Samuel 17 when he credited God for giving him the strength and victory over the lion and bear. He was convinced that God would do the same as he fearlessly faced Goliath as well! David's words still ring true today as we read and study this great section of Scripture. David knew his strength was not in his own power, staff, sling, accuracy, or the smooth stones; but in God, (1 Samuel 17:37, & 45-47)!

When Christians are fully equipped with God's armor, they are **able** to stand against the wiles of the devil (Ephesians 6:11, 13-14). Without this armor, they will fall prey to the powerful foe of the devil and his allies! Some years ago, on a very hot day on the battlefield in Iraq, a young private had taken off his body armor to relax for a few minutes from the heavy weight. An alert Sergeant saw him and hollered with a loud voice and told him to get his armor back on! The private did so, and just as he was fastening his Kevlar helmet, he was hit squarely in the back by an enemy mortar round. Aside from the stunning effect of the impact of the mortar round, he received only a minor scratch on his left ear! The private was required to fill out a report of the incident. The first line of the report said, "Sergeant Jones (the name is changed for identity protection) saved my life!" God's directive to put on His whole armor will save our souls from the eternal fires of Hell! Let's get our armor on, and keep it on!

My focal point with regard to the helmet of salvation will be on using our God-given mind that's under the helmet! Years ago, when I did something stupid, my daddy would say to me, "Boyce Lee, use your head for something besides a hat rack!" I've never forgotten the statement, and it's helped me tremendously in my life! A person puts the helmet of salvation on when he is baptized into Christ for the remission of sins (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 22:16; & 1 Peter 3:21). In my 50 plus years as a Christian, my remorseful observation has been, that there is a huge disparity between the number of individuals who initially put their helmets on to run this Christian race and the number of individuals who have kept their helmets on and are still running their race!

Jesus said, "The law and the prophets were until John: since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every man presseth into it" (Luke 16:16, KJV). The Greek word for presseth is *biazetai*, and has the meaning of "forcefully endeavoring and striving, or exerting great mental strength and power" to enter into God's kingdom. Christians lose their battle to go to heaven when they do not have this mindset!

"Then one said unto him, Lord, are there few that be saved? And he said unto them, Strive (agonizesthe, strive very earnestly) to enter in at the strait (stenes, narrow) gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able" (Luke 13:23 & 24). Satan is in full attack mode! The question is: "**Do You Have Your Helmet ON??!!**"

Edwards, B. (2019, October). Hey, Where's Your Helmet? *Think - Current Issues From A Distinctly Christian View*, 14(10), 20-20.

From the Desk of Dan Carter

BY WHOSE AUTHORITY?

I got into trouble in school once by following what another student (my friend) told me to do. I recall how the teacher ask why I did such a thing. "Well," I said: "Johnny told me to do it, and, I thought it would be fun, so I did it." Whereupon the teacher said (just before my whipping), "You should be careful whose advice you follow."

I have remembered that to this day! What was true with that situation is true in the religious realm as well. We should always ask, "By Whose Authority am I doing this...is it from God, or man?" This would settle much division in religion. Where do we get our authority?

In Matthew 21:23-27, the Jews asked Christ two questions: (1) By what Authority do you do these things? And, (2) Who gave you this Authority?

Our Lord's reply makes it clear. There are only two places a person can get his authority: God, or Man!

Now, our question today ought to be: "Whom Do I Follow In Religious Matter...Is It God, or Man?"

To many folks want the easy way out. "Let somebody else worry about that!" "I don't really care what they do at church, I just go, and go back home!" Surely, we must realize that unless brethren stand against the errors of men, that the church of our Lord will suffer in many ways.

(1). **STRONG ELDERS:** We need brothers who will walk by the rule of God. We don't need those who fail to make the right decisions. Listen to Paul's admonition: *"Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock over which you see; for I know that grievous wolves will enter to destroy the flock. You take heed to feed the church and oversee"*-Acts 20:28-30. Another verse tells them: *"With sound doctrine be able to convict the gainsayers"*-Titus 1:9. Elders must protect the local body from any who would abuse it. Members are told to submit, and obey their rule. Listen: *"Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: they watch for your souls and must give account"*-Hebrews 13:17. Elders protect the flock. They

must stand against anything that disrupts unity. We must be one in order to win souls.

(2). **STRONG PULPITS:** What has happened to the preacher who would use the holy scripture to exhort and convict? Too many are interested in preaching the 'soft' gospel. I stand with Paul: *"Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, exhort, with all longsuffering and doctrine"*-2 Timothy 4:2. Listen to Paul: *"I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ"*-Romans 1:16. Every preacher will give answer as to what he has proclaimed at Judgment!

Until we demand the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, the church will be lukewarm and soft!

Preachers, elders, and members, will be held responsible in Judgment!

Who are we following: Men, or God? Our Authority comes from His Divine Book (2 Timothy 3:16,17). I want to know His Will, so I study that book. I will not bow down to any man. My authority comes from God.

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

MILITARY & CIVILIANS OVERSEAS: Alyssa Halcomb & Cameron Reeves have deployed to Poland, Kingsford Asare has deployed to Kuwait, and Tim Matter is contracting in Kuwait. Please keep these members & their families in your prayers in your prayers.

OUR SICK: Lois Brown is recovering at her home from having heart surgery on December 10th. Please keep her in your prayers.

-Doris Edwards was admitted into Scott & White Hospital, room #413, on Wednesday for bleeding and blood clots. Please keep her in your prayers.

-Brenda Sellers' sister, Jessie Gilcrest, is have health problems. Please keep her in your prayers.

-Carl Nicholson is having heart & health problems. Please keep him in your prayers.

-James Garner will have surgery on December 30th. Please keep him in your prayers.

-Jessie Turner will undergo a knee replacement on

January 21st, at Scott & White Hospital. Please keep her in your prayers.

-Donna Hines' mother, Clara Frost, has been moved back to room #314-B, at the Hill Country Nursing & Rehabilitation Center. Please keep her in your prayers.

PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & HOMEBOUND:

Julia Jones, Gayle Wilson, Esther Cox, Scott Davis, James Garner & his wife (Tammy), Shawn Forkey, Jim Dukes, Natalie Fisher's mother (Odessa Dawkins), Linda Moore's mother (Alta Britton), Mary McAnally's son, former members (Rey & Connie Cruz) (Janet & John John Simmons) (Zack Knight), Diane Holubec, Martha Bell's sister, Skip & Tina Pallo and her son (Jeremy) and sisters (Cheryle & Jeanette), 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), 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 & his father & uncle, David Shilling, Judy Wall's brother (Don Scott), Alice Allison, Garnie & Nada Miller, Linda Walts, and Shirl Foster. Please keep these members and loved ones in your prayers as they battle health problems.

VISITATION TEAMS: Visitation Teams will resume again the week of January 5.

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE FOR THE FORD-MADDEN CHRISTIAN ACADEMY IN LIBERIA: We are collecting school supplies to help the Ford-Madden Christian Academy in Monrovia, Liberia. These items may be placed in the foyer. The last day of collecting will be December 22.

FOSTER'S HOME FOR CHILDREN: The macaroni & cheese collected for the Foster's Homes for Children was picked up last Wednesday. They were extremely grateful for the collection and for our generosity over the years.

**THOSE TO SERVE THE WEEK OF
DECEMBER 15, 2019:**

PARKING LOT DUTY: ROGER DEEM

HALL MONITOR: MARVIN FLETCHER

AUDIO/VIDEO SYSTEMS FOR DECEMBER:
PATRICK SELLERS

ANNOUNCEMENTS: DENNIS MARLER

SONG DIRECTOR: GAYLEN WILLIAMS

COMMUNION:

(NORTH) PAUL PORTLEY, REGGIE BASS
CLAY CULVER, TAY HIGHTOWER

(SOUTH) ANDRE PETTAWAY, TREVOR HEILMAN
RUFAS BROWN, SHAWN FORKEY

SCRIPTURE READING: MICHAEL ROCKHOLD

PICK UP CARDS:

RANGER SANDERS & ANDREW FORKEY

PRAYERS:

(A.M.) BOYCE EDWARDS, BRUCE BROWN
(P.M.) TREVOR HEILMAN, DERREL HEGINBOTHAM

NURSERY ATTENDANTS (A.M.):

VICTORIA POLANCO & SANDRA MARLER

EVENING SONG DIRECTOR: PAUL PORTLEY

EVENING COMMUNION:

ZACK PETTIES, JIM DUKES

WEDNESDAY SONG LEADER:

PAUL PORTLEY

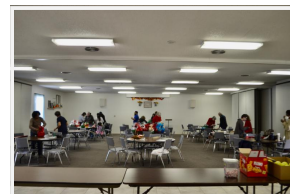
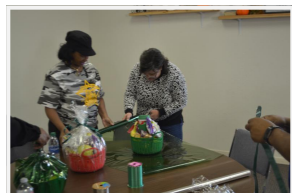
WEDNESDAY CLOSING PRAYER:

JIM DUKES

PREPARE COMMUNION FOR DECEMBER:

DONNA HINES & BEVERLY WILLIAMS

THANK YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR EFFORTS WITH THIS YEAR'S HOLIDAY BASKET PROJECT!



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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☞ DECEMBER CALENDAR ☞

22-School Supply Drive for Liberia ends.

24 & 25-Closed for the Christmas Holiday

31-Closed for New Year's Eve

☞ JANUARY CALENDAR ☞

1-Closed for New Year's Day

4-Men's Breakfast at 8:30 am, in the Killeen Golden Corral.