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*Cherokee Home
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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*



You have that crushing feeling again. You've given into temptation and feel defeated. Really you want to hide under a rock or crawl into a dark cave and never face the world again. Hiding is the same reaction Adam and Eve had when they sinned. *"Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God amongst the trees of the garden."* (Genesis 3)

Quite frankly, this is what Satan wants us to do: hide, give up, and not be productive in the Lord's kingdom.

There have been many times where I've fought and fallen in a battle of temptation and considered wholly giving in. Many times the one motivating factor that made me rise and continue is reminding myself that this is Satan's plan – for me to give up and stop trying. In Revelation 12:9 Satan is cast out into the earth and in verse 17 he is angry *"and went to make war with [those] which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ."* Satan, who deceives the whole world (Rev. 12:9), wants us to forget that we are in a battle and ultimately surrender.

What if Peter had surrendered after swearing that he did not know Jesus (Matthew 26:69-75)? As Peter wept bitterly, he had no idea that 52 days later he would teach one of the greatest sermons ever heard, that would bring thousands of people to Christ. Who would have taught that great sermon on repentance had he given up on his walk with Jesus? If we give up on our walk with Jesus, what good deeds and words would go undone? *"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them."* (Ephesians 2:10)

If you are barely hanging on to your faith in Christ, get amongst your brethren. After the death of Jesus, the women who went to anoint Jesus came to Peter and the other disciples to report what they had seen and heard. (Luke 24:8-9). Note that Peter was found with the brethren. For most of us, our tendency is to isolate ourselves as Judas did when he gave into temptation. He had the right attitude by repenting and confessing but took the wrong action. *"Then when Judas, who had betrayed Him, saw that He had been condemned, he felt remorse and returned the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, saying, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood...and he threw the pieces of silver into the temple sanctuary and departed; and he went away and hanged himself"* (Matthew 27:3-5).

Here are some of the right actions that will help us recover more quickly after we have sinned:

-Mentally turn to God rather than hide > David did (II. Samuel 12:13, 20).

-Strengthen yourself in the midst of the brethren > continue attending services & classes (lions prey on stragglers and the weak – I. Peter 5:8, Ecc. 4:10)

-Be honest about your struggles with select sisters > this could be with someone in another city too (Ecc. 4:9-12).

-Study and read scripture more frequently > we need to be reminded of God's lovingkindness (Psalm 103:11-12, Psalm 32:5, Proverbs 28:13, Psalm 51:1)

-Be transparent in your prayers > David's great example – Psalm 51

Remember: Psalm 37:23-24 *"The steps of a man are established by the Lord, and He delights in his way. When he falls, he will not be hurled headlong, because the Lord is the One who holds his hand."*

Cook, Bridget. "Satan Wants Us to Give Up." *Come Fill Your Cup*, Restored 316, 22 May 2018, <http://comefillyourcup.com/2018/05/22/satan-wants-us-to-give-up/>.

From the Desk of Dan Carter

GOING HOME

There is something about the title of this piece that touches the hearts of most everyone. My memories of home, and mama and dad, bring tears to my eyes. Often, I think of those days. I can still see the old home place and yearn to be there again.

You folks are unaware that when I accepted the job at Killeen, I did so because it was getting me nearer to my old home. When we moved to San Antonio I was unaware of how far removed from home I really was. I hadn't been there but a year, when dad died. It nearly killed me. He was always asking me to move back closer to him. It hurts me now as I think of his pleading. We were always very close.

I spent nearly 18 years in San Antonio, then I heard that you were looking for a preacher, so here I am. I knew it would get me nearer home. I was able to go see mama more before she died. I lost my two brothers, also. Everyone is gone, even Jeannie. My thoughts go to them always.

Now, what is this all about? I will show you, but first let me clear something up. God brought me to you. I know I was thinking about home AND I FOUND IT! Jeannie and I were happy here. Yes, I lost her, but she is always with me. In trying to get back home, I found home with some of the sweetest folks I have ever known...Thank You!

Now, to the point. Home is waiting for us. We are on our way home. Christ is preparing a place for us and for all our loved ones who have followed Him. We will have the grandest reunion ever!

I must confess to you that since home means so much to me; I have often thought: will heaven be like that?

I recall that my grandpa Carter lived out in Haskell, Texas. Every year he would come see us and I would plead with him to come back to his home; the place he grew up. He always responded: "Son, I am home. If you ever come out West you will see why I will never come back to this place." I always wondered why, then when I moved West, I knew! No wonder he loved out West.

The fact is: home is where we make it. That is the way I have heaven figured out. It will be such a wonderful place we will never want to leave! We

will finally be in our everlasting home! Isn't that what our Lord promised?

"I go to prepare a place for you. I will come again and receive you to myself; that where I am, there you will be also"-John 14:1-3.



Does the Bible Offer Hope For Depression?

Note: This article considers the spiritual side of a serious topic. Please note that depression sometimes necessitates medical intervention.

Depression is perhaps the most common emotional problem that we face today. Experts suggest as many as one in five Americans experiences severe depression sometime during their lives, and depression may be the most common health problem for women. Symptoms of depression include apathy, insomnia, difficulty in concentrating, and a general loss of interest in life. Severely depressed people may become suicidal, violent, or completely withdrawn. Depression has always been a problem for mankind. Bible characters such as King Saul, Elijah the prophet, Job, and others experienced depression.

Sources of depression may be physical, psychological, or spiritual. Fatigue, chemical imbalances, and other physical problems may cause it. After his defeat of the prophets of Baal on Mount Carmel, Elijah was physically exhausted. When Jezebel threatened his life, he fled into the wilderness and was ready to die. The angel of the Lord comforted him and strengthened him with food, telling him, "*Arise and eat, because the journey is too great for you*" (1 Kings 19:7). He still felt overwhelmed and alone, however. He said, "*I have been very zealous for the Lord God of hosts; for the children of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, torn down Your altars, and killed Your prophets with the sword. I alone am left; and they seek to take my life*" (1 Kings

19:10). He repeated. *“I alone am left; and they seek to take my life”* (1 Kings 19:14). The Lord encouraged him by letting him know that there were still seven thousand faithful persons in Israel, and by sending Elisha to help him.

Loss is a common psychological cause of depression. Job lost his possessions, family, health, and even his reputation. He cried, *“The thing I greatly feared has come upon me, and what I dreaded has happened to me. I am not at ease, nor am I quiet; I have no rest, for trouble comes”* (Job 3:25–26). Later he learned that God continued to control the universe: *“I know that You can do everything, and that no purpose of Yours can be withheld from You”* (42:2). Unfulfilled hopes and dreams and feelings of worthlessness or helplessness brought on by stress also cause depression. These feelings often come because one has lost proper perspective. Disappointments may be opportunities in disguise—times to rearrange priorities, making them in line with God’s will. We can overcome feelings of helplessness and worthlessness by understanding that God is still in control. He demonstrated His love for us in the cross (Romans 5:8).

Sin has spiritual consequences, which often include depression. Obeying God is the key. *“If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love”* (John 15:10). God does not intend for us to be depressed, and He is eager to forgive and comfort. —Bob Prichard

Prichard, Bob, and Please enter your name here. “Does the Bible Offer Hope for Depression?” *House to House Heart to Heart*, Ouse to House Heart to Heart. To God Be the Glory., 8 Oct. 2019, <https://housetohouse.com/does-the-bible-offer-hope-for-depression/>.

THOSE TO SERVE THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 8, 2019:

PARKING LOT DUTY: BRUCE BROWN JR.

HALL MONITOR: JAMES GARNER

AUDIO/VIDEO SYSTEMS FOR DECEMBER:
PATRICK SELLERS

ANNOUNCEMENTS: TREVOR HEILMAN

SONG DIRECTOR: REGGIE BASS

COMMUNION:
(NORTH) ROGER DEEM, ANDRE PETTAWAY
CHARLES CULVER, DERREL HEGINBOTHAM

(SOUTH) LEE FISHER, DENNIS MARLER
RUFAS BROWN, TAY HIGHTOWER

SCRIPTURE READING: PAUL PORTLEY

PICK UP CARDS:
COREY & CHASE CULVER

PRAYERS:
(A.M.) ZACK PETTIES, JIM DUKES
(P.M.) LEE FISHER, MARVIN FLETCHER

NURSERY ATTENDANTS (A.M.):
CHERYL FLORES & BRENDA SELLERS

EVENING SONG DIRECTOR: GAYLEN WILLIAMS

EVENING COMMUNION:
ROGER DEEM, REGGIE BASS

WEDNESDAY SONG LEADER:
ZACK PETTIES

WEDNESDAY CLOSING PRAYER:
DERREL HEGINBOTHAM

PREPARE COMMUNION FOR DECEMBER:
DONNA HINES & BEVERLY WILLIAMS

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

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

OUR SICK: Doris Edwards is recovering from gallbladder surgery at Seton Hospital. Please keep her in your prayers.

-Donna Hines' mother, Clara Frost, is now under Hospice Care, and has been moved to room #310, 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), Doris Edwards, 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, John Llewellyn's sister (Janet Schleyer), 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 former member, Sue Zak, on the loss of her brother and former member, Donald Cannon. Please keep this family in your prayers.

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

HOLIDAY BASKETS: Thank you all for your participation in this year's holiday basket project!

LADIES HOLIDAY FELLOWSHIP: Ladies join us for our annual holiday fellowship hosted by Janet Bass on Monday, December 9th, at 6:00 pm. Please bring your favorite potluck dish, a wrapped ornament.

MILITARY CARE PACKAGES: We are collecting items for our three members who are deployed overseas. A take home list of items are available and they may be placed in the blue box in the foyer. The last day to collect will be Wednesday, December 11th.

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.

DECEMBER CALENDAR

9-Ladies Holiday Fellowship hosted by Janet Bass.

22-School Supply Drive for Liberia ends.

24 & 25-Closed for the Christmas Holiday

31-Closed for New Year's Eve

Jan 1-Closed for New Year's Day

WELCOME!

***Our speakers for today are: Boyce Edwards (AM Sermon) & Arthur David (PM Sermon).**

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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