



# Killeen Church of Christ



*"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*

## *Hear With Our Spiritual Heart*

*Shepherds Notes by Lee Fisher*

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### **MONTHLY SUPPORT:**

*Cherokee Home  
For Children  
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.

I cannot count the number of meals I've eaten with the other elders. Our normal routine is that we get together on a weekly basis and go visiting and discuss the business of the congregation. The things we discuss range from a need for new lights in the auditorium, to members who are delinquent from our church family. But on every occasion our discussion falls upon our new converts, especially those who have left the congregation. When we think of our brothers and sisters who are no longer with us, we are sad that they are absent from our church family. During these discussions the "Parable of the Sower" always comes to my mind.

Jesus spoke this parable in Mark, chapter 4. *"And again He began to teach by the sea. And a great multitude was gathered to Him, so that He got into a boat and sat in it on the sea; and the whole multitude was on the land facing the sea. <sup>2</sup> Then He taught them many things by parables, and said to them in His teaching: <sup>3</sup> "Listen! Behold, a sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup> And it happened, as he sowed, that some seed fell by the wayside; and the birds <sup>[a]</sup> of the air came and devoured it. <sup>5</sup> Some fell on stony ground, where it did not have much earth; and immediately it sprang up because it had no depth of earth. <sup>6</sup> But when the sun was up it was scorched, and because it had no root it withered away. <sup>7</sup> And some seed fell among thorns; and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no <sup>[b]</sup> crop. <sup>8</sup> But other seed fell on good ground and yielded a crop that sprang up, increased and produced: some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some a hundred." <sup>9</sup> And He said <sup>[c]</sup> to them, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"*

When Jesus said "Listen," and "Behold," yes, He wanted them to listen, but not just with their ears; but especially with understanding of their spiritual heart. When individuals listen this way, they are enabled to keep on hearing and applying Gods word to every situation. He was not just "stating a parable," but He wanted them and us today to see ourselves in relation to this parable. How we see, hear, and respond to the word of God is how we will bear fruit. If God's word is planted in the right heart, His word will change us! Sadly, not everyone will be changed! In this parable, it looks like only ¼ of those will hear the word, accept it, and bear fruit. But a small number of people can make a difference! God wants everybody to be saved, but He does not need everybody to accomplish His will-see Judges chapter 7. How we apply God's word to our lives makes a difference! Every day we look in the mirror to see what's wrong, or to determine what needs to be changed, and we make it. The bible says: *"<sup>22</sup> But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. <sup>23</sup> For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; <sup>24</sup> for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. <sup>25</sup> But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does."* (James 1:24-25)

The same applies to God's word. Jesus said "He who has ears to hear, let him hear!" "Hearing" means understanding, obeying, applying it, and living by it. Let's not be casual listeners, because this type of listeners do not understand that when tribulation or persecution arises, they will immediately stumble! To prepare ourselves we must study to feed the spiritual man, and those who "hunger and thirst after righteousness," will be filled! See Matt. 5:6.

In Christian Love, Lee

*From the Desk of Dan Carter*

## GOOD & PLEASANT THINGS



A very familiar passage is found in Psalm 133:1. This Psalm is attributed to David: *"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."*

And, how true that is. I remember in our Lord's prayer for the disciples, He prayed *"...that they all may be one..."*-John 17:21. Unity among the brethren is a great and blessed thing. Division destroys; unity builds.

There are many other things that come to mind. A family needs to be united. One of the problems seen in the world today is that children are brought into this world and abandoned to their own fate. When we see the problems racing our nation to peril, the main problem is the home. Divorce is at an all-time high; as well as Mate-swapping and Role-changing! We recall that Romans chapter one spoke of things God hates, yet man keeps on practicing! Listen to a few of those words from God: *"Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness, full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity, whisperers, backbiters, haters of God, spiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, without understanding, covenant breakers, without natural affection..."*-Romans 1:29-31. The last verse of that chapter ends like this: *"Who knowing the judgment of God, that they who commit such things are worthy of death, not only do them, but have pleasure in others who do the same thing."*

What hurts most of all in those verses is when the record declares, "having pleasure in others who do the same thing!" It hurts to see evil; but even worse is the enjoyment of getting many involved in that evil. Yes, a Family devoted to God is a "Good & Pleasant Thing!"

Another Good & Pleasant Thing to me is to see True Friendship: *"A Friend sticks closer than a*

*brother"*-Proverbs 18:24. Listen, to this verse: *"A Friend Loves At All Times"*-Proverbs 17:17.

I am one who knows how wonderful and pleasant it is to have dear friends. I have friends all over the country. Calls come to me often from those dear friends of years gone by. Isn't it wonderful to have friends? It is just as wonderful to be a friend. You have the opportunity often to make friends and influence others to Christ.

One last verse: *"You are my friends, if you do whatsoever I command you"*-John 15:14.

Now, You think of many other things that is "Good & Pleasant To Be, Or To Do!"



## OLD TESTAMENT Chapter Study

### Old Testament

Day 15 - Genesis 47-50

Day 16 - Exodus 1-4

Day 17 - Exodus 5-7

Day 18 - Exodus 8-10

Day 19 - Exodus 11-13

Day 20 - Exodus 14-16

Day 21 - Exodus 17-20

Day 22 - Exodus 21-23

Day 23 - Exodus 24-27

Day 24 - Exodus 28-30

Day 25 - Exodus 31-34

Day 26 - Exodus 35-37

Day 27 - Exodus 38-40

Day 28 - Leviticus 1-4

Day 29 - Leviticus 5-7

Day 30 - Leviticus 8-10

Day 31 - Leviticus 11-13

Day 32 - Leviticus 14-15

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

# SAVE THE DATES!

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## PERSONAL EVANGELISM SEMINAR

APRIL 10-11, 2020

*Hosted by the Killeen church of Christ*

## THOSE TO SERVE THE WEEK OF JANUARY 26, 2020:

**PARKING LOT DUTY:** BRUCE BROWN

**HALL MONITOR:** MARVIN FLETCHER

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** DENNIS MARLER

**SONG DIRECTOR:** GAYLEN WILLIAMS

**COMMUNION:**  
(NORTH) ROGER DEEM, DERREL HEGINBOTHAM  
RUFAS BROWN, TAY HIGHTOWER

(SOUTH) TREVOR HEILMAN, TREVOR HEILMAN  
CHARLES CULVER, PATRICK FLOYD

**SCRIPTURE READING:** ANDRE PETTAWAY

**PICK UP CARDS:**  
COREY & CHASE CULVER

**PRAYERS:**  
(A.M.) LEE FISHER, DAN CARTER  
(P.M.) ZACK PETTIES, MICHAEL ROCKHOLD

**NURSERY ATTENDANTS (A.M.):**  
ANGELA & DERICA THOMAS

**EVENING SONG DIRECTOR:** REGGIE BASS

**EVENING COMMUNION:**  
GAYLEN WILLIAMS, ROGER DEEM

**WEDNESDAY SONG LEADER:**  
PAUL PORTLEY

**WEDNESDAY CLOSING PRAYER:**  
DENNIS MARLER

**PREPARE COMMUNION FOR JANUARY:**  
NATALIE FISHER

**PREPARE COMMUNION FOR FEBRUARY:**  
BARBARA HUGHART

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

# "LIGHT BABY SHOWER"

HONORING

*GAYLEN & NICHOLE WILLIAMS'*  
*NEWBORN SON, ASHER*

**HOSTED BY**

JOYCE BROWN      AMANDA PETTIES  
BRENDA SELLERS    NATALIE FISHER

*We will be lightly showering baby Asher with  
diapers & baby wipes today,  
at 3:30 PM, in the Fellowship Hall.*

## 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 Saudi Arabia. Please keep these members & their families in your prayers.

**PLEASE KEEP THESE MEMBERS & THEIR LOVED ONES IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

-Gayle Wilson is now home recovering from surgery last Monday. Please keep her in your prayers.

-Jessie Turner underwent a knee replacement at Scott & White Hospital last Tuesday and is in room #566 South Tower. Please keep her in your prayers.

-James Garner's wife, Tammy, will have neck surgery on January 29. Please keep her in your prayers.

**PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & HOMEBOUND:** Michael Rockhold, Rick Byrne, Tom & Diane Holubec, Lois Brown, Esther Cox, Scott Davis, James Garner & his wife (Tammy), Shawn Forkey, Natalie Fisher's mother (Odessa Dawkins), Linda Moore's mother (Alta Britton), Mary McAnally's son, former members (Jack Bigham) (Rey & Connie Cruz) (Janet & John John Simmons) (Carl Nicholson), Martha Bell's sister, Skip & Tina Pallo and her son (Jeremy) and sisters (Cheryle & Jeanette), Willard Dunn, Jodi Culp & her sister (Catrina), Gail Mende & her son (Eric) & friend (Sue Worshim), Kathy Edwards, Brenda Sellers' mother & sister (Jessie Gilcrest), Carla Heginbotham's sister (Eileen Olson), Tanja & Natasha Arch, Gaylen Williams' co-worker (Cynthia), 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, 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 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, and Lois Brown.

**ELDERS, DEACONS, & MEN'S BUSINESS MEETING:** There will be an Elders, Deacons, & Men's Business Meeting today at 3:30 pm, in the auditorium. This will be a meeting to finalize our security procedures.

**FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON:** Please join us monthly Fellowship Luncheon on Sunday, February 2, following the morning service in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring casseroles, meat dishes, vegetables, and desserts. Kitchen Group #2 will have kitchen duties: (Judy Wall, Creta Bales, Linda Deem, Cheryl Flores, Yvonne Hardiman, Dennis & Sandra Marler, & Josephine Spear).

**CLEANING SIGN-UP SHEET IN THE FOYER TO START IN FEBRUARY:** If anyone would like to help with cleaning the building, please sign up on the sheet in the foyer. For any questions, please contact the office.

## WELCOME!

*\*Our speaker for this morning 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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### ☞ JANUARY CALENDAR ☞

**26-**Baby shower in honor of Gaylen & Nichole Williams' newborn son, Asher, 3:30 pm, in the fellowship hall.

**26-**Men's Business Meeting, 3:30, in the auditorium.

**29-**Ladies Weekly Bible Study, 10:00 am, in the Fellowship Hall.

### ☞ FEBRUARY CALENDAR ☞

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

**2-**Fellowship Luncheon after morning service (Group #2 will have Kitchen duties: Judy Wall, Creta Bales, Linda Deem, Cheryl Flores, Yvonne Hardiman, Dennis & Sandra Marler, & Josephine Spear).

**5-**Ladies Weekly Bible Study, 10:00 am, in the Fellowship Hall.

**5-**Singing Night