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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*

THINK BEFORE WE SPEAK

Shepherds Notes by Zack Petties



The righteous people will mindfully weigh their answers, but the wicked will not because of the unthoughtful attentiveness and uncaring effects of their words. It is critical to plan our words carefully and not just pour out our thoughts without concern of the impact they may cause to others! James 1:19 reminds us *"Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath."* What we say and what we do not say are both very important. Incorrect usage of speech, or an uncontrolled tongue can do terrible damage in any situation or relationship.

When we speak, is it motivated by Satan? For example, do we have unspiritual thoughts and ideas, earthly concerns and desires, selfish ambitions, bitter jealousies, and disorderly evils? Our speech should be motivated with Godly wisdom such as: peace, purity, submission, goodness, consideration of others, and the sincerity of impartiality with mercy. *"Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man"*-Colossians 4:6. When we discuss Christ, our discussion must be in a gracious way so that other person will listen! We lose our effectiveness if it isn't a courteous approach. Observe the word **THINK** below:

1. **T**----Is it **TRUE**?
2. **H**----Is it **HELPFUL**?
3. **I**----Is it **INSPIRING**?
4. **N**----Is it **NECESSARY**?
5. **K**----Is it **KIND**?

"Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity"-1 Timothy 4:12. How encouraging for Timothy to receive the words of Paul by setting this example in his speech! Many times we have the opportunity to inspire others. In Matthew 12:37 (NKJV), Jesus said, *"For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned."* What we say reveals what is in our heart.

We must allow God's word and obedience to evolve in us! We will have a new attitude and right motives, and then our speech will be salt unto this world.

In Love,
Brother Petties

From the Desk of Dan Carter

REMOVING GOD

"Because when they knew God, they glorified Him not as God, neither were they thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish hearts were darkened" -Romans 1:21.

This is a familiar verse. In the next few verses following, the book tells us that 'God Gave Them Up.' Then, follows all types of sins known to mankind. Such foolishness where men began to worship the creature rather than the Creator! They began to lust after strange flesh: men with men; women with women! GOD GAVE THEM UP!

Folks, the world has not changed! There is just more of us on this planet than before. We still try the patience of the Almighty! We still turn from God to worship idols made with men's hands! Fleshly, Mental, Emotional: We are following the desires of the heart. Take a good look; Man has not changed.

No, we have not changed. Yes, there are good people here, but, the bad outweighs the good so often. In the days of Noah, only eight souls were saved. If the world keeps turning--how many will be following God when the Lord returns in the air? I don't have to remind you that the Lord Himself said: *"Enter in at the strait gate: For wide is the gate that leads to destruction, and many go in that gate; But, strait is the gate and narrow the way to life--and, few there be that enter"*-Matthew 7:13,14. And, again, as in the days of Noah, so is it today: Eating and Drinking; doing their own thing--until the flood came and took them away! Are we headed in that direction?

The sickness of sin is apparent. One only has to drive down the roadways to see it displayed. Sodom was so bad that Lot told the Angels: 'You can't sleep on the streets; come into my house.' You remember the story. Not ten righteous souls could be found there! I pray this is not the fate of our nation.

Pray for our nation. Pray for our leaders. Pray that Satan be put away with all haste! Pray that our people return to the knowledge of God. Pray for our children. Pray for America!

There is a familiar old song: 'My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less; Than Jesus Christ, And His Righteousness.' We need that hope in our lives. Today, souls are turning to the worship of self more than ever. Greed, Hatred and Lust of Flesh, is all that is seen. People walk around bumping into each other because they have their heads down playing on those video games! Can't we teach our children the value of communication? Can we teach them respect? What is happening? No, what has happened?

No wonder Jesus said: 'When the Son of Man returns, shall He find faith on earth?'-Luke 18:8.



OLD TESTAMENT Chapter Study

Old Testament

Feb 16 - Numbers 22-24

Feb 17 - Numbers 25-26

Feb 18 - Numbers 27-29

Feb 19 - Numbers 30-32

Feb 20 - Numbers 33-36

Feb 21 - Deuteronomy 1-2

Feb 22 - Deuteronomy 3-4

Feb 23 - Deuteronomy 5-8

Feb 24 - Deuteronomy 9-11

Feb 25 - Deuteronomy 12-15

Feb 26 - Deuteronomy 16-19

Feb 27 - Deuteronomy 20-22

Feb 28 - Deuteronomy 23-25

Feb 29 - Deuteronomy 26-27

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

BLESSING GOD, # 1-Ephesians 1:3.

AM Sermon - Boyce Edwards

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ"-Ephesians 1:3.

Notes about words from this text:

I. Examples from HALLEL PSALMS (songs of praise), Psalms 113-118 & 136.

Consider:

1. Paul and Silas's peaceful countenance and acceptance of a terrible beating and imprisonment-Acts 16:25.

2. Consider the statement of the Psalmist in Psalms 73:18.

II. Close-the record in Luke 17:11-19 of the Lord cleansing 10 lepers.

A. As bad as leprosy was; sin is far worse!

B. It is tragic that 9 of the lepers failed to thank the Lord for their cleansing!

C. It is far more tragic when Christians who have been cleansed of sin by the precious blood of Christ, cease thanking God and return back to the world!

D. What category would God place us in? Would he categorize us with the nine, or the one?

**THOSE TO SERVE THE WEEK OF
FEBRUARY 23, 2020:**

PARKING LOT DUTY: BRUCE BROWN

HALL MONITOR: ROGER DEEM

AUDIO/VIDEO SYSTEMS FOR FEBRUARY:
PATRICK SELLERS

ANNOUNCEMENTS: LEE FISHER

SONG DIRECTOR: GAYLEN WILLIAMS

COMMUNION:
(NORTH) PAUL PORTLEY, XAVIER SEAY
CHARLES CULVER, SHAWN FORKEY

(SOUTH) DENNIS MARLER, ANDRE PETTAWAY
RUFUS BROWN, PATRICK FLOYD

SCRIPTURE READING: JAMES SEAY

PICK UP CARDS:
COREY & CHASE CULVER

PRAYERS:
(A.M.) TREVOR HEILMAN, REGGIE BASS
(P.M.) JIM DUKES, JAMES GARNER

NURSERY ATTENDANTS (A.M.):
SANDRA MARLER & VICTORIA POLANCO

EVENING SONG DIRECTOR: REGGIE BASS

EVENING COMMUNION:
DENNIS MARLER, GAYLEN WILLIAMS

WEDNESDAY SONG LEADER:
PAUL PORTLEY

WEDNESDAY CLOSING PRAYER:
DENNIS MARLER

PREPARE COMMUNION FOR FEBRUARY:
BARBARA HUGHART
PREPARE COMMUNION FOR MARCH:
AMANDA PETTIES

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

MILITARY & CIVILIANS OVERSEAS: Alyssa Halcomb is in Poland, Cameron Reeves is in Germany, Kingsford Asare is in 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: Mary Ann Culp is at Scott & White Hospital, room 581, STC, with severe diabetes complications. Please keep her in your prayers.

-Brenda Sellers' sister, Jessie Gilcrest, is undergoing testing on her esophagus to determine if she has lost her ability to swallow. Please keep her in your prayers.

-Yvonne Hardiman is having severe back issues. Please keep her in your prayers.

-John Llewellyn's wife, Aspasia, is having medical tests performed. Please keep her in your prayers.

-James Garner is to have back surgery in March. Please keep him in your prayers.

PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & HOMEBOUND:

Barbara Robinson's daughter (Laura Skarba), Janet Bass, Millie Simcox, 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 Tina's son (Jeremy) and Tina's sisters (Cheryle & Jeanette), Willard Dunn, Jodi Culp & her sister (Catrina), Gail Mende & her son (Eric) & friend (Sue Worshim), Kathy Edwards, Brenda Sellers' mother & Brenda's sister (Jessie Gilcrest), Carla Heginbotham's sister (Eileen Olson), Tanja, Tiffany, & 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, Kingsford Asare, and Lois Brown.

GAME NIGHT FELLOWSHIP: On February 28, we will have a Game Night Fellowship from 6-9 pm in the fellowship hall. Bring your board games and favorite finger foods and join the fellowship and fun.

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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☞FEBRUARY CALENDAR☞

26-Ladies Bible class, 10:00 am, in the fellowship hall.

28-Game Night, 6-9 pm, in the fellowship hall.

☞MARCH CALENDAR☞

1-Fellowship Luncheon following the morning service. Kitchen Group # 3 will have kitchen duties: (Carla Heginbotham, Joyce Brown, Natalie Fisher, Donna Hines, Beverly Williams, & Marcella Williams).

4,18,25-Ladies Bible class, 10:00 am, in the fellowship hall.

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

21-Ladies Breakfast & Workday, 9:30 am, in the fellowship hall.

21-Men's clean-up at the Nolanville Encampment.

22-Ladies Bible Class, 3:30 pm, in the fellowship hall.