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Cherokee Home  
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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.

*"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, Bridgette. "Satan Wants Us to Give Up." Come Fill Your Cup, Restored 316/Wordpress, 22 May 2018, [comefillyourcup.com/2018/05/22/satan-wants-us-to-give-up/](http://comefillyourcup.com/2018/05/22/satan-wants-us-to-give-up/).

From the Desk of Dan Carter



## WHICH WAY IS THE WIND BLOWING?

In order to be sure that we kids were well warmed, and taken care of, Mother would always ask as we left the house: "Which way is the wind blowing?" She wanted to be sure that if it was out of the north that we were bundled up good. Of course, the light wind out of the south would mean quite another thing-meaning it would be warmer. So, the way the wind was blowing would tell much of the kind of day it would be.

"Which Way The Wind Is Blowing," in political jargon, means that some politicians will test the way the majority want it to be before casting their vote. It is a sad state of affairs that in religious matters there are far too many who want to follow the crowd as well. I recall a scripture alluding to that: *"Do not follow a multitude to sin"*- (Exodus 23:2). Our Lord also warned: *"Many are called; few are chosen"*-(Matt.20:16).

Often times, the majority is wrong. Now, that is not always the case. We have known the times when just a few caused great trouble in the body of Christ.

The way we need to test anything is to go to the word of Christ. He has all authority. He is the one who gave the Word to the Holy Spirit who in turn gave that word to the apostles and Inspired men who wrote it down so you and I would not be fooled to follow any way the wind blows! When we follow God's Word, without addition or subtraction, we will follow the truth (Rev. 22:18,19). Those who walk according as the 'wind blows' will find themselves in trouble. The way of God is to submit ourselves to His instruction and this we do by adhering to His Book.

I have had people say to me: "Come to our church, everybody goes there!" That has always been a 'Red Flag' to me. I refuse to go somewhere just because others go there. When the truth is preached and people rely on God's Word, that is where I will be...even, if it is just a few!

Jesus took twelve and turned the world up-side down! If we will associate ourselves with those who determine to walk the straight and narrow way, then we will be following the Word of Righteousness. We need to be careful that we follow God; not man. "Which way the

wind is blowing," is not the way we need to look at things.

Let me hasten to say that some may misunderstand me. I do not mean that just because a church is large that it is necessarily wrong. In fact, if you take a look at the first church of Christ established in Jerusalem after the Lord's Resurrection, you will see a great numbered church. Luke talks about the number growing to be over 5,000, then a great multitude who were obedient. So, just because a congregation has a large membership, does not mean it is teaching false doctrine! The fact is, a small congregation can teach error as well as a large one! Size does not determine truth, or error...what is taught does! It is not a matter of "Which Way Is The Wind Blowing!"



## OLD TESTAMENT Chapter Study

### Old Testament

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

Feb 9 - Numbers 5-6

Feb 10 - Numbers 7

Feb 11 - Numbers 8-10

Feb 12 - Numbers 11-13

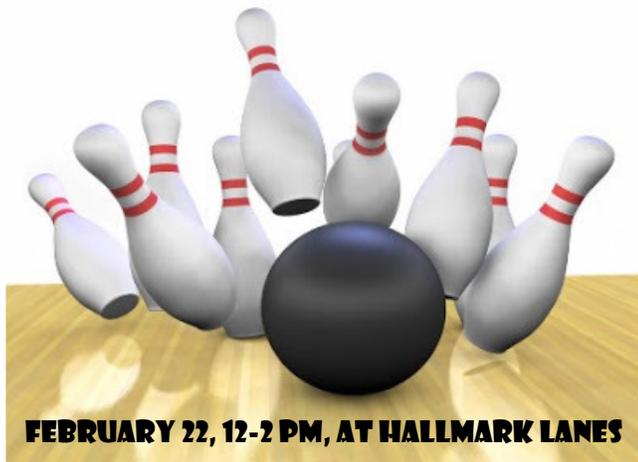
Feb 13 - Numbers 14-15

Feb 14 - Numbers 16-18

Feb 15 - Numbers 19-21

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

# **MENS BOWLING FELLOWSHIP**



**FEBRUARY 22, 12-2 PM, AT HALLMARK LANES**

# **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!

## **THOSE TO SERVE THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 9, 2020:**

**PARKING LOT DUTY:** BRUCE BROWN

**HALL MONITOR:** JAMES GARNER

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** TREVOR HEILMAN

**SONG DIRECTOR:** GAYLEN WILLIAMS

**COMMUNION:**  
(NORTH) ROGER DEEM, PAUL PORTLEY  
RUFUS BROWN, MICHAEL ROCKHOLD

(SOUTH) DENNIS MARLER, REGGIE BASS  
CHARLES CULVER, TAY HIGHTOWER

**SCRIPTURE READING:** PATRICK FLOYD

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

**PRAYERS:**  
(A.M.) LEE FISHER, DAN CARTER  
(P.M.) PAUL PORTLEY, DERREL GEGINBOTHAM

**NURSERY ATTENDANTS (A.M.):**  
NATALIE FISHER & AMANDA PETTIES

**EVENING SONG DIRECTOR:** REGGIE BASS

**EVENING COMMUNION:**  
DENNIS MARLER, ROGER DEEM

**WEDNESDAY SONG LEADER:**  
ZACK PETTIES

**WEDNESDAY CLOSING PRAYER:**  
PATRICK FLOYD

**PREPARE COMMUNION FOR FEBRUARY:**  
BARBARA HUGHART

## 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:** David Shilling has moved to room #702 at the Killeen Nursing & Rehab Center. Please keep him in your prayers.

-Jessie Turner is now home recovering from her knee replacement. Please keep her in your prayers.

**PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & HOMEBOUND:** Millie Simcox, Gayle Wilson, 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 #3 will meet with their leader, Andre Pettaway, today, to get their visitation assignments. Team members are: Andre & Alfreda Pettaway, Beverly Williams, Donna Hines, Paul & Rubye Portley, Brenda & Patrick Sellers, and Josephine Spear.

**SAVE THE DATES:** On February 22, there will be a Ladies Day at the Youngsport church of Christ. More details are posted on the Ladies Bulletin board.

-On February 22, there will be a Men's Bowling Fellowship, from 12-2 pm, at Hallmark Lanes.

-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.

**APRIL SEMINAR RESCHEDULED:** The Personal Evangelism Seminar scheduled for April 10-11 has been rescheduled for September 10-12.

**CLEANING SIGN-UP SHEET IN THE FOYER:** 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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### ☞ FEBRUARY CALENDAR ☞

**12,19,26-**Ladies Bible class, 10:00 am, in the fellowship hall.

**15-**Ladies breakfast & workday, 9:30 am, in the fellowship hall.

**16-**Ladies Bible class, 3:30 pm, in the fellowship hall.

**17-**Presidents' Day (closed)

**22-**Ladies Day at Youngsport church of Christ.

**22-**Men's Bowling, 12-2 pm, Hallmark Lanes.

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