



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

The Teachings of Kindness

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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.

As we get older, life can throw us some "curve balls"! I have found it very interesting as I adjust myself to the fact that all my chickies are married now. A huge part of my life has been spent teaching and training my children, and now that time at home has passed. A few tears were shed, but it is this Momma's heart transitioning to a new phase. I loved every minute, and thank the Lord for the blessing of children, but life moves on, and a woman of God with grown children needs to look to the future with His promises in mind.

"Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she smiles at the future. She opens her mouth in wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue," Proverbs 25:26.

First of all, look to each new day with joy! *"A joyful heart is good medicine, but a broken spirit dries up the bones,"* Proverbs 17:22. And Proverbs 15:13 adds, *"A joyful heart makes a cheerful face."* Train your heart to be contented and happy by looking for the "positives" in every day. I love Scripture pictures, so in my family room there is a large reminder from the Psalms, *"This is the day that the Lord has made, I will rejoice and be glad in it,"* verse 118:24.

Next, be encouraged from the women of the Word. I'm inspired by older women that chose godly ways and the Lord blessed them because of this. I think of Naomi. She had not only lost her husband while living in a foreign land, but her two sons had died there also. Returning to her home of Bethlehem, she had only one daughter-in-law by her side. She never gave up, though she was discouraged. It seems to me that she picked herself up after grieving her losses and got busy helping Ruth plan for the future. Please take time to read the beautiful love story of Ruth, (only four chapters) and notice how this story is filled with mentoring, and trusting in the Lord to work things out for the good.

I'm also encouraged by Sarai (later changed to Sarah) in Genesis chapters 12-21. At the ages of 75 and 65, Abram and Sarai were told by God to pack up and move away from their home and families. They journeyed by faith and God blessed them, even giving them a son when they were beyond child-bearing years. As Sarah is laughing at the thought of bearing a child in her old age, God simply states, *"Is anything too difficult for the Lord?"* Genesis 18:14.

Just as these faithful women were busy in their later years, we need to make a goal of continuing to teach and train as Titus 2:3-5 commands. When a woman has children at home, that's where her focus is, but when they leave the nest, a godly woman can branch out and expand her realm of teaching. There are always young women to mentor, and if our prayer is that God will use us, be alert to opportunities to serve. Our congregation is bustling with Moms and their little lovies, and I love to talk to them and give advice from my memories of kids being all around me. We may never realize how far our words of encouragement will go to a Momma who has had a hard day with littles. I remember the not-so-nice looks from customers in a store when I would walk in with kids to shop. Let's NOT be that woman! Give them a smile instead, and tell them what "precious cargo" they have in their hands.

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From the Desk of Dan Carter

PANIC & FEAR

It is amazing how men experience fear and even express anxiety. During my time on earth, I have experienced fear many times. One of my great fears was falling from a high place. Even though dad would say: "Jump, I will catch you," it still was fearful.

During the history of the world there have been many times that have gripped men with fear. War, Pestilence, Various Diseases, etc. During our day, we have had a number of things occur that has brought near panic to the world.

Right now, we are facing a panic over a new virus that is attacking the nations. Many measures are being set in place to help us overcome. We need to always be very aware of danger and ready to deal with any eventuality.

During this time, when fear is growing, let me remind us of things God has said that should help us realize that things do happen in this world and that we need to be ready.

"Fear none of those things you shall suffer: behold, the devil shall even cast some into prison...be faithful even unto death; and I will give you eternal life"-Rev. 2:10.

"...The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me"-Hebrews 13:6.

"Fear not them that kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear Him who is able to destroy both body and soul in hell"-Matthew 10:28.

"Fear God and keep His commandments: for this is the whole duty of man"-Eccl.12:13.

Now, notice this verse that should cause all of us to realize that God is our Help. He keeps a place for us in Heaven. So, while life here can be uncertain-we are assured of that place of joy! Listen:

"Having therefore these promises, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of the Lord"-2 Corinthians 7:1.

Yes, we will always have problems arising in this life. Because of sin entering our world, death has emerged. We see death everywhere we look.

We should be aware of dangers that lurk all about us; be ready and able to withstand anything coming our way!

Again, God is our help! Keep the faith! Be instant in prayer and aid those in need.

What hurts me most is that people never give thought to the great day of the wrath of God which is to come. That will be the day when the whole earth is held in fear because God sends forth His Wrath: *"Saying to the rocks and mountains: fall on us, hide us from the one who sits upon the throne; the great day of His Wrath has come; and who shall be able to stand?"-Rev. 6:16,17.*



OLD TESTAMENT Chapter Study

Old Testament

Mar 15 - Judges 9-10

Mar 16 - Judges 11-13

Mar 17 - Judges 14-16

Mar 18 - Judges 17-19

Mar 19 - Judges 20-21

Mar 20 - Ruth 1-4

Mar 21 - 1 Samuel 1-3

Mar 22 - 1 Samuel 4-7

Mar 23 - 1 Samuel 8-12

Mar 24 - 1 Samuel 13-14

Mar 25 - 1 Samuel 15-16

Mar 26 - 1 Samuel 17-18

Mar 27 - 1 Samuel 19-21

Mar 28 - 1 Samuel 22-24

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

As we go into the empty nest years, adopt an attitude of "What can the Lord accomplish through me now, and what amazing things will we do with this time of our life?" I really look forward to speaking at Ladies Days and encouraging other women. I find that I have more time to study, concentrate, and prepare lessons. Doesn't the Scriptures support this continued work? I haven't found any verses that hint of retirement for His teachers until we reach Heaven! Older women should be using their experiences to help train the next generation of Christian wives and mothers.

Perhaps now is a great time to go on mission trips? Our congregation oversees the work of one of the Bear Valley Bible Institute of Denver's extension schools in Cameroon, Africa. Now that our children are grown, I am able to travel with my husband there. As he teaches the men, I am honored to teach the student wives. What an awesome experience this is! My goal is always to prepare them for life as a preacher's wife, but honestly, I am the one who returns from Africa having learned so much from my sweet sisters from across the ocean.

So, as life marches forward and our work for the Lord "switches gears," look with joy to the future, and find new places to teach and serve the Kingdom. "Charm is deceitful and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord, she shall be praised," Proverbs 31:30.

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THOSE TO SERVE THE WEEK OF MARCH 22, 2020:

PARKING LOT DUTY: ROGER DEEM

HALL MONITOR: TREVOR HEILMAN

AUDIO/VIDEO SYSTEMS FOR MARCH: PATRICK SELLERS

ANNOUNCEMENTS: DENNIS MARLER

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(NORTH) LEE FISHER, TREVOR HEILMAN
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PRAYERS:
(A.M.) ZACK PETTIES, DAN CARTER

Dear brothers and sisters, We plan to have a Sunday Morning Service on March 22 at 10:30 am. There will not be Sunday morning Bible classes and there will not be Sunday evening service on March 22, nor will there be a Wednesday devotional on March 25. If we have an excess of 50 people, the overflow will be able to attend in the Fellowship Hall, where the service can be heard by the speaker system. Thank you for your understanding and support.



BABY SHOWER

Join us as we hold a baby shower honoring Kingsford Asare's wife, Evelyn on Sunday, March 29, at 3:30 pm, in the fellowship hall. (Evelyn will be having a boy.)



**CHEROKEE HOME FOR CHILDREN
FOOD DRIVE**

We are collecting the following food items through April 19:

- ◊ Mac and cheese
- ◊ Spaghetti
- ◊ Elbow noodles
- ◊ Egg noodles
- ◊ Pasta sauce
- ◊ Spaghetti sauce
- ◊ Canned tomato products

Please place the items in the foyer next to the pantry box. Thank You!

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: Ollie Jones is home recovering from her tumor removal. She will undergo chemotherapy for more cancer that was found. Please keep her in your prayers.

-James Garner is recovering from surgery. Please keep him in your prayers.

-Naomi Jobe is recovering from pneumonia. Please keep her in your prayers.

PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & HOMEBOUND: Mary Ann Culp, Rick Byrne's neighbor (Jeanette), Julia Jones' son (Richard Jouett), Julie Odum's mother (Sharon Schmitt), James Seay, John Llewellyn's wife (Aspasia), Yvonne Hardiman, Barbara Robinson's daughter (Laura Skarba), 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 (Penny Fogle) (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, Gail Mende & her son (Eric) & friend (Sue Worshim), Kathy Edwards, Brenda Sellers' mother & Brenda's sister (Jessie Gilcrest), Tanja, Tiffany, & Natasha Arch, Julie Odum, Jean Basco, Archie & Jessi Turner, 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.

SYMPATHY: We wish to extend our sympathy to Jim Dukes and his family on the loss of his sister in Oklahoma. The funeral is planned for Monday, March 23. Please keep him in your prayers.

VISITATION TEAMS: The visitation ministry has been temporarily postponed until further notice.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH SURVEY: The elders have compiled a list of questions regarding every member's spiritual growth. Members, please participate and fill out the survey, fold it, and place it in the box located in the foyer. This survey is anonymous.

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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☞MARCH CALENDAR☞

(These events may be subject to change.)

27-Ladies Fellowship, hosted by Creta Bales.

29-Baby Shower honoring Evelyn Asare, 3:30 pm, in the fellowship hall.

☞APRIL CALENDAR☞

4-Men's Breakfast at the Killeen Golden Corral.

5-Fellowship Luncheon (Group #1 will have Kitchen Duties: Martha Bell, Lois Brown, Linda Moore, Amanda Petties, Victoria Polanco, and Brenda Sellers.)