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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*

Trust In God Means Saying These Two Words

by Jack Wilkie

When God doesn't act in the way we'd want, or even in the way we'd expect from what we know about Him, it can be challenging to our faith. Atheists feast on these challenges, being quick to point out times where God's actions (or supposed inactions) make little sense to us as humans. Many Christians have their faith shaken when a request is seemingly ignored. Trusting in God isn't always easy. In the book of Daniel we see three faithful Jewish men – Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego – who took a stand by refusing to bow to King Nebuchadnezzar's idol. For their defiance they were sentenced to be thrown into a fiery furnace with the King's challenge, "What god is there who can deliver you out of my hands?" (Daniel 3:15).

Their response showed some of the greatest faith in the entire Bible, and the structure of it gives us a two word template for the requests we bring before God. If that is the case, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver us from your hand, O king. But if not, let it be known to you, O king, that we do not serve your gods, nor will we worship the gold image which you have set up" (Daniel 3:17-18). **If...But...**

In the face of a gruesome death, they acknowledged that God was certainly capable of saving them ("If"). But they didn't presume to speak for Him. They accepted that saving them might not be His plan, and if not it wouldn't shake their faith ("But"). The "If" statement expresses two things. First, it expresses that we have a preference for how we would like things to go with the implication that we believe God loves us and listens to our requests. Second, we affirm our belief that God is all-powerful to accomplish anything that is asked of us.

In the "But" statement we acknowledge that while God is all-powerful, He's also all-knowing and His agenda might not align with ours. In that moment we're expressing the realization that God knows things we don't know and sees things we don't see. So many misunderstandings of faith would be solved by an understanding of these two points. Those who deny God and His goodness deny either that He is loving or powerful because He doesn't always act as mankind thinks He should. Those who have a prosperity view of God preach that He will give whatever we ask if we have enough faith, leading many to doubt or deny God when He doesn't come through. That's not what trust looks like, though.

Trust in God means acknowledging that even if He doesn't respond the way I'd like, it doesn't mean He doesn't love me, isn't listening, or isn't powerful enough. It just means His purposes aren't always the same as mine.

This structure occurs in other moments of great faith in the Bible as well. In the Garden, Jesus' prayer was "If possible, let this cup pass from me... But not My will, but Yours be done" (Matthew 26:39, Mark 14:36, Luke 22:42). Paul's request regarding the thorn in the flesh in 2 Corinthians 12 bears a similar structure. There's the repeated request to have it taken from him (the "If") and the acknowledgement that the "No" he received was God's good and perfect will (the "But"). Like Jesus, like Paul, and like Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, our prayers should follow this structure:

"If You will, Father, _____. But if not, help me remember You're still in control."

In uttering such prayers we acknowledge that God is God with our request, and most importantly we continue to let God be God with the results. There's no guarantee that the results are always going to be what we want, but we can be fully assured that no matter what happens, God will use the result to His glory, and that's what's best for us and everyone else.

Jack Wilkie is the editor of focuspress.org and author of "Failure: What Christian Parents Need to Know About American Education." He also preaches for the Forney church of Christ in Forney, TX, where he, his wife, Allison, and their daughter reside.

From the Desk of Dan Carter

WHAT DOES IT COST?

All of us are cost conscience from what we wear, to what we eat. We are always looking for the 'best price' for any item that we want. Let me show you a verse of scripture from our Lord:

"The Foxes have holes, the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man hath no where to lay His head"-Matthew 8:20. In other words, Jesus is telling His followers that the possessions of earth are not where it is at. In fact, being a Christian in the first three centuries, could have taken away every earthly possession one had. Many lost everything--including their lives.

In Luke 14, Jesus said: "He that comes to me must hate his father, his mother, his wife, his children, his brothers, his sisters, yea, and his own life." Now, that is a hard saying, is it not? So, when people say it does not cost to be a Christian, then they are reading another book than the Bible.

I tell you now that I do not hate my parents. I never will. I loved my two brothers and will always love them. Then, what does He mean?

We must understand that words used from one generation to the next do not always carry the same idea. That word 'hate' would mean to us today: 'To Love Less.' It does not mean to despise. It means that nothing can take the place of the Love I have for God. He comes first; even before any of my family members.

When someone says that 'it costs nothing' to be a Christian, he is wrong. It costs everything! The kingdom of God must come first (Matthew 6:33), before anything, or anyone. Suppose my family turned from me because I obeyed the gospel? Suppose they would never talk to me, again? That would be paying a heavy cost...would it not?

Thus, the meaning is, being a Christian is the willingness to give up any, or all things, that stand in my way. I choose Christ before Dad, Mother,

Brother, Sister, Wife, Children, yea, my own life. Yes, it costs!

To the Old Testament people, God said: *"You Shall Have No Other gods before Me"*-Ex.20:3.

In the New Testament: *"But seek first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added to you"*-Matthew 6:33.

Realize that when you put God first, then there can be major consequences. Some may even hate you. You could lose your family, and friends. But, what you gain, is Eternal Life!



OLD TESTAMENT Chapter Study

Old Testament

- Mar 1 - Deuteronomy 28-29
- Mar 2 - Deuteronomy 30-32
- Mar 3 - Deuteronomy 33-34
- Mar 4 - Joshua 1-4
- Mar 5 - Joshua 5-7
- Mar 6 - Joshua 8-10
- Mar 7 - Joshua 11-13
- Mar 8 - Joshua 14-17
- Mar 9 - Joshua 18-20
- Mar 10 - Joshua 21-22
- Mar 11 - Joshua 23-24
- Mar 12 - Judges 1-3
- Mar 13 - Judges 4-5
- Mar 14 - Judges 6-8

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

THE CHURCH OF CHRIST, # 1
AM Sermon - Boyce Edwards

I. The establishment of the church of Christ is found in Acts, chapter two.

II. OT prophets foretold the establishment-see Isaiah 2:1-4; Daniel 2:44 & context; Hosea 2:23; Joel 2:28-32; Amos 9:11 & 12, & Micah 4:1-4.

III. Jesus Christ foretold the establishment of His church-see Matthew 16:13-19.

IV. Statements from Acts, chapter two.

THOSE TO SERVE THE WEEK OF
MARCH 8, 2020:

PARKING LOT DUTY: JAMES GARNER

HALL MONITOR: ROGER DEEM

AUDIO/VIDEO SYSTEMS FOR MARCH:
PATRICK SELLERS

ANNOUNCEMENTS: DAN CARTER

SONG DIRECTOR: PAUL PORTLEY

COMMUNION:
(NORTH) MARVIN FLETCHER, REGGIE BASS
CHARLES CULVER, TAY HIGHTOWER

(SOUTH) GAYLEN WILLIAMS, ANDRE PETTAWAY
SHAWN FORKEY, XAVIER SEAY

SCRIPTURE READING: DENNIS MARLER

PICK UP CARDS:
COREY & CHASE CULVER

PRAYERS:
(A.M.) ZACK PETTIES, TREVOR HEILMAN
(P.M.) LEE FISHER, XAVIER SEAY

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

EVENING SONG DIRECTOR: GAYLEN WILLIAMS

EVENING COMMUNION:
DENNIS MARLER, PAUL PORTLEY

WEDNESDAY SONG LEADER:
ZACK PETTIES

WEDNESDAY CLOSING PRAYER:
DERREL HEGINBOTHAM

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:

-Ollie Jones is recovering at a rehabilitation facility in Waco. Please keep her in your prayers.

-Mary Ann Culp is recovering at the Killeen Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, room 410. Please keep her in your prayers.

PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & HOMEBOUND: 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), 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 (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 express our sympathy to Larry & Melinda Kimbrell and their family on the passing of Melinda's mother, Sue Hill, who passed away the evening of March 4. Services in Searcy, Arkansas are pending. Please keep this family in your prayers.

-Please pray for the families of the six members and children from the Colonial Heights, Collegenide, & Sycamore churches of Christ, who died from the tornadoes around Cookville, TN. If anyone would like to donate to the disaster relief in that area, you can mail it, we can mail it, or you can donate directly to their website. Please make the checks out to:

Churches of Christ Disaster Relief Effort
PO Box 111180, Nashville TN 37222-1180

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.

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☪

- 18,25-Ladies Bible class, 10:00 am, in the fellowship hall.
- 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.
- 27-Ladies Fellowship, hosted by Creta Bales.