



# *Killeen Church of Christ Newsletter*

*“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*

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**PRESSED IN THE OIL-PRESS!!**  
**Shepherds Notes from Boyce Edwards**

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I suppose as strenuously as I may try, I will never understand the magnitude of the suffering of the Lord Jesus; but the more I find of the severity of His suffering, the deeper appreciation I have both for God, and Christ! I think most of the time when Christians are in deep reflections with reference to the Lord’s suffering, they are thinking of Calvary and the Lord’s death.

In this brief message, I want to make some observations of the Lord’s excruciating suffering in Gethsemane. The word Gethsemane means oil-press, or oil vat, and because of that, the thought often comes to my mind of the Lord being, “pressed severely in the oil-press (Gethsemane)!” When the Lord arrived in Gethsemane, and before He actually began praying, He had said to Peter, James, and John, “*My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death*”-see Matthew 26:37, 38, and other kindred texts. I think we all need to be reminded that John described the temperature that night as “cold;” and that’s the reason the soldiers and servants had made a fire of coals and were warming themselves-see John 18:18. Peter also stood with them and warmed himself.

Mark makes this comment of the Lord’s words as He prayed in Gethsemane: “*Abba, Father, all things are possible unto thee; take away this cup from me: nevertheless not what I will, but what thou wilt*”-Mark 14:36. Of all the Synoptic Gospel records, this is the longest wording recorded! I suppose it would have taken the Lord about 6 or 7 seconds to have made that statement; but the Lord apparently prayed between 2 to 3 hours; so we are made to realize that what we have of His recorded prayer in Gethsemane is a mere summary-see the record especially in Matthew 26:39-44.

Please give serious consideration to this remarkable statement during the context of the Lord’s prayer! “*And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him. And being in agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground*”-Luke 22:43 & 44. Clearly, the strength imparted by the angel was for the Lord’s exhausted body which was near perishing in death under the severe agony and strain! The Lord’s strength of spirit is seen in His willingness to drink the cup of suffering which was before Him!

Was the Lord “pressed in the oil-press? Yes, virtually to the point of death because He was willing to submit to the will of God, and when He finished His prayer, He said to the apostles, “*Rise up, let us go; lo, he that betrayeth me is at hand*”-Mark 14:42.

And, have you ever tried to visualize yourself in God’s place at that time? The Father was listening intently during that 2-3 hour period of time on that cold night when His only begotten Son agonized so much for the cup to be removed that He “sweated blood;” and yet, the Father’s answer to Jesus’ prayer was, “Drink the cup!”

Brethren, may God help us every day of our life to understand a little more deeply as to how much we, as Christians are loved by both the Father and the Son! And, may we with extreme resoluteness draw nearer to God every day, and realize we owe a lifetime of devoted service to both the Father and the Son! May we never forget that our redemption price was the precious blood of Jesus Christ-see Acts 20:28; Romans 3:24 & 25; Ephesians 1:7; I Timothy 2:6, and many, many, other kindred texts! God bless and keep always-Boyce.

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**MONTHLY SUPPORT:**

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*Children’s Home*  
*San Benito, TX*

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## BE STRONG; HANG IN THERE!

*From the Desk of Dan Carter*

My Old Dad used the above statements to get me to be strong. He wanted me to be able to go up against anything--No Matter How Big--it was! He wanted me to be a man!

I suppose what I am saying is: 'We've been through hard times before;' 'We will come out of this!' Say, that reminds me of a scripture: *"He that is in you, is greater, than he that is in the world"*-I John 4:4. In Ephesians 6, Paul says: 'Put On The Whole Armor of God; Stand against the wiles of the devil'.

How about that? He that is in us is greater! Stand in the Lord and the Power of His Might!

My prayers are with you--with, us all! The devil is trying to destroy us, but we will make it! We have the strength of God within us!

I will be having a message for Wednesday Nights at 7 p.m. also, at 9:30 this Sunday morning. We are getting better knowledge of these things as we go along. Be sure to catch us on Facebook. We have a short devotion for Wednesday night, then, at 9:30, Every Sunday Morning.

I look forward when this thing is finished and we can be together again. Just be strong. Trust in the Lord and Pray Always. -Dan

## NEWS FROM THE PEWS

### OUR SICK:

Alfreda Pettaway's aunt in Massachusetts and Linda Moore's daughter-in-law in Indiana have contracted the COVID-19 virus. Please keep them in your prayers.

-Julia Jones' granddaughter-in-law was recovering from pneumonia; however she is doing better, and tested negative for COVID-19.

*"The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?"*

-Psalm 27:1.

### PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & HOMEBOUND:

Mary Ann Culp, Ollie Mae Jones, Rick Byrne's neighbor (Jeanette), Julia Jones' son (Richard Jouett), Julie Odum & her 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, 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.

## 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.



## LOSS OF EMPLOYMENT:

Please know our prayers are with you and your families especially through these emotional and financial hardships, and please let us know where we may be able help you.

## RESPONSE:

Please contact the brethren if you would like to respond in any way.

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*“Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness” -Isaiah 41:10.*

**NEW BABY:** We rejoice for Kingsford and Evelyn Asare on the birth of their new son, Kingsford Jr., who was born on Tuesday, April 14, and weighed 7 lbs. 2 oz. Please keep this family in your prayers. Here's a message from Evelyn Asare below:

*“Thanks so much for everything, the care, love and also the kindness you and the church have been showing to us, we appreciate everything and am much grateful.*

*God bless you all. ” -Evelyn Asare*



JOIN US ONLINE SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2020, AT 9:30 AM.

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*“...the churches of Christ salute you...”  
-Romans 16:16*

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