

Killeen Church of Christ Bulletin

“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

An Occurrence

Shepherds Notes from Zack Petties

There are times we have to make unpredictable adjustments or changes, due to circumstances such as the coronavirus disease (COVID-19). Many countries had to declare restrictive measures, such as lockdown, shelter in place, or stay at home orders, to contain the pandemic at a local level. The government banned all travel in the country, and people could only leave their homes for essential reasons such as to buy food. When going out, people have to carry declaration forms and wear masks and disposable gloves. Some companies were able to remain open, while others had to lay-off employees or declare closure. This caused many people to fall behind on bills, and other family necessities. People are accessing more educational resources online for their kids, unconventional ways to connect with coworkers, friends, and family. And employers are being more flexible in how they respond to employee needs through more dynamic calculations. And the lists continue to go on! But, notice the conditions continue to accumulate one after the other!

In the book of Job 1:14-19, the first of four messengers comes running up to Job panting and excited as we read the terrible unfolding of Satan’s attacks on Job. All of this happened on the same day, and almost simultaneously, to possibly given Job no opportunity to prepare for the first. Life can be the same way-one situation arises after the other that results in unpleasant news, causing us to become anxious and disturbed. Philippians 4: 6 says, *“Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.”* Imagine never to worry about anything! It may seem impossible; we all have some worries! But, Paul advises Christians to turn over these worries to God in prayers. We must show not only do we trust God during the good, but also during the bad! When adversity arises, we get strengthened within our faith, to deepen our roots of belief in God in order to withstand unpredictable changes. We are encouraged in Job 1:20, because after the loss of his beloved children and all of his sources of wealth, Job fell to the ground in submission and humility and worshipped. Instead of cursing God, as Satan had said in verse 11, and perhaps, as most of us would have done, Job worshipped God!

Proverbs 4:23, reminds Christians to concentrate on our desires that will keep us on the right path. And, we are to look straight ahead with a fixed mind on Heavenly things during this time! Romans 8: 38 & 39 says, *“Nothing shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”*

In Love,
Brother Petties

Congratulations to Natalie Fisher for the nomination of the Yellow Rose of Texas Certificate, awarded for over 40 years of exemplary support and commitment to the United States Army and public service. Natalie has dedicated 19 years as a military spouse and 21 years in the Killeen Independent School District attributable to her love for children and their development. By reason of her endless contributions to the Army and to the Central Texas and Fort Hood Community, Governor Greg Abbott believes that Natalie is an outstanding candidate for this award.



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WALKING BY FAITH

From the Desk of Dan Carter

How do you hold on when it seems everything is tearing apart?

Down through the years we have seen many such problems arise in the family of man. Not just with us, but our world suffers. In Romans 8:22, we see that even 'the whole creation' groans. In other words, since the world is now given to sin, we can expect many awful things to happen. When the Almighty made the material worlds, He pronounced it very good. Man was placed in Paradise! God blessed man and gave him the right to choose good, or evil.

Many have asked me: 'Why, did God allow sin to come to our world?' The answer is that, "It Was Our Choice"--through Adam. Then, someone says: 'Well, if I had been Adam, I would have resisted'--would you? Have you resisted evil? Haven't we all sinned and come short of God's glory?

"Well, if God knew we would do it, why did He let us?" Again, He did not make Robots. We have choices. We can choose to follow good, or evil. If we lose our souls, it will be because we walked the wrong path. I know, I know, we still don't understand. But, to be free-moral agents, it is necessary we choose. Look at the world about you: Are the majority walking with God, or their own way? You know the answer.

We live now in a world that is given to the evil one. The devil is now "the god of this world" (2 Cor. 4:4); he is also, "prince of the power of the air" (Eph. 2:2). He walks about seeking to devour us (1 Peter 5:8).

Then, there is another question: 'Why do the righteous suffer?' That is a great question. I am sure that I don't have all the answers, but remember, we live in the physical realm. What effects one, will, in some manner, effect others. A man gets drunk and runs over a child who was simply riding his bike down the street! Who was at fault? You see, the innocent suffer with the guilty. When Adam sinned, he brought death to the whole human family (1 Cor. 15:21,22). In the same breathe, Paul says: "As in Adam all die, yet, in Christ, shall all be made alive." Christ is God's answer!

In this life, we will have troubles. The righteous will suffer with the guilty. Hurts and disappointments come. But, like that warrior of Faith, Job, we must refuse to give in to the devil's tricks! Remember, "For We Walk By Faith, Not By Sight" (2 Cor. 5:7). Our reward will come. We must be patient. We must endure.

"Be Thou Faithful Unto Death, And I Will Give You A Crown Of Life"-Revelation 2:10.



We would like to congratulate your graduate! Please contact the office & we will be delighted to share it with the congregation!



MELAKIA JOHNSON-BONNER

Melakia Johnson-Bonner is graduating from Killeen High School. She has been a part of JROTC, Track & Field, and multiple Bible Bowl events. Her plans are to attend college and major in Medical Science.

Melakia is the granddaughter of Donna Weaver.

Class of 2020

XAVIER SEAY HONOR ROLL

Xavier Seay is graduating from Copperas Cove High School as an honor roll student. He also competed on the track team throwing shot put. Above all, he has excelled more in his service to God. He has won Bible Bowls, and has received several awards at Foundations (Memphis School of Preaching Camp). His plans are to attend Central Texas College, then Texas A&M, and then attend Memphis School of Preaching.

Xavier is the son of James & Kim-Marie Seay.

CONGRATS GRAD



NEWS FROM THE PEWS



OUR SICK:

- John Llewellyn is recovering from hand surgery. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Rick Byrne's brother-in-law is recovering from eye surgery. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Millie Simcox is having complications trying to recover from gout. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Julia Jones' son, Richard, had a test performed on his heart; he doesn't have any heart blockage, but he will have to undergo aorta surgery. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Brenda Sellers' mother was hospitalized with high blood pressure. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Donna Hines' husband, Les, is still not improving well from sciatica. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Tonja Arch has had to go to the emergency room twice for falling. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Josephine Spear's brother-in-law and his family are improving from having the flu. She also requests prayers for a nursing home in her sister's area. Please keep them in your prayers.

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & HOMEBOUND:

Garnie Miller's sister-in-law, Barbara Robinson's son-in-law (Charles), Glenda Boudreaux's older sister, 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), 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) (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.

SYMPATHY:

We wish to extend our sympathy to Donna Hines' husband's cousin in the loss of his wife to breast cancer. Please keep them in your prayers.

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.

"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.

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*Thanks for being with us today, and please
join us again!*



"...the churches of Christ salute you..."
-Romans 16:16

MEMBERS:

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