



Welcome To The 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



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Most Wonderful Time of the Year?

By Doug Dingley



It's the most wonderful time of the year... or so they tell us in song + cheer. But is it, really? Unfortunately for many, nothing could be further from the truth. For children and students whose only hot, healthy, and nutritious meals come about largely as the result of being in school, the two-week holiday break can be a very long, very lonely, and very cold and hungry time of year. For those who have lost loved ones in years past both during and around the holiday season, this can most certainly be the most terrible time of the year, as memories of better times return to flood, haunt, and wreak havoc on the hearts and minds of those left behind. For all of those, whom, due to either lack of health, lack of finances, or lack of ability or opportunity, simply cannot return back home for the holidays but desperately want and feel the need to, once again, it can be to them, the most lonely and miserable time of the year. Even in times of widespread joy, there are those needing comfort.

However, for those of us forgiven in Christ Jesus and thus members of His one New Testament church/body (Acts 2:37-47; Eph. 4:4-6), we are, by far, the most significantly and infinitely blessed people on the planet. As such, we should not only be continually counting our blessings during this holiday season just the same as every other day and time of the year, but as God's people we should also be making a special effort to seek to recognize, identify, and share our God-given blessings with those to whom this time of the year is by far the least wonderful. We need to be looking for opportunities to lovingly give them the gift of our time, a listening ear, and a supportive spirit, as well as an encouraging and compassionate shoulder to cry on when called for – all in addition to trying to take care of whatever legitimate physical needs we possibly can.

But by far the greatest and most important gift we can and are commanded to give them at the same time, is the same gift that we should and must be sharing with all of the lost, broken, and sin-sick souls all around us on an everyday basis – at each and every opportunity presented: the free gift of eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord (Rom. 6:23; See also: Matt. 28:18-20; Mk. 16:15-16). You see, if we can just get them into Christ Jesus where every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places is located, they will not only have a vastly superior heavenly inheritance (Eph. 1:3-14), but will also become an instantly and infinitely blessed, valued, treasured and beloved member of the family of God as well (Gal. 3:26-27); the family of God which takes care of its own (2 Cor. 8:1-5; Gal. 6:10), and has learned the secret of being content in all circumstances (Phil. 4:10-13); the family of God that follows in the footsteps of Jesus and therefore loves and helps bear one another's burdens in all situations (Rom. 12:4-16; Gal. 5:13-14, 6:2).

This holiday season, go out and make it the most wonderful time of the year for someone whom it would otherwise not be. Give them the precious gift of yourself, your time, your interest, your love and compassion. And then, give them by far the most priceless and wonderful gift of all – the free gift of eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord as you teach them the gospel. Help make their most wonderful time of the year from now on, the 52 Sundays of each year that they will get to celebrate that gift in a most special way. Because after we have been a tool in God's hand to help fill the emptiness of their bellies, hearts, lives, and souls, the only thing they ever ought to continually have to hunger and thirst for after that, is more and more of God's righteousness... which He Himself has promised to fill such sincerely seeking people with (Matt. 5:6). God bless!

TEMPORARY

SERVICE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY WORSHIP ___ 10:30 AM

From the Desk of Dan Carter

WORKERS TOGETHER WITH GOD

"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God has before ordained that we should walk in them"-Ephesians 2:10.

"Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, and be ready to every good work"-Titus 3:1.

"So as workers together with God, we beseech you that you have not received the grace of God in vain"-2 Cor. 6:1.

These verses are clear to everyone that reads them. God has chosen His children to be those to spread the good news of salvation throughout the world. Hear our Lord once again: *"Go into all the world.."-Mark 16:15,16.*

Of our Lord we read: *"He went about doing good"-Acts 10:38.*

So, many ask: 'What is the Lord's work?' Actually, we can state it in three major areas:

- *Evangelism
- *Edification and,
- *Benevolence.

Look at Matthew 9:35: *"And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching (edification) in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom (evangelism) the kingdom, and healing (benevolence) every illness and every disease among the people."*

There are many lost souls in our city: lives filled with hurt and hatred. Many wander about aimless. Others are ill in body and spirit.

What can we do? Now here is a verse for our day: *"The harvest is indeed plenteous but the laborers are few. Pray ye the Lord of Harvest that he send more reapers into the work"-Matt. 9:37,38.*

We meet folks every day. Some good, some bad, others, indifferent.

Many of you are engaged in various areas of our work. We pray for you as you reach out to others. I give thanks for you forever. Let's be patient and listen to the words of Paul: "I have planted, Apollos watered but, God gave the increase."

HOLIDAY BASKETS: Despite the pandemic this year, we were still able to have the privilege of safely making holiday baskets for our members. We have so much fun preparing and delivering them every year. They bring joy to everyone giving and receiving. Thank you to all who helped in every way!



December Calendar

- Dec.20** Final day for the Children’s Home & Family Services change cans to be turned in.
- Dec. 24-25** Office will be closed for the Christmas holiday.
- Dec. 27** Guest speaker, Foy Forehand, from the Hamilton church of Christ will preach.
- Dec. 31** New Year’s Eve Devotional at 6:00 pm
- Dec. 31-Jan. 1** Office will be closed for the New Year holiday.

On behalf of the elders, deacons, Dan (minister), & Vicky (secretary), we wish you and yours a Happy Christmas!

DECEMBER CLEANING CALENDAR

- May be done any time before the following Sunday
- Please consult with your team leader for further questions. **THANK YOU!**

(Week of Nov. 29) -TEAM ZACK

Zack
Amanda
Diedre
Paul

6-TEAM ROGER

Patrick
Brenda
Roger
Linda

13 -TEAM JAMES S.

James
Kim-Marie
Xavier
Jaden
Tay

20-TEAM BEVERLY

Beverly
Donna
Josephine
Yvonne
Marcella

27-TEAM LEE

Lee
Natalie
Rufas

ORDER OF WORSHIP SERVICE:

- ANNOUNCEMENTS: ANDRE PETTAWAY
- SONG: REGGIE BASS
- 1ST PRAYER: LEE FISHER
- SCRIPTURE READING: XAVIER SEAY
- SONG: REGGIE BASS
- SERMON: DAN CARTER
- INVITATION SONG: REGGIE BASS
- SONG BEFORE COMMUNION: REGGIE BASS
- COMMUNION/OFFERING:
JAMES SEAY & DERREL HEGINBOTHAM
- CLOSING SONG: REGGIE BASS
- CLOSING PRAYER: ROGER DEEM
- AUDIO/VISUAL: PAUL PORTLEY & PATRICK SELLERS
- SECURITY: ZACK PETTIES, ROGER DEEM & MICHAEL ROGERS

SCRIPTURE READING

‘Things That Hinder Prayer’
I Peter 3:12

“For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil.”

