

# 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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Foster's Home
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# "Only In the Dictionary..." By Mike Lane

The American inventor, Thomas Edison, once said, "Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work." If you consider the statement in light of the modern society, it certainly proves true. We do not like the word "work" and are hopeful that we can see results without it. Generally speaking, as a people, we want everything handed to us. And, regrettably, this occurs in the church as well.

But it is only in the dictionary that...

Growth comes before work.

That heaven comes before work.

That hope comes before work.

That love comes before work.

That trust comes before work.

In the real world, as in the church, these things require effort. Yes, God saves us by His power (Rom. 1:16) through His grace (Eph. 2:8-9) and rich mercy (Eph. 2:4). There is nothing that He needs from us. However, He does expect us to work. It is not a *matter* of earning our way into heaven. We could never do that. The Gospel depends on a God who does not depend on us, and it is by His will that all things exist (Rev. 4:11). We are saying that we cannot just sit in the pews, and suddenly, all things will come together. Mushrooms grow sitting like a bump on a log in the dark – congregations do not.

We must feed the people. All of them! Those already added to the church by the Lord (Acts 2:41, 47) through baptism (Acts 2:38; 1 Pt. 3:21) need a healthy dose of the Bible often. Otherwise, they risk spiritual starvation. They forget what they hope for, strive for, and for what they are fighting. Too many congregations become anemic and are marked by a deficiency of Christ's blood.

But it is critical that we feed the world. It is what Jesus commands us to do (Mt. 28:19), it is how faith grows (Rom. 10:17), it is the only thing with substance (Heb. 11:1), for this world is passing away (1 Jn. 2:17) and the heavens will go with it (Mt. 24:35). But the truth, which is the Word of God (Jn. 17:17), will stand forever (Isa. 40:8).

Let us not rest on our laurels, expecting everything while not working at all. We can do this! We can push forward and stretch our talents to the fullest. Let us not grow weary (Gal. 6:9) as we strive for that imperishable crown (1 Cor. 9:25).

Lane, Mike. "Only In The Dictionary." *Freetown Road Church of Christ*, www.freetownroad.com/bulletins.html.

## TEMPORARY SERVICE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS\_9:30 AM SUNDAY WORSHIP\_\_\_10:30 AM

**FELLOWSHIP HALL DAMAGE:** During the winter storms, a water pipe ruptured in the ceiling in two places causing significant water damage to the ceiling, flooring, and walls. We wish to thank everyone who was able to come and remove water and debris in the dining area and clear out the kitchen to allow a team of extraction specialists to place fans and dry the interior properly. If anyone would like to see the damage, there are pictures in the foyer. We will keep everyone posted on the status of the restoration.

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# From the Desk of Dan Carter WHAT CAN I DD?

"And I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me" (Isaiah 6:8).

The days in which Isaiah lived, Judah was being warned about her destroying herself. She was given to ever vise imaginable.

Listen to the words of the Lord: "Woe unto them call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight! Woe unto them that are mighty to drink wine, and men of strength to mingle strong drink: Which justify the wicked for reward, and take away the righteousness of the righteous from him!...Therefore, the anger of the Lord is kindled against his people, and he has stretched forth his hand against them" (Isa. 5:21-25). Much more disgusting things are said concerning the unrepentant people of Isaiah's day. You can read the story yourselves. It is amazing how it fits into our day and sounds like that which we see all around us.

The point is, God desires our sincere fellowship. In so following Him we will reap glory, not sorrow and disgust. I have always loved the response of Isaiah to the Lord's call: "WHOM SHALL I SEND?" Then comes the response of this godly man: "HERE I AM LORD, SEND ME."

I know that things can seem overwhelming to us at times. I know that we wonder how much we can endure. Think of the patience of God! He has put up with so much out of the human race; we wonder why we still exist! The patience of the righteous Lord is beyond our understanding. Here's the point: WHAT CAN I DO? What does the Lord desire of me? Let me give you a wonderful verse: "He has shown you, O man, what is good; and what the Lord requires of you, but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God" (Micah 6:8). Here is another scripture: "Furthermore we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you in the Lord Jesus, how you have received from us how you should walk and please God, the more and more" (I Thes. 4:1).

We have so much that we can do in our walk with God. Look at the example in Matthew 25. It is the lesson on Talents. One was given 5 talents; another, 2; and, another 1. Each was expected to use what he had and gain more. Look at yourself. Are we using what we have, or, have we hidden it? That is the thing. Be a user of the talent according to the abilities you have. You will be blessed. The body will grow and God will be glorified.

**NEW MOVERS/BASKET MINISTRY:** Thank you all for your support with this ministry to help invite new movers to our services. Any members who can help bring baskets and/or deliver baskets to help support this effort is very appreciated.

As this is an ongoing ministry, we will need baskets continually. The items needed for the baskets can be purchased at Dollar Tree. The items needed are a small plastic laundry basket, one toilet brush, a pack of dish towels, a roll of paper towels, a box of trash bags, a bottle of glass cleaner, a bottle of laundry detergent, a bottle of toilet cleaner, dish soap, and a bottle of pine cleaner.



favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved"
-Acts 2:47. Members, please retrieve a contact list from the evangelism table and write your contact's information for the Card Ministry and Visitation Ministry to reach out to. Please place them in the visitation tray on the evangelism table or place them on the secretary's desk. If you only have one contact, don't wait! Turn it in & get another sheet. Thank you!

#### **FEBRUARY CLEANING CALENDAR**

- •May be done any time before the following Sunday
- Please consult with your team leader for further

7-TEAM ZACK

Zack

**Amanda** 

Diedre

Paul

Rubye

14-TEAM ROGER

Patrick

**Brenda** 

Roger

Linda

21 -TEAM JAMES S.

**James** 

Kim-Marie

**Xavier** 

Jaden

Tay

**28-TEAM BEVERLY** 

Beverly

Donna

**Josephine** 

**Yvonne** 

Marcella

Jessica

Mar. 7-TEAM LEE

Lee

Natalie

Rufas

Michael

## THOSE TO SERVE SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2021:

•ANNOUNCEMENTS: GAYLEN WILLIAMS

•SONG: REGGIE BASS

•1ST PRAYER: LEE FISHER

•SCRIPTURE READING: DERREL HEGINBOTHAM

•SONG: REGGIE BASS

•SERMON: DAN CARTER

•INVITATION SONG: REGGIE BASS

•SONG BEFORE COMMUNION: REGGIE BASS

•COMMUNION/OFFERING:

ROGER DEEM & ANDRE PETTAWAY

•CLOSING SONG: REGGIE BASS

•CLOSING PRAYER: JAMES SEAY

•AUDIO/VISUAL: PATRICK SELLERS & MICHAEL

**ROGERS** 

•SECURITY: ZACK PETTIES, ROGER DEEM, & CLAY

**CULVER** 

# "Bitten By A Snake" Acts 28:3-5

"And when Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks, and laid them on the fire, there came a viper out of the heat, and fastened on his hand.

<sup>4</sup> And when the barbarians saw the venomous beast hang on his hand, they said among themselves, No doubt this man is a murderer, whom, though he hath escaped the sea, yet vengeance suffereth not to live.

<sup>5</sup> And he shook off the beast into the fire, and felt no harm."

# NEWS FROM THE PEWS

MILITARY & CIVILIANS OVERSEAS: Zane Wilson is in Afghanistan, and Tim Matter is contracting in Saudi Arabia. We are thankful for the service of our military and civilians. Please keep these members & their families in your prayers.

#### CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & HOMEBOUND:

Dan Carter's daughter-in-law (Wendy), Lois Brown, James Garner & his wife (Tammy), Julia Jones, Amanda Petties' sister (Jewel), Gladys Driver, Cheryl Flores' brother-in-law (Raymond Flores), Tim Matter's aunt (Vivian), Nichole Williams' high school friend (Rhonda Howell-Moore), Millie Simcox, Charles Culver, Jean Basco, Beverly Williams' aunt (Dorothy Sauls), Billye Hughes, Josephine Spear, Jim Dukes, Brenda Seller's sister (Linda) and mother, Scott Davis, Mary McAnally's son, & sister (Ann Ahrens), Shirl Foster, Julia Jones' son (Richard Jouett) & granddaughter in law (Melissa Joett), Julie Odum's mother (Sharon Schmitt), Barbara Robinson's daughter (Laura Skarba), Esther Cox, Shawn Forkey, 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), Tanja, Tiffany, & Natasha Arch, Tanja Arch's daughter-in-law, Archie & Jessie Turner, David Shilling, Garnie & Nada Miller, Linda Walts. Former members: (David Chapman), (Penny Fogle), (Rey & Connie Cruz), (Janet & John John Simmons), (Carl Nicholson), (Tom & Diane Holubec), (Sue Zak), & (Tommy Bailey). Please keep these members and loved ones in your prayers as they battle health problems.

**SYMPATHY:** We wish to extend our sympathy to Rodney Carter and his family on the loss of his father on February 16. Please keep this family in your prayers.

-We wish to extend our sympathy to former members, Sidney Earl & Kay Young on the loss of their son, Pat Young, on February 18. Please keep this family in your prayers.

**VISITATION TEAM:** Visitation Team #1 will meet with their leader, Jim Dukes, today, to get their visitation assignments. Team members are: Jim Dukes, Dan Carter, Ollie Jones, Kingsford Asare, Lois Brown, Deja Williams, and Victoria Polanco. Please turn your assignment sheet in at the designated tray in the foyer when finished. Thank you.

#### FACEMASK DRIVE FOR HOMELESS SCHOOL CHILDREN:

It was brought to attention at the last ladies' meeting, that there are some children (especially homeless and disadvantaged children) arriving at school with dirty facemasks. To aid these children, we are collecting disposable child sized facemasks through the week of March 14. Anyone can help. These items can be placed in the foyer in the designated box. Thank you!

**LADIES INFORMATION:** The committee sign-up sheets for Ladies Day are located on the ladies' bulletin board, in the south hallway.

- -Please pick up a Ladies Event Calendar located on the ladies bulletin board.
- -March 13 will be the next Ladies' Breakfast & Workday, at 9:30 am, in the building.
- -Due to the damage that occurred in the fellowship hall, the movie night that was scheduled for March 26 will need to be rescheduled at a later time.

# Our Guest Speaker Today Is Dan Carter.

We want to especially welcome our visitors! If you are visiting, please fill out an attendance card from the back of the pew directly in front of you and leave it in the pew as you leave. Thank you for your visit and please join us again!

### LET'S ASSEMBLE SAFELY

- ⇒ Upon entering to building, we have hand sanitizer stations available for everyone to sanitize their hands.
- ⇒ We recommend everyone over 10 wear a face mask. We will be happy to provide you with one mask per person.
- ⇒ We will have individual communion sets inside zip lock bags to pick up prior to entering the auditorium.
- ⇒ Following the communion. Please place your empty communion containers in the zip lock bag and seal it. There will be a trash receptacle as you leave the auditorium.
- ⇒ PLEASE PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING (6 FEET) AND PLEASE DO NOT SIT IN THE MARKED PEWS. 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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