



# 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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*Christian Homes &  
Family Services  
Abilene, TX*

*Foster's Home  
For Children  
Stephenville, TX*

*Sunny Glen  
Children's Home  
San Benito, TX*

### SERVICE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS 9:30 AM

SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:30 AM

WEDNESDAY 7:00 PM

## Trust

Shepherds Notes by Lee Fisher

Walls are built to keep predators out, but if we are not careful they can keep the good out along with the bad. Unseen walls can also serve to imprison those inside of them. Without trust, there is no "Anchor in the Storm." Sometimes we hear people say, "If I had lived during the time of Christ or if I saw all the miracles first hand that God performed in the wilderness with Israel "Then I would have believed!" Would we have? For people who believe in themselves instead of God no amount of evidence is enough. Listen to the words of Jesus to those who saw all the miracles He did: *"If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead"* (Luke 16:31). I confess, I have not always fully trusted God as I should and I continue to work towards a stronger spiritual life. But sometimes we need to slow down and take the time for a self-inventory and reflect on the many times that God has provided for us. Just think about how many times He has brought us through the challenges and trials of life and set us on a path better than you could have ever imagined.

Numbers 23:19- *"God is not a man, that he should lie, nor a son of man, that he should change his mind. Does he speak and then not act? Does he promise and not fulfill?"*

Joshua 23:14- *"Behold, this day I am going the way of all the earth. And you know in all your hearts and in all your souls that not one thing has failed of all the good things which the Lord your God spoke concerning you. All have come to pass for you; not one word of them has failed."*

That being said, despite all the fulfilled promises we sometimes get to a point that we are still afraid to hope. Hoping can be such a fearful thing, especially when you have already made up your mind you will fail. Satan does not want people to have hope, because hope is a powerful tool of God for good (Romans 15:13). Joy, peace, and faith are powerful tools that enable the Christian to abound in hope. The more we trust in God's word and search out what "God's Love" really means, the more we are able to exchange our fears for hope, 1 John makes this clear *"And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him"* (1 John 4:16). It is time for us to realize that we can no longer trust God in small doses. A little bit of faith can only prevent us from fully trusting God and keep us from a Trust that results in limitless possibilities. Just look at the rich young ruler in Mark 10:29-30 *"So Jesus answered and said, "Assuredly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My sake and the gospel's, who shall not receive a hundredfold now in this time—houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions—and in the age to come, eternal life."* In our Sunday morning Bible class, we just finished a short study on the children of Israel how their faith was tested and they failed. As a result, many missed the Promised Land and died in the wilderness. Men are no different today and neither is the Lord (Hebrews 13:8). Many in our nation and, yes, even in the church, refuse to obey, do not truly trust in the Lord by following His Word, and continually move further and further away from God and move closer and closer to becoming lost forever. Overcoming fear means letting go of self *"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths"* (Proverbs 3:5-6). God bless you!

In Christian love, Lee

*From the Desk of Dan Carter*



### 'OUR JOY AND CROWN'

I will use a phrase from the heart of the apostle Paul, to the brethren at Thessalonica: *"We give thanks to God always for you in our prayers; remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ; knowing, brethren beloved, your election of God"*-1 Thess. 1:2-4. Later, he will have this to say: "For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even is it not you in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his coming? For you are our glory and joy."

Paul's Joy and Crown were in those who had received the Word of Christ and ran the race with patience and hope.

Every gospel preacher feels the same way. What is our joy and crown except to see faithful brothers and sisters striving forth for the crown of joy! There is no way I can express appreciation to you as I should. Over the years, I go back in memory and call to mind the many whom I love so dearly in Christ, our Lord.

Often, I do just that. I have fond memories of so many good faithful Christians who have gone on to their reward. They are safe from this world of problems and await the blessing of heaven with all other faithful ones in Christ.

I came to Killeen, not knowing what would lie ahead of me. No way could I have thought of losing my dear wife here, or of having such tender care and love from thoughtful brethren.

God takes care to watch over us. I am convinced that He had me come to Killeen for a reason. I have been strengthened; I have been made stronger; I have gotten to know some of the greatest men and women of faith in my life. God knows what is best. Jeannie and I, after some eighteen years, decided to leave the great church at San Pedro, in San Antonio. We loved the brethren there, dearly.

Thinking that I needed to make a move, Jeannie agreed. She always encouraged me in decisions and we both agreed that it was God's Will for us to come to Killeen. That was in November of 1997.

I want to say that you have fulfilled my Joy. I am so thrilled to know each of you. My love and appreciation have grown so much. I have known so many who now have passed, that it feels my heart with joy. They mean, and will ever mean, so much to me.

To those of us who are left behind, for a while, let us keep the faith. Let us determine to reach out to others. Let us do our part to keep the church pure. Let us thank God for the glory and joy that we have in Christ.

Your faith is strong. You are doing great works and the Lord will give the increase.

You are my Joy and Crown!



## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

4 - ANGELA THOMAS

12 - ANDREW FORKEY (12)

19 - ARCHIE TURNER

24 - GABI WILLIAMS (8)

26 - ANNIECE BANE

28 - JULIA JONES

28 - MARTHA WILLIAMS

Happy  
Birthday!



**CONTACTS:** *“Praising God, and having 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!

**NEW MOVERS MINISTRY:** Thank you all for your support with this ministry that helps us invite new movers to our services. As this is an ongoing ministry, we will need to make these continually. The items needed for the gift bags can be purchased at the Dollar Tree. The items needed for each gift bag are one notepad, a pen, a small pack of tissue, a small bottle of hand sanitizer, a stick of lip balm, a pack of chewing gum or mints, and a pack of candy. Please place the items in the teacher workroom. You may also contribute money as well. Thank you!

**APRIL/MAY CLEANING CALENDAR**

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

**25-TEAM ROGER**  
Patrick  
Brenda  
Roger  
Linda

**May 2 -TEAM JAMES S.**  
James  
Kim-Marie  
Xavier  
Jaden  
Tay

**May 9-TEAM BEVERLY**  
Beverly  
Donna  
Josephine  
Yvonne  
Marcella  
Jessica

**May 16-TEAM LEE**  
Lee  
Natalie  
Rufas  
Michael

**May 23-TEAM ZACK**  
Zack  
Amanda  
Diedre  
Paul  
Ruby

**THOSE TO SERVE**  
**SUNDAY, APRIL 25, 2021:**



- ANNOUNCEMENTS: REGGIE BASS
- SONG: PAUL PORTLEY
- 1ST PRAYER : LEE FISHER
- SCRIPTURE READING: DERREL HEGINBOTHAM
- SONG: PAUL PORTLEY
- SERMON: DAN CARTER
- INVITATION SONG: PAUL PORTLEY
- SONG BEFORE COMMUNION: PAUL PORTLEY
- COMMUNION/OFFERING:  
ROGER DEEM & ANDRÈ PETTAWAY
- CLOSING SONG: PAUL PORTLEY
- CLOSING PRAYER: RODNEY CARTER
- AUDIO/VISUAL: PATRICK SELLERS
- SECURITY: CLAY CULVER & KINGSFORD ASARE



**“The Church of CHRIST”**

**Matthew 16:15-18**

*“<sup>15</sup> He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am?  
<sup>16</sup> And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.  
<sup>17</sup> And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.  
<sup>18</sup> And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.”*

## NEWS FROM THE PEWS

**MILITARY & CIVILIANS OVERSEAS:** Michael Rogers is away for a training assignment, 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.

**OUR SICK:** Jim Dukes is having health problems. Please keep him in your prayers.

-Julia Jones will undergo an aortic valve replacement on April 27. Please keep her in your prayers.

-Tasha Arch was having severe pain and vomiting blood, but she is doing better. Please keep her in your prayers.

**SYMPATHY:** We wish to express our sympathy to former members and elders, Mark and John Johnston, and their families on the loss of their mother, Alene Johnston, on April 20. Please keep them in your prayers.

**CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & HOME-BOUND:** Marcella Williams' grandson (LaMarcus Henderson), James & Kim-Marie Seay, 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), 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, 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.

**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.

**SAVE THE DATES!** Save the dates of June 27-29 for our Summer Gospel Meeting with Antoine N. Holloway, who serves as the evangelist for the Northside church of Christ in Tucson, Arizona.

## *Our Guest Speaker Today Is Dan Carter.*

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*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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