



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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Investing in the Local Congregation

By Cody Westbrook

On his first post-conversion visit to Jerusalem, the apostle Paul sought to "join the disciples" (Acts 9:26). To "join" in this passage implies an intimate association. Paul's desire to be intimately cemented to the brethren in Jerusalem serves as an important principle for us regarding the local congregation. God never intended for Christians to exist all by themselves on an island. Rather His design is for Christians to come together as "not one member, but many" (1 Cor. 12:14) in local, autonomous congregations to strengthen one another and work together in the kingdom of God locally. This involves three things.

First, there is desire. In the early 2000s a movement away from "organized religion" took off and people began referring to themselves as "spiritual but not religious." The New Testament does not condone that mentality. Rather, scripture reveals repeatedly that the first century church had a desire to be together (Acts 2:42; 44; 46; 4:23-24; 31-31; etc.). Each of us must have the same desire to be intimately connected with the body of Christ in our locale.

Second, there is an obligation. Every Christian has an obligation to the local congregation to be interested and invested in its work (Eph. 4:16; 1 Cor. 12). This begins by placing oneself under the oversight of an eldership (Phil. 1:1; Heb. 13:7,17) then worshipping (Acts 20:7), serving (2 Cor. 8:1-11) and working together (Acts 5-6) with the Saints.

Third, there are benefits. When we invest ourselves in a congregation, we are able to grow spiritually together, encourage one another, and glorify God together (Eph. 3:21; 4:19-22; 2 Pet. 2:1ff). It allows needs to be met (Acts 4), fellowship to be extended, and a host of other blessings.

Christians cannot be content with sneaking in the back door of the church building just before worship begins and leaving during the closing song. To glorify God and to be the Christian God would have us to be demands my personal investment in the local congregation.

Westbrook, Cody. "Investing in the Local Congregation." *Southwest Church of Christ*, Southwest Church of Christ - WB Web Designs, 26 Dec. 2020, swcofc.org/investinthecongregation/.

THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MAY 31,

2021: The office will closed on Monday, May 31, 2021 in observance of Memorial Day.



SERVICE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS_ 9:30 AM
SUNDAY WORSHIP ___10:30 AM
WEDNESDAY _____7:00 PM

From the Desk of Dan Carter

Life At Its Best

Have you ever been told by someone, 'I'm living life at its best'? Well, I have often heard that said, but the truth of the matter is that it is really one of those old sayings that just does not pan out. Another one was: 'fine as a tooth comb'. I suppose I heard old sayings so much when I was a kid that they just seemed to hang on through the years. Actually, life is not what it is cracked up to be. As the wise man Job said: 'Man that is born of woman is of few days and full of trouble'-Job 14:1. Our blessed Lord was cruelly treated: 'He was in all points tempted as are we'-Hebrews 4:12. Again, listen to Job: 'For that which I feared has come upon me. I was not in safety nor in rest, neither was I quiet; yet trouble kept on coming'-Job 3:25,26.

Well, that is our life. Someone said: 'We come into this world crying; and we leave that way'. Again, Job said: 'Man is born to trouble as the sparks fly up from the fire'-Job 5:7. But, hang on. Job came to see that God works with us through all these trials: He let it be known that even if he were slain, he would trust the Lord. 'The Lord is my refuge and strength in times of trouble'-Psalm 9:9. Now, hear this verse: 'Have mercy upon me, O Lord; consider my trouble which I suffer of them that hate me, thou that lifts me up from the gates of death'-Psalm 9:13. Listen, we will have our hurts in this life...it is how we handle them that will tell the story.

I have been hurt more by those that I loved than any others. Many tears are shed because some seem to hurt us just to see us hurt. David cried to the Lord concerning those who went forth to harm him...God heard his cry and delivered! Remember the words of Paul? 'I know in whom I have believed. I know that he will keep me'; 'Because I trust in the living God'. What did they do to this good man? I think that which hurts the most is the hurts from those who should have known better:

Listen: Brethren, there will always be those who will harm, or try to harm you, when you do right. Do not allow anything to keep you from your Lord. Always, always, put Him first (Matt.6:33). Circumstances of life; Illness; etc., will always be with us. We must be able to take the hurts and disappointments of life. No, it is not easy being a Christian. No, it is not easy being a preacher; No, it is not easy to be parent; etc. All of us have hurts and disappointments. We must trust in the Lord. We must do the right thing. We must lift our voices in praise.

We are going through some things today that test our faith--hang in there. Be ready to hear Him say: "Well Done."

THE KILLEEN CHURCH OF CHRIST Cordially Invites You For Our 2021 SUMMER GOSPEL MEETING June 27 - June 29

GOSPEL MEETING: Save the dates of June 27-29 for our Summer Gospel Meeting with guest speaker, Antoine N. Holloway, who serves as the evangelist for the Northside church of Christ in Tucson, Arizona.



MAY BIRTHDAYS

2 - PATRICK SELLERS

6 - ANDREA PETTAWAY

7 - ABIGAIL FORKEY

14 - MICHAEL ROGERS

20 - JENNIFER FORKEY

24 - WILLARD DUNN (84)

24 - ROYAL WILLIAMS (5)

28 - JOHN LLEWELLYN

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!

MAY CLEANING CALENDAR

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

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

May 30-TEAM ROGER
Patrick
Brenda
Roger
Linda

THOSE TO SERVE

SUNDAY, MAY 23, 2021:



- ANNOUNCEMENTS:** ANDRÈ PETTAWAY
- SONG:** GAYLEN WILLIAMS
- 1ST PRAYER:** DERREL HEGINBOTHAM
- SCRIPTURE READING:** REGGIE BASS
- SONG:** GAYLEN WILLIAMS
- SERMON:** DAN CARTER
- INVITATION SONG:** GAYLEN WILLIAMS
- SONG BEFORE COMMUNION:**
GAYLEN WILLIAMS
- COMMUNION/OFFERING:**
BRUCE BROWN & ROGER DEEM
- CLOSING SONG:** GAYLEN WILLIAMS
- CLOSING PRAYER:** AL WILSON
- AUDIO/VISUAL:** PATRICK SELLERS
- SECURITY:** ZACK PETTIES & KINGSFORD ASARE

SCRIPTURE READING

“Love One Another”

John 13:34,35

“³⁴ A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

³⁵ By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.”

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

MILITARY & CIVILIANS OVERSEAS: Michael Rogers is away for a training assignment 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: Please continue to keep our members with health concerns in your prayers.

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & HOME-BOUND: Rufas Brown, 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 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). 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.

CONGRATULATIONS! We wish to congratulate Rodney Carter on his achievement of earning a bachelor's degree of Art in Biblical Studies, from the Heritage Christian University. He will be graduating on May 22nd.

THE VAN IS FOR SALE: The church is selling the van and wanted to offer someone in the congregation first opportunity to purchase it. Please see the elders for more information.

BRIDAL SHOWER: Ladies, please join us for a Bridal Shower honoring Isabella Polanco, bride-elect of Jarred Tetzlaff, on Sunday, June 6, from 2-4 pm, here at the building. Isabella is registered at Target & Walmart.

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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