



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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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

IT IS NOT VALHALLA!

Shepherds Notes by Lee Fisher

The attention in the news about Afghanistan has brought back many memories. In past times at the hospital department where I work, we had many soldiers assigned who were wounded and ill. Some have died because they could not overcome disease, illness, or injuries that they sustained in battle. But thanks be to God it has been quite a while since we had a soldier pass away. However, this week that changed when we received notice that a soldier assigned to our department died at a very young age. A memorial slideshow honoring him was sent to everyone in our department. As I was looking through the slideshow, I saw pictures of happy and good times with his family. I started thinking about how his wife and children will make it without a husband and father and became very emotional. Then I came to the final slide which angered me a bit. It said 'rest in peace in Valhalla'. In Valhalla! In Norse mythology, Valhalla is a majestic, enormous hall located in Agar, ruled over by the god Odin. It is not clear what his religious belief really was about life after death, but brothers and sisters this is sad. Let us never forget why evangelism is so important! There are many in this city, town, community who are alive and they believe some of the same things about life after death, at least as the slideshow indicated. Jesus said, "**The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few**" (Matthew 9:37).

So where are the souls of the dead? There is a 'place' somewhere in the spiritual realm where the souls of men await the coming Day of Judgment. And according to the scriptures, it is NOT Valhalla! A description of Hades is found in (Luke 16:19-31). Hades refers to the place where the souls of departed men await the resurrection. Jesus said in John 5:28-29, "**Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.**"

Christians need no longer fear the death that is a separation from God because "**Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord**" (Rom. 8:37-39). At the end of our lives, our spirit shall return unto God and our bodies shall return to the earth (Ecclesiastes 12:7). Physical fitness can help us to live a life free from sickness and medication. Yet we are all mortals, and susceptible to death (Hebrews 9:27). Death is only to be feared if one is unprepared. Paul said, "**For I am hard-pressed between the two, having a desire to depart and be with Christ, which is far better**" (Philippians 1:23).

Finally 'yes', Satan is still active and we must be wary of him (1 Pet. 5:8-9; 2 Cor. 2:11)...but always remember Christ's sacrifice on the cross has destroyed him! Therefore we know his guaranteed end (Rev. 20:10-12). I cannot be sure the soldier or his family had an opportunity to hear and obey the gospel, but as a reminder, there will be a DAY in which all men, righteous and unrighteous, Christian (1 Peter 4:1) and Non-Christian, saint, and sinner, will be judged and will receive their eternal reward or condemnation (Revelation 20:12-15). All of humanity will be judged at that time.

God Bless, Lee

From the Desk of Dan Carter

MEMORIES ARE REMARKABLE

Memories can be a wonderful thing but, in some cases, hurtful. I want to talk about wonderful memories for a while.

Isn't it a wonderful thing to be able to call to mind our childhood? I often think of Martins Mill. This was the public school I attended. I can still remember the teachers I had, and the wonderful friendships that I made. I can still see my friends faces! Martins Mill is still there...it was only a grade school when I attended, we were then transported to Canton, where I attended high school. I still remember the day when I heard of the assassination of John F. Kennedy!

My mother and dad stand so vivid in my memory. My brothers are so vivid. My wife and great family are always with me.

Isn't it wonderful to have memories. The Good Lord knew how much that would mean to us. Often, through the inspired writers, He reminds us to bring to mind those things that are good. He also tells us to forget the things that hindered us, and, to set our minds on things that are good.

I remember when I met with the eleven elders of this church. They were looking for someone who could not only build up the faithful, but, also speak the truth in love to world. They were also looking for someone who would plan on staying (as, in the past, some had only stayed a short time). I told them that I was looking for a place to be at home the rest of my life. When, I said that, they were so happy. We all hugged and they said: We have found our man!

Those good brethren, except for two, have passed on to their reward. I have been with you for some 23 years. Jeannie and I wanted this to be our last place to work. Little Jeannie has passed on. I remain with you. I pray that as a part of this family, I can remain the rest of my days.

We know not what a day may bring, but I want to always remember the family I have here. I pray to be with you always.

NOTE: Thank you for your prayers and help over the past few weeks. Your love, and concern, for me will never be forgotten.

I met with my primary Doctor on the 25th, and received a good report. Remember me in your prayers.

-I love you, all--Dan



WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT

We are delighted to announce André & Alfreda Pettaway's daughter, Andrea, will be married to Luke Schumann, on Saturday, September 4th, in Houston. On Sunday, October 24, from 2-4 pm, in the fellowship hall, we will have a wedding shower for them. Andrea & Luke are registered at Target and Bed Bath & Beyond.

Congratulations!

SEPTEMBER CLEANING CALENDAR

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

Aug 29-TEAM LEE
Lee
Natalie
Rufas

Sept 19-TEAM JAMES S.
James
Kim-Marie
Xavier
Jaden

Sept 5-TEAM ZACK
Zack
Amanda
Diedre
Paul
Rubye

Sept 26-TEAM BEVERLY
Beverly
Donna
Josephine
Yvonne
Marcella

Sept 12-TEAM ROGER
Patrick
Brenda
Roger
Linda

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

6 - SCOTT DAVIS
 9 - REGGIE BASS
 14 - CLAY CULVER
 27 - CRETA BALES
 28 - TREVOR HEILMAN
 28 - VICTORIA POLANCO

**Happy
 Birthday!**



THOSE TO SERVE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 29, 2021:



- ANNOUNCEMENTS:** ANDRÉ PETTAWAY
- SONG:** PAUL PORTLEY
- 1ST PRAYER:** LEE FISHER
- SCRIPTURE READING:** RODNEY CARTER
- SONG:** PAUL PORTLEY
- SERMON:** DAN CARTER
- INVITATION SONG:** PAUL PORTLEY
- SONG BEFORE COMMUNION:** PAUL PORTLEY
- COMMUNION/OFFERING:**
 GAYLEN WILLIAMS & GIANNI GRIFFITH
- CLOSING SONG:** PAUL PORTLEY
- CLOSING PRAYER:** TAY HIGHTOWER
- AUDIO/VISUAL:** PATRICK SELLERS
- SECURITY:** ROGER DEEM & JAMES SEAY



SCRIPTURE READING

**‘Why Does He Keep Us In This Sinful World?’
 John 17:15-18**

“¹⁵ I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one. ¹⁶ They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁷ Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth. ¹⁸ As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world.”

SAVE THE DATE FOR LADIES DAY!

OCTOBER 16, 2021

**Seasons
 of Life**

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Ecclesiastes 3:4

*With Our Special Guest Speaker:
 Rhonda Washington*



NEWS FROM THE PEWS

MILITARY & CIVILIANS OVERSEAS: Tay Hightower is leaving to Ft. Carson, CO. This is his last Sunday here. Michael & Jessica Rogers are away for a training assignments 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: James Garner & his wife, Tammy, are sick with Covid and James had to be hospitalized. His daughter & granddaughter are still battling Covid as well. Please keep them in your prayers.

-Julia Jones' daughter-in-law, Maureen Jouett, has Covid. Please keep her in your prayers.

-John Llewellyn's wife, Aspasia, has an aneurism near her heart. Please keep her in your prayers.

-Brenda Sellers' husband, Ken, has ulcers on his esophagus. He is waiting for biopsy results. Please keep him in your prayers.

-Rodney Carter's wife, Wendy, fell twice in their home and she has a fracture in her knee, a torn lateral meniscus, and a torn ACL. Please keep her in your prayers.

-Gary & Shirl Foster's daughter, Sheila, is improving from Covid. Please keep her in your prayers.

-Former member, Valerie Hauer's condition is improving from Covid. Please keep her in your prayers.

-Former member, Ann Simpson, is having health complications from leukemia. Please keep her in your prayers.

-Former member Latoya Bailey and her 2-year-old son, Clay, are Covid positive. Please keep them in your prayers.

SYMPATHY: We wish to extend our sympathy to former member, Janna Gustafson, and her family for the loss of her mother and long-time member here, Naomi Jobe. Please keep the family in your prayers.

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & HOME-BOUND: Brenda Seller's mother, Garnie & Nada Miller, Donna Hines' niece's husband (Daniel Park), Mary Lou Dains' son, daughter-in-law & great nephew, Rufus Brown, Dan Carter's daughter-in-law (Wendy), Lois Brown, Julia Jones' son-in-law, 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, Scott Davis, Mary McAnally's son, & sister (Ann Ahrens), Shirl Foster, Julie Odum's mother (Sharon Schmitt), Barbara Robinson's daughter & son-in-law (Skip & Laura Skarpa), Esther Cox, Martha Bell's sister, Skip & Tina Pallo and Tina's son (Jeremy) and Tina's sisters (Cheryle & Jeanette), Willard Dunn, Tanja, Tiffany, & Natasha Arch, Archie & Jessie Turner, David Shilling, and Linda Walts. Former members: (David Chapman), (Penny Fogle), (Rey & Connie Cruz), (Janet & John John Simmons), (Ann Simpson) & (Tom & Diane Holubec). Please keep these members and loved ones in your prayers as they battle health problems.

VISITATION TEAMS: 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, Lois Brown, Deja Williams, and Victoria Polanco. Please turn your assignment sheet in at the designated tray in the foyer when finished. Thank you!

Our 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!

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!

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

1-Singing Night

5-Baby Shower honoring Derica Mitchell, 2-4 pm, in the fellowship hall.

6-Office closed in observance of the Labor Day holiday.

1,8,15,22,29-Ladies bible class at 10:00 am, in the fellowship hall.

OCTOBER CALENDAR

2-Men's breakfast, 8:30 am, at the Killeen Golden Corral

6,13,20,27-Ladies bible class at 10:00 am, in the fellowship hall.

6-Singing Night

9-Ladies Breakfast & Workday, 9:30 am, in the fellowship hall.

16-Ladies Day

24-Wedding Shower honoring Andrea & Luke Schumann, 2-4 pm, in the fellowship hall.

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