



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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Stephenville, TX*

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Children's Home
San Benito, TX*

SERVICE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS - 9:30 AM

SUNDAY WORSHIP - 10:30 AM

WEDNESDAY - 7:00 PM



Goodbye for now to a fellow Shepherd

Shepherds Notes by Lee Fisher



Boyce Edwards just had a birthday on August 31st of this year. He was 79 years old. I always remembered that date because it was the same birthday as my daughter Traelyan. Boyce passed from this life Sunday September 11th, 2022, while teaching Sunday morning Bible class. Many have said that is the way he always wanted to leave this life "while teaching God's word". Truth be told, one could not mention Boyce's name without thinking of his teaching and preaching within the church; he preached for 34 years here at Killeen. My family arrived at W.S Young in the year of 2000, and as far back as I can remember he was most comfortable in the midst of the church with a smile on his face, shaking hands, and providing a friendly greeting to everyone as they entered the building. And for six of those years, I had the privilege of serving together with him as an elder of the Lord's Church. Boyce said he always desired to serve as an elder, he always held fast to the faithful word as he had been taught, and that he was able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers (Titus 1:9). Every Christian has a role in God's plan and Boyce took his role as an elder seriously! I often thought if you looked up the word commitment in the dictionary you would see Boyce's name. He always encouraged others and liked fellowshiping with the brethren. My mind goes back to the many times the elders ate dinner together with members in lieu of visiting their home. I have listened to Boyce share the ongoing heartache he felt having counseled with individual members or broken families in marriage.



One of the greatest challenges that we face in our lives is connecting with other people. When we think about our purpose, to love God and love our neighbor (Matthew 22:37-39), we realize that this is the great challenge God has given us. Thinking back years ago, when we were just installed as elders one of the first things, we decided to do was make visitation our priority, for years we spent many evenings together (Boyce, Zack, and myself) visiting members at their homes, nursing homes or in the hospitals, often Bro. Dan came with us. I remember, Boyce would always meet us with the church van to go visiting, he had a smile on his face and was eager to go. Even when he stayed up late the night before caring for his wife, he still was ready to visit. Speaking of his wife "Kathy," Boyce left an example for all of us to follow in caring for her, the words "for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death do us part" he took them very seriously. I also never heard him utter one word of complaint for caring for Kathy during the many years she was sick and shut-in. There are many things men do with their lives but none as honorable as serving as an elder. Boyce served because he loved souls, and he loved God and the church family.



I remember reading something close to this in an article, when you think of Shepherds who devote their entire life to the cause of Christ. "These are the ones who wear the deep wrinkles, gray hair that turns white if they have any left, and other "internal scars" that no one sees. Oh, how true that is! Please understand that Shepherds are not perfect by any stretch of the imagination and we need continuous prayer, but they are willing to dedicate their life in serving and watching for the souls of others. I saw first-hand that Boyce Edwards did just that to the best of his God given ability, and we truly thank God for lending him to us for just a little while!

"Then I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, "Write: 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.'" "Yes," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them." (Revelation 14:13)

A Heart the Size of Texas

By Phil McIntosh



Everything is bigger in Texas, right? The barbecue is smokier. The sweet tea is sweeter. The cowboy hats are wider. The pickup trucks are larger. And the attitudes and personalities are often large-and-in-charge in accordance with all of these (*it's just a light-hearted generalization, don't let it get your goat*). Texans love their state! Texans like to talk about just how big their state is. While it is technically not the largest state overall (that point of pride belongs to Alaska), it is the largest state in the contiguous United States. Just how big is Texas? Well, for interest's sake, I went on the ol' google maps. I found that El Paso, Texas is closer to Los Angeles, California than it is to the Texas/Louisiana border! There is a town just barely inside the eastern border of the state of Texas called Orange, Texas. Orange is 851 miles from El Paso, while Los Angeles is 801 miles away. That's insane. It's not just east and west, though. There is a town on the Texas/Oklahoma border called, naturally, Texhoma. Well, Texhoma is 881 miles from Brownsville, Texas- a city immediately north of Texas' border with Mexico. That's how big Texas is. How could anyone have a heart that big?

Clearly, I am merely using a figure of speech to imply that someone has an overly generous and kind heart. We're discussing someone who overflows with mercy, patience, compassion, and benevolence. To go further in explanation though, we're not even talking about a literal heart. Speaking in medical terms, an enlarged heart is dangerous. Speaking in spiritual terms, an enlarged heart is the result of God's grace shining through one of His servants (*Philemon 4-7*).

It's intriguing to me that we use a word like *heart* so frequently, and rarely are we *actually* talking about a physical heart. Our hearts are muscles that are constantly pumping blood throughout our bodies, like a little machine. God has endowed us with a wonderful mechanism to work tirelessly behind the scenes to keep our bodies running. I would venture to say we hardly, if ever at all, think about our *physical* hearts until something goes awry. This usage of the word "heart" is not a recent or American phenomenon, for, in Hebrew the same word is used for both the *physical* and *spirit* heart. How would you describe man's *emotional* or *spirit* (not spirit as in soul, spirit as in life-force) heart? According to the Bible it could be argued the heart is man's mind (*Ps. 9:1-2; 14:1*). Even then we're varying the vocabulary and stretching terms, because the mind isn't the literal brain. The mind is the central controlling unit of we are as a person. It expresses our thoughts, feelings, intentions, cares, concerns, and priorities. As the physical brain provides impulses to our physical hearts, perhaps we could think of our spiritual minds providing impulses to our spiritual hearts.

In an effort to care for the temporary physical vessel God has given us, we can choose to eat healthier foods and exercise our bodies. Paul said that kind of exercise was profitable (*1 Tim. 4:8*), but that the *more* profitable venture was to exercise yourself to godliness. The method of pursuing spiritual heart health is very similar to the same exercise physically- good food (*Matt. 4:4*) and exercise (*Heb. 5:14*). Here are seven ways we can ensure that our "hearts" are as big as they can be:

Set your focus on God- *Matt. 6:21; Col. 3:1-3*

Control what goes in and out- *Matt. 15:19*

Do not stop doing generous things- *Gal. 6:9*

Stay close to Jesus- *Mk. 7:6-8*

Continually pray- *Lk. 18:1; 1 Thess. 5:17*

Love the brethren- *2 Cor. 6:11/7:2*

Allow the Word and the Spirit to affect you- *Rom. 2:29; 6:17*

Only Jesus possessed a heart that can't be calculated by physical scales or measurements, but you and I can work toward having a "heart" like His as we try to copy His "mind" (*Phil. 2:5*).

Please Join Us For Our Ladies Day!

With Our Guest Speaker: Earlie Bond



Be of Good Cheer

John 16:33

October 15th, 9:00 AM - 1:30 PM
*Registration starts at 8:00 AM
Please call or email us for a headcount by Thurs., Oct. 13th

*Enjoy a light breakfast during registration until 8:45. Lunch will be served following the lessons.
Childcare will be provided for ages one to five during the lessons.*

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

On Sunday, October 2nd, Barry Hatcher, from the Indonesia Mission Work, will give a presentation update during Bible class. **All classes**, except for the small children's classes, will meet in the auditorium.

The Hatcher family (Barry, Melany, and their three children) moved to Jakarta, Indonesia in 1987. Their purpose was to establish a preacher training school. The North Sulawesi School of Bible Studies is in her 33rd year of instruction. There have been 112 men and 76 women to graduate from the school since her inception. From these graduates, there have been 35 new congregations established and they teach and preach in a total of 67 congregations. There have been more than 2,000 people obey the gospel since the school began in 1989. The BCS (Bryan-College Station, TX) church of Christ, is the sponsor for the Indonesia mission work.

ORDER OF SERVICE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2022:

- ♦ **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** ANDRÉ PETTAWAY
- ♦ **1ST PRAYER:** ZACK PETTIES
- ♦ **SONG:** GAYLEN WILLIAMS
- ♦ **SCRIPTURE READING:** KEITH RUMMEL
- ♦ **SONG:** GAYLEN WILLIAMS
- ♦ **SERMON:** PHIL MCINTOSH
- ♦ **INVITATION SONG:** GAYLEN WILLIAMS
- ♦ **SONG BEFORE COMMUNION:**
GAYLEN WILLIAMS
- ♦ **COMMUNION:**
ANDRÉ PETTAWAY & MICHAEL ROGERS
- ♦ **SONG:** GAYLEN WILLIAMS
- ♦ **OFFERING:**
ANDRÉ PETTAWAY & MICHAEL ROGERS
- ♦ **CLOSING SONG:** GAYLEN WILLIAMS
- ♦ **CLOSING PRAYER:** REGGIE BASS
- ♦ **AUDIO/VISUAL:** PATRICK SELLERS
- ♦ **SECURITY:** BRUCE BROWN & ROGER DEEM
- ♦ **NURSERY:**
NATALIE FISHER & NICHOLE WILLIAMS



- SEPT. 27 - CRETA BALES
- OCT. 1 - CHERYL FLORES
- 3 - MERAIAH JOHNSON
- 18 - HANNAH FANE
- 20 - KIM-MARIE SEAY
- 24 - ASHER WILLIAMS (3)
- 26 - MILLIE SIMCOX

Sept./Oct. Nursery Schedule

- 25-Natalie & Nichole
- Oct. 2-Brenda & Amanda
- 9- Beverly & Victoria
- 16-Gayle & Josephine
- 23-Brenda & Nichole
- 30-Natalie & Amanda

**We are in need of more ladies to help in the nursery. If you would like to be on the nursery list, please contact the office. Thank you!*

October Cleaning Calendar

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

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| Oct. 2-TEAM JAMES S. Kim-Marie Xavier Jaden Kingsford | 16-TEAM LEE Natalie Derek Ken Tim |
| 9-TEAM PHIL Michelle Beverly Josephine Yvonne Lois Marcella | 23-TEAM ZACK Amanda Diedre Paul Rubye |
| | 30-TEAM ROGER Patrick Brenda Linda |

SCRIPTURE READING

“Characteristics of the NT Church: What Problems Did It Face?”

Acts 2:40-45

“⁴⁰ And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation. ⁴¹ Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls. ⁴² And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. ⁴³ And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles. ⁴⁴ And all that believed were together, and had all things common; ⁴⁵ And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need.”

