



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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SERVICE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS - 9:30 AM

SUNDAY WORSHIP - 10:30 AM

WEDNESDAY - 7:00 PM

I Will Do It My Way

Shepherds Notes by Zack Petties



Each year we see the spirituality of the congregations diminish to the point of vanishing. And why does the spiritual strength dissipate even to the death of that congregation? People have the disposition this is my life, and I can live however I choose. Which in time it's no longer the will of God, but their will of having fun and to be entertained. In the book of 2 Timothy 4:3,4, people will turn away from the truth, they will grow weary of the plain gospel of Christ to do it their way.

Over the few years and what has happened with the discovery of the virus. A slow but fast conforming and transformation has also developed among many. People having more time at home in isolation from others, possibly driven to outside entertainments. The outside world has different goals, different values, seeks pleasure, fame, money, and power. Churches of Christ members in particular who are spiritual, these things have not eternal value. That warning is (Rom 12:2) if members offer social entertainment instead of salvation, that substitutes entertainment for evangelism. We cannot make friends with the world without becoming an enemy of God (James 4:4). We must separate ourselves from the appetite and standards of the world, from its goals, and from its worldly works. If, we live for Christ, we must be transformed into the image of Christ (2 Cor 3:18). Some desire to be entertained by music. God desires man to worship Him in song is evident in many verses in the New Testament (Col 3:16). Since God is the object and the focal point of our worship, He has the right to tell us how to worship Him in song (John 4:24). The Jews used numerous instruments in their worship Ps. 150 but however the harp is replaced with the human in the New Testament (Eph 5:19). The New Testament, under which we now live, only authorizes in teaching and example of vocal music: Acts 16:25; 1 Col 14:15; Eph 5: 19; Col 3:16; Heb 13: 15; Jas 5:13. Our singing is rendered unto God (Acts 16:25). While we are to teach and admonish one another in our singing, the singing is not for humans entertainment.

In the book of Matt 16:24, *"Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me."* A true disciple of Christ is one that does follow him in duty and shall follow him to glory. Jesus' first mission on earth wasn't to judge people, but to show them the way to find salvation and eternal life. When Christ comes again, His main purpose will be to judge people for the way they lived on earth (John 12: 44-50). People, decide now which way and side you'll be on, for that consequence of your decision lasts forever.

In love,
Brother Petties



Thank you to all who were able to attend the fellowship and singing at the Southside congregation. We had 50 people from our congregation attend!



Frontlets and Gateposts

By Phil McIntosh



As you open a book of the Bible, it benefits you to have some knowledge regarding the setting and overview of the book. For instance, if you knew nothing of God's promise to Abraham and the power that God would express through the meager Israelite nation, books like Isaiah and Jeremiah might not mean nearly as much. Likewise, if one has no knowledge of the book of Jeremiah, then Lamentations likely would mean very little. The burden is on the reader to open their minds to the message God has given. Without studying (which is *much* more involved than mere reading), the reader is only going to gain surface knowledge of the contents of a book, if even that. This introduction brings us to the book wherein we find our title and focus this week: Deuteronomy. It is almost a prerequisite for one to have read at least Exodus and Numbers to understand this book. Moses, God's chosen leader for the then-captive Hebrews, has led them out of Egypt and toward the land of plenty in Canaan which He had promised them (*Gen. 15:18-21; Ex. 3:8*). To make a longer article shorter, the people were inappropriately grateful and lacked faith; summarily forsaking God's guidance and receiving the penalty of death on the journey (*Num. 14:26-30*). In the very next verse in Numbers, Moses records that God said their children would inherit the land they were essentially too faithless to take. It is to that generation Moses was speaking and ministering as the book of Deuteronomy opens. In chapter six of the book of Deuteronomy, Moses gave an admonition to the children of the cursed generation who fell in the wilderness wandering. That admonition, it has been said (McClintock & Strong encyclopedia) was intended to be observed internally. Read these few verses of such a well-known portion of this book:

“Now this is the commandment, and these are the statutes and judgments which the LORD your God has commanded to teach you, that you may observe them in the land which you are crossing over to possess, ² that you may fear the LORD your God, to keep all His statutes and His commandments which I command you, you and your son and your grandson, all the days of your life, and that your days may be prolonged. ³ Therefore hear, O Israel, and be careful to observe it, that it may be well with you, and that you may multiply greatly as the LORD God of your fathers has promised you- ‘a land flowing with milk and honey.’ ⁴ “Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one! ⁵ You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. ⁶ “And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. ⁷ You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. ⁸ You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. ⁹ You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.” -Deuteronomy 6:1-9

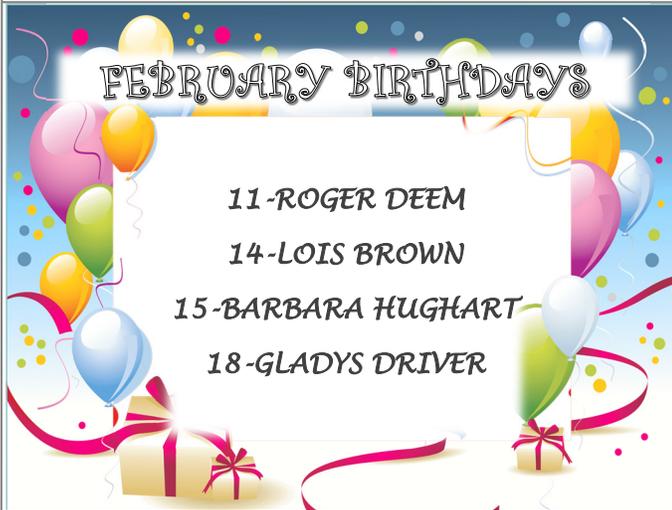
God was exhorting this generation, who had witnessed the end of those lacking faith in God, to remember Him and His power and His promises as they took possession of the land which “flowed with milk and honey”. In the next few verses God delivered a strong message through Moses; whereby He implored these Hebrews to remember, fear, serve, and take oaths in the name of the Lord (*Deut. 6:10-15*). The process by which they would do so can be seen in verses eight and nine. They were to so exhibit and display His laws that they would see them frequently and never forget.

The command given to wear or adorn their houses and bodies with the words of God has been interpreted as both literal and figurative. Some believe it was literal in Moses' time, while others suggest that, at some later time (likely post-exile), the practice evolved from a metaphoric exercise to that which was physical. While we realize the totality of God's law could not have been included on such a small script to be worn around the head or body, perhaps we could imagine they would have held on to the “greatest” of the laws, like the two that Jesus mentioned in *Matthew 22:37-40*. The Jews called **Deuteronomy 6:4-9** “the Shema” (from the Hebrew word to “hear”) because Moses gave this grand message from God regarding the ultimate responsibility in one's life following Jehovah (also in *Deut. 11:13-21*). There is evidence in the Old Testament for God instructing something literal and physical to be done, as we read in **Numbers 15:37-41**, of God commanding them to add “tassels” to their clothes as a sign to remind them to remember God's commands.

Whether the exhortation in Deuteronomy was literal or metaphorical, it certainly would not have been pleasing to God if it were *only* literal. If there were no greater implication within the practice of it, it would have afforded them no benefit. Jesus told us that this happened throughout the course of the evolution of Jewish life. For instance, we see Jesus upbraiding the Pharisees and other religious men during the First Century because their hearts were not right with God. Regardless of their *phylacteries* and *tassels* adorning their bodies and garments, they still were not pleasing to God (*Matt. 23:1-5; 23-24; Mark 7:6-7*). In effect, their religion was useless; their observance of an ancient teaching to keep God's words in front of their eyes was an empty observation. Why? They had God's words in front of them, they were doing as they were commanded. No, they weren't. The exhortation in Deuteronomy 6 was to keep God's words inside of you and in your life, which is aided by surrounding yourself with exhibitions of God's words. Today many people might have a Bible in the pew beside them, a plate with the ‘Lord's Prayer’ inscribed on it, or a piece of cross-stitched fabric with a part of *Joshua 24:15* on it. However, that does not guarantee that what's happening in front of their eyes is happening in their heart. You can put God's words as “frontlets between your eyes” and write His name or His scriptures “on your doorposts” but unless you employ the deeper implications of that teaching, which is to insert God into your mind and heart, those outside decorations and adornings will all be for naught (*Jn. 8:31*).

YOUTH DEVOTIONAL

Sunday, Feb. 12th, at 5 pm, in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring finger foods.



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 11-ROGER DEEM
- 14-LOIS BROWN
- 15-BARBARA HUGHART
- 18-GLADYS DRIVER

February Nursery Schedule

- 5-Victoria Polanco
- 12-Josephine Spear
- 19-Nichole Williams
- 26-Gayle Wilson
- *Substitute or Assist:
Victoria Polanco

*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!

February Cleaning Calendar

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

Jan. 29-TEAM ROGER Patrick Brenda Linda	12-TEAM JAMES Kim-Marie Xavier Jaden Kingsford Barbara	26-TEAM LEE Natalie Derek Ken Tim
5-TEAM ZACK Amanda Diedre Paul Ruby	19-TEAM PHIL Michelle Beverly Josephine Yvonne Lois Marcella	

ORDER OF SERVICE

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2023:

- ANNOUNCEMENTS: LEE FISHER
- 1ST PRAYER: ADAM ZAK
- SONG: PAUL PORTLEY
- SCRIPTURE READING: KEITH RUMMEL
- SONG: PAUL PORTLEY
- SERMON: PHIL MCINTOSH
- INVITATION SONG: PAUL PORTLEY
- SONG BEFORE COMMUNION: PAUL PORTLEY
- COMMUNION:
ANDRÉ PETTAWAY & IVAN MCINTOSH
- SONG: PAUL PORTLEY
- OFFERING:
ANDRÉ PETTAWAY & IVAN MCINTOSH
- CLOSING SONG: PAUL PORTLEY
- CLOSING PRAYER: SCOTT DAVIS
- AUDIO/VISUAL: PATRICK SELLERS
- SECURITY: TIM MATTER & ROGER DEEM
- NURSERY: VICTORIA POLANCO

SCRIPTURE READING

“You Hold the Reins”

Psalm 1

- ¹ Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.
- ² But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.
- ³ And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.
- ⁴ The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away.
- ⁵ Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.
- ⁶ For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.”

