



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*

FACING ADVERSITIES - Shepherds Notes By Zack Petties

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

BIBLE CLASSES _____ 9:30 A.M.

WORSHIP _____ 10:30 A.M.

EVENING WORSHIP _____ 5:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY

CLASSES/DEVOTIONAL _____ 7:00 P.M.

The definition of a trial is very important. It is defined as an affliction, an act of testing, a trying or trouble. When we go through these trials the question maybe asked, "Why me", and maybe, "Why not someone else?" The purpose of these trials or difficulties prove our faith in God (1 Peter 1: 6,7). For example: when there is sickness in your family, death in your family, loss of job in your family, loss of love in your family, loss of food and clothing in your family, and a loss of respect for others and yourself. When trials occur, will we draw closer to God or away from him? We must accept trials as part of the refining process that burns away impurities and prepares us to meet Christ. All Christians face such trials when they let their light shine into the darkness of this world. Enduring trials produces humility and patience (2 Cor. 12: 7, 10; Rom 5: 3). In like matter our trials, struggles, hurts, and persecutions refine and strengthen our faith, making us useful to God.

The Apostle Paul made mention of the thorn in the flesh and the Lord said to him, "My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness (2 Cor. 12: 9)." The fact that Paul's affliction wasn't removed, demonstrated that God's power is displayed in our weakness, and this should give us courage and hope. As we recognize our limitations, we will depend more on God. Our limitations not only help develop Christian character, but also deepens our worship, because in admitting them, we affirm Gods strength. In Ephesians 5:20, Paul tells us we should give thanks "always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." In 1 Thess. 5:18, Paul says, to "give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." Giving thanks helps us to focus on God in our affliction, and it steers us away from complaining, strengthens our faith, and brings glory to God. In 2 Corinthians 4:8-9 Paul says, "In every way we're troubled but not crushed, frustrated but not in despair, persecuted but not abandoned, struck down but not destroyed."

Our trials are a part of life. Accompanying each difficulty, there is a way of escape provided by God (1 Cor. 10: 13). Sometimes Christians cringe at the thought of problems and difficulties; but we need resistance and trials to challenge and make us better people. Without trails, we tend to be arrogant! Ps 119:71 says, "It is good for me that I have been afflicted: that I might learn thy statues." Christians look to have encouragement to commit to God, because He is their Creator, and faithful in all His promises.

In Love,
Brother Petties

From the Desk of Dan Carter

THE SECOND COMING

Many subjects are covered in biblical study: The Creation Account; The Flood; The Virgin Birth and Resurrection of Christ. Many others could be listed, but you know what I mean. There are so many unanswered questions. Just remember: *"The Secret things belong unto the Lord our God: but those things revealed belong to us and our children"*-Deut. 29:29! In other words, some things we can know; some things are secret.

Many times I have desired to know the reason for certain things that just keep me wondering. I must remember: God tells us what He wants us to know; other things belong to Him. One of those things is: The Second Coming Of Christ.

Men have always searched for the answer. Some, wanting to give themselves forth as something great, offer a time for the coming. Every generation will have their deceivers! No Man Knows When The End Will Come! This is one of those things that belongs to the Mind of God! Read Matthew 24:36...Only the Father Knows!

The Second Coming Of Christ is one of the most discussed subjects in the Bible.

For instance, Christ often spoke of His return. Up to the very end, He told the disciples that the end of all things was at hand, and that He would return to receive the faithful to Himself. In John 14:3, He said: *"I will come again and receive you to myself. Where I am, there you will be, also."*

In John 5:28, 29: *"Marvel not at this: for the hour comes, in which all in the graves shall hear my voice, and shall come forth." "Heaven & Earth Shall Pass Away, But My Words Shall Not Pass Away"*-Matthew 24:35!

In Matthew 25, He tells how it will be when He comes and separates the Good from the Evil. The Good will have eternal life; the Evil will be sent into torment.

No Man Can Know The Time! *"For know this: the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night. For when they say, Peace and Safety; then sudden destruction cometh"*-I Thess. 5:2 & 3.

Here, two major things stand out: First, the Second Coming will be as a thief in the night. That is to say,

no one knows when a thief will break in. Second: it will be when people are saying Peace and Safety!

It seems like every time we have a war, or some great world problem, some cry: "Jesus Is Coming!" Not So! Actually, it will be a time when the world feels secure!

Here is the point: He is Coming! Be Prepared! No One knows when...only the Father (Matt.24:44)!



Old Testament Chapter Study (In Chronological Order)

- Day 181 - 2 Chronicles 19-23
- Day 182 - Obadiah; Psalm 82-83
- Day 183 - 2 Kings 1-4
- Day 184 - 2 Kings 5-8
- Day 185 - 2 Kings 9-11
- Day 186 - 2 Kings 12-13; 2 Chronicles 24
- Day 187 - 2 Kings 14; 2 Chronicles 25
- Day 188 - Jonah 1-4
- Day 189 - 2 Kings 15; 2 Chronicles 26
- Day 190 - Isaiah 1-4
- Day 191 - Isaiah 5-8
- Day 192 - Amos 1-5
- Day 193 - Amos 6-9
- Day 194 - 2 Chronicles 27; Isaiah 9-12
- Day 195 - Micah 1-7
- Day 196 - 2 Chronicles 28; 2 Kings 16-17
- Day 197 - Isaiah 13-17
- Day 198 - Isaiah 18-22
- Day 199 - Isaiah 23-27
- Day 200 - 2 Kings 18:1-8; 2 Chronicles 29-31; Psalm 48
- Day 201 - Hosea 1-7

*If you would like to join the forum to ask questions, share insights, or to receive encouragement, please see Gaylen or Nichole Williams.

DOES YOUR SPEECH BETRAY YOU?
AM SERMON-MATTHEW 26:73,74

•BACKGROUND

- A. After The Supper Jesus Led His Disciples to the Mount Of Olives.
B. He Reveals That They Will Be Offended.
C. Simon: 'I Will Never Be Offended'.
D. 'Before The Rooster Crows, You Will Deny Me Three Times.'

•PETER FOLLOWS TO THE JUDGEMENT HALL

Note: Matthew 26:69-75!

1. True To His Word, Simon Did Not Flee... He Followed Far Off.
2. John Having Known The High Priest Went With Them To The Judgment.
3. Peter Warms Himself By The Fire.
4. Peter Denies Three Times; The Rooster Crows!

•HOW SPEECH BETRAYS

1. Dialect: Matt. 26:73; English, Spanish, Greek; North/South/East/West.
2. Education: Acts 4:13. Grade School; High School; College.
3. Chosen Words: Psa.19:14, Prov.25:11; Matt.12:35-37, Note vs.34; Eccl.5:2; Prov.23:7; Prov.4:23.

•HOW SPEECH BETRAYS, CONT.

4. Conviction:

Note: Acts 4:13! Vs.19,20! "Boldness".

*We Cannot Afford To Be Intimidated! Look At Paul's Words: Ephesians 6:19, 20.

*Because We Are Children Of God, We Have Boldness: Hebrews 4:14-16.

Note: Hebrews 13:6!

POWER IN HIS WORD
PM SERMON-LUKE 7:6,7

•AUTHORITY

*Matt. 26:53.

*Deut. 18:15 (Acts 3:22,23).

*Matt. 7:28,29.

Over Natural World: Storms ceased; Demons Obeyed; Death raised.

Note: "Do As I Please" Attitude: But, There Is One Grand Authority We Must All Face (Matt. 28:18; Matt. 25:31,32).

•AS A SHEPHERD

Note: John 10:27.

Matt. 9:36.

Isaiah 53.

Luke 9:57-62.

•VOICE OF ENTREATY & JUDGEMENT

*CALLING: REVELATION 3:20; MATT. 28:18-20; MATT. 11:28-30.

*JUDGEMENT: MATT. 25:31FF; ROMANS 14:10; I PETER 4:17,18.

THOSE TO SERVE THE WEEK OF
DECEMBER 2, 2018:

PARKING LOT DUTY: PATRICK SELLERS

HALL MONITOR: ROGER DEEM

AUDIO/VIDEO SYSTEMS FOR DECEMBER:
JACOB BRYANT

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(NORTH) BOYCE EDWARDS, MARVIN FLETCHER
JOHN HOBSON, JOHN LLEWELLYN

(SOUTH) ZACK PETTIES, BRUCE BROWN
CHARLES CULVER, DERREL HEGINBOTHAM

SCRIPTURE READING: DENNIS MARLER

PICK UP CARDS: RANGER SANDERS
ANDREW FORKEY

PRAYERS:

(A.M.) ANDRE PETTAWAY, AL WILSON
(P.M.) LEE FISHER, JOHN LLEWELLYN

NURSERY ATTENDANTS (A.M.):
AMANDA PETTIES & NATALIE FISHER

EVENING SONG DIRECTOR: ZACK PETTIES

EVENING COMMUNION:
GAYLEN WILLIAMS, REY CRUZ

WEDNESDAY SONG LEADER (SINGING NIGHT): REGGIE BASS

WEDNESDAY PRAYER: MARVIN FLETCHER

PREPARE COMMUNION FOR DECEMBER:
BEVERLY WILLIAMS & DONNA HINES

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

REMEMBER OUR MILITARY: Please keep Tracy Wilson's son, Zane Wilson in your prayers as he is deployed.
-Kingsford Asare is deployed to the border. Please keep him in your prayers.

OUR SICK: Connie Cruz was admitted to Seton Hospital last week for health concerns. Please keep her in your prayers.
-Tommy Bailey's mother, Nancy Pyron, was admitted to a hospital in Waverly, Tennessee and will be in a nursing home for further evaluation. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.
-Nelda Cox is recovering from surgery. Please keep her in your prayers.
-Jim Dukes is recovering from a bacterial infection. Please keep him in your prayers.
-War Mobley is recovering from back strain. Please keep him in your prayers.

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & HOME-BOUND: Julie Odum, James Garner, Billye Hughes, Merlene Stoker, Dora Ray Chanslor, Donna Hines's friend's granddaughter (2 year-old Kylie Pruitt), Willard Dunn, Jean Basco, Heather Heilman's co-worker's son (Jordan Davis), Archie & Jessi Turner, Mary Ann Culp, Mildred Butlar, former members (Gene and Penny Fogle), William Odum's father & uncle, Ralph Hughart's sister-in-law (Carol Hughart), David Shilling, Judy Wall's sister-in-law, (Gail Scott) & brother (Don Scott), Millie Simcox, Jim Dukes' sister (Marie Session), Lois Brown, Alice Allison, Garnie & Nada Miller, Shawn Forkey, Trudy Perrault's granddaughter (Lieda), great grandson (Jesse), & her daughters (Trudy & Carol), Connie Cruz's friends (Oscar Hernandez), Marta Torres, Juanita Cardenas & Yolanda Perez) also Rey & Connie's family here & in Puerto Rico, Linda Walts, Tina Pallo, Al & Gayle Wilson's sister-in-law (Regina Farmer), Alice Saffor, John Llewellyn's sister (Janet Schleyer), Sybil Cason, Jonathan Simmons Sr., Janet Simmons, Gail Mende's son (Eric), Shirl Foster, and Amanda Petties' nephew. Please keep these members and loved ones in your prayers as they battle health problems.

VISITATION TEAMS: Visitation Team #2 will meet with their leader, Reggie Bass, today, to get their visitation assignments. Team members are: Reggie & Janet Bass, Boyce Edwards, Zack & Amanda Petties, Merlene Stoker, and Gaylen & Nichole Williams.

LADIES HOLIDAY FELLOWSHIP: Kitty Kacir will host a Ladies Fellowship at her home on Thursday, December 13, at 6:00 pm. Ladies, please bring a wrapped ornament and your favorite holiday dish for a potluck.

WEDDING INVITATION: William & Julie Odum's son, Joshua, and his fiancée, Molli Howard, have invited everyone to their wedding ceremony on Friday, December 14, at 7:00 pm, at the Lake Shore Church, in Rockwall, TX. The invitation with RSVP details are posted on the south hallway bulletin board.

WELCOME!
**Our speaker for today is Dan Carter.*

Please fill out an Attendance Card and pass it to the inner aisle so we may have a record of your attendance.

Thank You!

BIBLE STUDIES AND COUNSELING OFFERED

***Bible Studies With One Of Our Preachers Or Elders**

***Free Bible Correspondence**

***Free Marriage & Family Counseling**

To our visitors—Thanks for being with us today, & please come again!

For more information go to our website www.kcofc.org, or scan the QR code with your phone's camera or QR app.

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❧DECEMBER❧

13-Ladies Fellowship at the home of Kitty Kacir starting at 6:00 pm.

24-25-Office will be closed for the Christmas holiday.

31-January 1-Office will be closed for the New Year holiday.