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### **MONTHLY SUPPORT:**

**Cherokee Home  
For Children  
Cherokee, TX**

**Christian Homes &  
Family Services  
Abilene, TX**

**Foster's Home  
For Children  
Stephenville, TX**

**Sunny Glen  
Children's Home  
San Benito, TX**

### **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.

*"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*

*Shepherds Notes By Lee Fisher*

## **SO FULFILL THE LAW OF CHRIST**

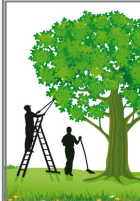
Life is full of burdens. They slow us down, and wear us down. Sometimes our trials come because of life challenges, health issues, or the loss of someone we love. These trials will come unexpectedly, and sometimes in numbers, because Satan wants our souls, and he comes immediately while we are at our weakest point. If trials came in small doses, we normally would have the strength to overcome, and they can make us stronger. But sometimes they come so unexpectedly and with such force! It can seem like it's impossible to bear these trials and they may cause us to give up altogether. God has set up a safeguard against these often-heavy burdens; it's called the body of Christ-the church! It says in Galatians 6:2, *"Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ."* As Christians, we are to help each other carry those loads that weigh us down.

That's is why I'm so thankful for the congregation here at W.S. Young. Because for me and my family, you and other members of the body have fulfilled every part of Gal 6:2 and more in the loss of our daughter and sister in Christ. Sometimes I think, it is no wonder that when we separate ourselves from the church, we put ourselves in a position where it's possible to fall away from God. Jesus said: *"Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me"*-(John 15:4). For all of us, eventually there will be that one burden which may come, and it could possibly break us. Without the support of those who love God and love us, we can falter. It is so true: *"It is not good that man should be alone"*-(Gen 2:18). I cannot imagine going through a difficult life trial, or loss of a loved one by myself! Physical and mental trials are heavy weights that are hard to carry. Paul said the Philippians had done well when they shared in his distress-(Phil 4:14); they helped him carry the burden of his afflictions. James defines pure religion as visiting the fatherless and widows in their affliction ("pressures"). We must help each other bear life's afflictions.

So, brothers and sisters, continue to bear one another's burdens! If we are led by the Spirit we will *"through love serve one another"*-(Gal 5:13), *"love your neighbor as yourself"*-(Gal 5:14), and have the fruit of the Spirit! *"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law"*-(Gal 5:22-23). If we allow God to guide us, then we will be carrying the burdens of others; if not, we may be placing more burdens on them by our actions. What a blessing it is to help each other find the freedom only found in Christ, and help others relieve the burden they carry!

Take one day at a time and look around-there are souls straining under their burdens! Reach out and help them! If you do, you may save a soul, or sustain your Brother or Sister in Christ! If not, their burdens may break them! Peter says, *"Be of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be courteous"*-(1 Peter 3:8). Again, I thank God for your labor of love, and continue the good works that you are doing! *"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them"*-(Eph. 2:10).

In Christian Love, Lee



**MEN'S CLEAN-UP AT THE NOLANVILLE CAMPGROUND:** On April 27th, starting at 10:00 am, there will be a clean-up consisting of trimming tree limbs and clearing the grounds from fallen limbs. Bring your work gloves, weed eaters, and chainsaws if you can. For any questions please contact Roger Deem.

\*In case of rain, we will reschedule on May 4th.

## From the Desk of Dan Carter

### "DO YOU LOVE ME?"

We are all familiar with the question that heads this article. From the time we were little kids we have heard these words.

Our Lord used the expression on a few occasions:

*"If you love Me, keep my commandments"*-John 14:15.

*"Simon, do you love me more than these"*-John 21:15.

Surely, you get the point. It is one thing to say, "I love you;" yet, quite another, to demonstrate it.

On another occasion Jesus pointed it out: *"Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends"*-John 15:13. Jesus demonstrated the love of God by dying that you and I might live.

A story was told one time by a convicted murderer. He had stopped a couple in their car on a country road. He demanded their money. Then, he told them, that he was going to kill both of them because they would recognize him and he would be executed.

The man began to plead: "Please, I beg of you. Kill me but spare my wife. I will have her to promise not to identify you. She will do it for me!" The man agreed. The husband was shot, but he let the wife live.

Later on, the man was arrested for another crime. His conscience got the best of him. He confessed to having killed that man on the road. He then said: "It has haunted me every since. That man loved his wife so much that he was willing to die that she might live!"

Now, that is what God did for us. Jesus said that He would die that we could live...and, He did it!

The scripture teaches that as Christians we should love each other, even as Christ loved the Church. Why is it that it sometimes takes a lifetime to see this major point? Only after a loved dies, we will say: "Oh, why didn't I tell her (or, him) how much I loved them every day?" You know what I mean! Don't let the time pass by! Be a doer of the Word! Express your love for your brethren. Say, we are even told to "love our enemies and to pray for them." Now, that is hard to do, but it was spoken by our Lord-Matthew 5:44.

Our Lord prayed for those who were killing Him. Stephen knew what the Lord had done, so following His example, he prayed for those who stoned him to death-Acts 7:60.

When someone tells you that it is easy to be a Christian, just remember-we were also called to suffer for His sake. It is easy when things are going well, but when hurt comes, it is hard to turn the other cheek. Loving the unlovable is not easy to do, but it is the Christian thing to do!



## New Testament Chapter Study

### New Testament

- Day 47- 1 Thes 3-5, 2 Thes 1
- Day 48- 2 Thes 2-3, 1 Tim 1-2
- Day 49- 1 Tim 3-6
- Day 50- 2 Tim
- Day 51- Titus, Philemon
- Day 52- Heb 1-4
- Day 53- Heb 5-8
- Day 54- Heb 9-12
- Day 55- Heb 13, James 1-3
- Day 56- James 4-5, 1 Pet 1-2
- Day 57- 1 Pet 3-5, 2 Pet 1
- Day 58- 2 Pet 2-3, 1 John 1-2
- Day 59- 1 John 3-5, 2 John
- Day 60- 3 John, Jude, Rev 1-2
- Day 61- Rev 3-6
- Day 62- Rev 7-10

### Memory verses for May 5 (recite or write):

- Advanced- Matt 1:21-23
- Beginner- John 14:6

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

**Loving the Unseen Christ**  
AM Sermon - Boyce Edwards

I Peter 1:8.  
I. Introduction

II. A listing of major points in the context of I Peter 1:8 that would cause Christians to have deep love for the Lord.

III. Close



**THE INTERIM PERIOD OF PAUL**

-The Time Between His First and Second Imprisonment  
PM Sermon - Boyce Edwards

I. Opening statements

II. Intentions and things done by Paul during this interim period.

III. Closing comments

**THOSE TO SERVE THE WEEK OF**  
**APRIL 21, 2019:**

**PARKING LOT DUTY:** BRUCE BROWN

**HALL MONITOR:** MARVIN FLETCHER

**AUDIO/VIDEO SYSTEMS FOR APRIL:**  
PATRICK SELLERS

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** TREVOR HEILMAN

**SONG DIRECTOR:** PAUL PORTLEY

**COMMUNION:**  
(NORTH) ZACK PETTIES, ROGER DEEM,  
SHAWN FORKEY, TAY HIGHTOWER

(SOUTH) JACOB BRYANT, ANDRE PETTAWAY  
RUFAS BROWN, CHARLES CULVER

**SCRIPTURE READING:** TYLER CUTTS

**PICK UP CARDS:**  
BO & COOPER BRYANT

**PRAYERS:**  
(A.M.) GAYLEN WILLIAMS, JIM DUKES  
(P.M.) LEE FISHER, DERREL HEGINBOTHAM

**NURSERY ATTENDANTS (A.M.):**  
ANGELA & DERICA THOMAS

**EVENING SONG DIRECTOR:** REGGIE BASS

**EVENING COMMUNION:**  
ROGER DEEM & GAYLEN WILLIAMS

**WEDNESDAY SONG LEADER:** TYLER CUTTS

**WEDNESDAY PRAYER:** ROGER DEEM

**PREPARE COMMUNION FOR APRIL:**  
KITTY KACIR

## NEWS FROM THE PEWS

**OUR SICK:** Al Wilson is scheduled for hip replacement surgery on Wednesday, April 24. Please keep him in your prayers.

-Gail Mende is requesting prayers for her son, Eric, who is having trouble regulating his heartbeat. She also requests prayers for her friend, Sue Worshim, who is recovering from having a portion of her leg removed. Please keep these loved ones in your prayers.

**PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & HOMEBOUND:** Kathy Edwards, Brooke Bailey, Donna Hines's friend's granddaughter (3 year-old Kylie Pruitt), Martha Bell, Desiree Burton's father, Brenda Sellers' mother, Rikki Martin's grandmother, Carla Heginbotham's sister (Eileen Olson), former member, Merlene Stoker, Freddie Lee Saffor, Jim Dukes's sister (Marie Sessions) and nephew, Doris Edwards, Linda Moore's niece, Skip & Tina Pallo, Tanja, Tiffany, & Natasha Arch, Diane Holubec, Natalie Fisher's mother, Rikki Martin's grandmother, War Mobley's sister, Gaylen Williams' co-worker (Cynthia), Tyler Cutts' grandfather, Julie Odum, Jean Basco, James Garner & his wife (Tammy), Billye Hughes, Dora Ray Chanslor, Willard Dunn, Heather Heilman's co-worker's son (Jordan Davis), Archie & Jessi Turner, Mary Ann Culp, former members (Gene and Penny Fogle), William Odum's father & uncle, David Shilling, Judy Wall's sister-in-law (Gail Scott) & brother (Don Scott), Lois Brown, Alice Allison, Garnie & Nada Miller, Trudy Perrault's family, Linda Walts, John Llewellyn's sister (Janet Schleyer), Sybil Cason, former members (Jonathan Simmons Sr., Jr., & Janet Simmons), and Shirl Foster. Please keep these members and loved ones in your prayers as they battle health problems.

**VISITATION TEAMS:** Visitation Team #3 will meet with their leader, Andre Pettaway, today, to get their visitation assignments. Team members are: Andre & Alfreda Pettaway, Beverly Williams, Donna Hines, Paul & Rubye Portley, Brenda & Patrick Sellers, and Josephine Spear.

**SIGN UP FOR YARD WORK:** We invite our members to sign up to help with the yard work. The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the south foyer.

**CHEROKEE HOME FOR CHILDREN DRIVE:** We are collecting the following items for Cherokee Home for Children until the week of April 28: Liquid Hand soap (please no bar soap), Deodorant, Mouthwash, Body wash, and Shampoo/Conditioners. These items can be placed in the foyer and there are take home lists there as well. Thank you!!!

**WELCOME!**  
*\*Our speaker for today is Boyce Edwards.*

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 And Family Counseling

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

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### ☪APRIL☪

- 27-Men's Clean-up at the Campgrounds (May 4 in case of rain).
- 28-Cherokee Drive ends.

### ☪MAY☪

- 4-Men's Breakfast at 8:30 am, at the Killeen, Golden Corral.
- 5-Fellowship Luncheon following the morning service. Kitchen Group #2 will have kitchen duties (Judy Wall, Linda Deem, Cheryl Flores, Betty Knight, Dennis & Sandra Marler, & Josephine Spear).
- 5-Drive for homeless begins. We will be collecting new socks, underwear, and cleaning supplies for local homeless shelters.
- 18-Ladies Potluck Retreat at the Campgrounds starting at 9:30.