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MONTHLY SUPPORT:

Cherokee Home For Children Cherokee, TX

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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.

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

PAYMENT DUE

Shepherds Notes by Boyce Edwards

Yesterday I received a subscription renewal notice from Focus Press for Think magazine. There's a payment due from me if I want to renew for another year. I will send a check today because I believe in "paying my debts!"

That put me to thinking in my mind: "Have I paid all of my debts to the Lord?" Whether I like it or not, the honest answer to that question is: "No!" If God operated like creditors, I wonder how many "late payment notices" He would send to me! And, would some of the notices say, "Past due 30 days?" How many would read, "Past due 60 days?" Would God write me a notice saying, "Your subscription as My son has been cancelled?"

Nothing that I will say in this article even hints in the direction of someone "meriting their salvation;" but Christians who do not realize their great indebtedness to the Lord have never put on their "thinking cap!"

In Psalm 116, the Psalmist said, "I love the Lord, because he hath heard my voice and my supplications. Because he hath inclined his ear unto me, therefore I will call upon him as long as I live." He went on to say in verses 5-8, "that the Lord is gracious, merciful, righteous, He preserves those without guile, He gives help, He deals bountifully, He delivers from death, He removes tears from one's eyes, and He keeps one's feet from falling!"

And how did the Psalmist respond to all these blessings? He said, "I love the Lord. I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living. What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me? I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all his people. O Lord, truly I am thy servant; I am thy servant. I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all his people"-verses 1a, 9, 12-14, 16a, & 17 & 18.

Several vital points were recognized by the writer of Psalm 116.

- 1. He was intensely aware of the many wonderful blessings of the Lord-statements throughout the chapter!
 - 2. He loved the Lord-v. 1.
- 3. Because of these great blessings, the Psalmist said he would call upon the name of the Lord as long as he lived-v. 2.
- 4. He recognized he owed the Lord something for all the benefits God had given him-vs.12, 14, 17 &18.
 - 5. He said that he would "pay his vows" to the Lord before God's people-vs. 14 & 18.
 - 6. He said he would pay his vows "NOW!" See verse 18.
- 7. BECAUSE OF THE SUPERB BLESSINGS OF THE LORD, THE PSALMIST VOWED THAT HE WOULD "PAY ON TIME" BECAUSE HE DIDN'T WANT TO RECEIVE ANY "LATE PAYMENT" NOTICES FROM THE LORD!!

In all of this, I am reminded of the great, great indebtedness every child of God owes the Lord! I am also reminded of my daily responsibilities to the Lord! Jesus said, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me"-Luke 9:23.

Brothers and sisters in Christ, are we current in the service we owe the Lord, or, are we in arrears?

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From the Desk of Dan Carter

'A AM READY'

I would suppose almost everyone would be able to quote the words of the apostle Paul as he wrote to the brethren in Rome. With a desire to see them, he penned these words: "I am debtor both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians; both to the wise, and unwise. So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the Gospel to you that are at Rome also. For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to all who believe; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek"-Romans 1:14-16.

It has always been a thrill for me to hear the message of Christ proclaimed. I am very proud to commend our brother Jack Wilkie and the great way he has delivered the message during this week. May his life be long and enduring in the work of Christ on this earth.

Every message delivered was right on target. I pray that all families were listening and appreciate what was said. If we lose our family life...all is lost!

Satan is doing his best to destroy faith in God. Immorality is the scourge of our nation right now. No longer is it considered a shame to participate in immoral life, but now is applauded by the masses.

When we lose care for God and the Truth, we will soon fall. I am fearful for the next generation. It only takes one generation to go into apostasy. I have never seen things change so rapidly.

Hollywood is just one of the main offenders. Television shows that would never been allowed a few years ago are set forth as justified lifestyles.

Go back in history. Take a look at great nations that have fallen. Ask the question: 'Why did they fall?' The answer is clear. Immoral living and

disregard for sacred things! I can't believe what is being taught today to our youth is accepted and applauded!

What has happened to our people? Brother Jack hit the nail on the head with every lesson. I am so proud to see a young preacher standing for the Truth of the Lord. May his tribe increase...if not, we are doomed!

I am not a prophet or the son of a prophet, but it sure doesn't look good! One can laugh at me as just 'an old foggy,' but I tell you I am afraid for my children, and grandchildren. What kind of world will this be in another decade, or two?



OLD TESTAMENT Chapter Study

Old Testament

Day 203- Psalms 136-143

Day 204- Psalms 144-150

Day 205- Proverbs 1-4

Day 206- Proverbs 5-8

Day 207- Proverbs 9-12

Day 208- Proverbs 13-16

Day 209- Proverbs 17-20

Day 210- Proverbs 21-24

Day 211- Proverbs 25-28

Day 212- Proverbs 26-29

Day 213- Proverbs 30-31; Ecclesiastes 1-2

Day 214- Ecclesiastes 3-6

Day 215- Ecclesiastes 7-10

Day 216- Ecclesiastes 11-2; Song of Solomon 1-2

Day 217- Ecclesiastes 3-6

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

MY PILLOW A STONE

AM Sermon - Dan Carter

GENESIS 28:11,12.

BACKGROUND MATERIAL

A. JACOB-ESAU: GEN.25-49.

B. JACOB RESTED ON HIS JOURNEY:

1. Importance of work (Gen.2:15; Gen.3:19; 2 Thess.3:10); Importance of rest (Ex.20:9,10; Leviticus 25).

2. We need to rest; it refreshes our batteries (Matt.26:45; Eccl.5:12); but we must Awake! Note: Rom. 13:11!

AWAKE FROM SPIRITUAL DEATH!

1. All Sleep The Sleep Of Physical Death: Hebrews 9:27; I Cor. 15:22; Acts 20:9.

2. There Is Spiritual Death: Eph. 5:14; I Cor. 11:30; I Tim.5:6.

3. Those Who Deny The Lord, Live In Spiritual Death. Note: Revelation 20:14!

AWAKE FROM INDOLENCE!

A.THE STORY OF JONAH:

- 1. Jonah Was Sent To Nineveh.
- 2. Headed To Tarshish (Jonah 1:6; vs.17).
- 3. Finally, He Preaches To The People; They Repent And, He Is Angry.
- 4. What About Using Our Abilities? *Matt. 25:14,15.

AWAKEN OUR FAITH!

STORY: MATTHEW 8:23-27.

- * A Familiar Old Song: "Master, The Tempest Is Raging...."
- God's People Must Live By Faith: Hebrews 11:6; Romans 10:17.
- It Does Not Matter What Happens, God Will Take Care Of His Children!
- 2 Cor. 5:7: Romans 8:38-39

THOSE TO SERVE THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 15, 2019:

PARKING LOT DUTY: TAY HIGHTOWER

HALL MONITOR: MARVIN FLETCHER

AUDIO/VIDEO SYSTEMS FOR SEPTEMBER:

PATRICK SELLERS

ANNOUNCEMENTS: DENNIS MARLER

SONG DIRECTOR: REGGIE BASS

COMMUNION:

(NORTH) GAYLEN WILLIAMS, TREVOR HEILMAN CLAY CULVER, CAMERON REEVES

(SOUTH) LEE FISHER, JIM DUKES RUFAS BROWN, TYLER CUTTS

SCRIPTURE READING: ANDRE PETTAWAY

PICK UP CARDS:

COREY & CHASE CULVER

PRAYERS:

(A.M.) BOYCE EDWARDS, BRUCE BROWN (P.M.) DERREL HEGINBOTHAM, JIM DUKES

NURSERY ATTENDANTS (A.M.):

GAYLE & TRACEY WILSON

EVENING SONG DIRECTOR: GAYLEN WILLIAMS

EVENING COMMUNION:

REGGIE BASS, TREVOR HEILMAN

WEDNESDAY SONG LEADER: ZACK PETTIES

WEDNESDAY CLOSING PRAYER:

MARVIN FLETCHER

PREPARE COMMUNION FOR SEPTEMBER:

JOSEPHINE SPEAR

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

MILITARY & CIVILIANS OVERSEAS: Please keep Tim Matter and his family in your prayers.

OUR SICK: Donna Hines's friend's granddaughter (3 year-old Kylie Pruitt), will be receiving cancer treatments at a hospital in Ft. Worth. Please keep her in your prayers for success.

PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & HOMEBOUND: Martha Bell's sister, Kasey Kinsey, Martha Chafin, Tina Pallo's son (Jeremy) and sisters (Cheryle & Jeanette), Lois Brown, Willard Dunn, Diane Holubec, Jodi Culp's sister, (Catrina), Gail Mende & her son (Eric) & friend (Sue Worshim), Kathy Edwards, Brenda Sellers' mother, Carla Heginbotham's sister (Eileen Olson), Jim Dukes's sister (Marie Sessions), Doris Edwards, Linda Moore's mother (Alta Britton), Skip & Tina Pallo, Tanja & Natasha Arch, Natalie Fisher's mother, Gaylen Williams' co-worker (Cynthia), Tyler Cutts' grandfather, Julie Odum, Jean Basco, James Garner & his wife (Tammy), Heather Heilman's co-worker's son (Jordan Davis), Archie & Jessi Turner, Mary Ann Culp, William Odum's father & uncle, David Shilling, Judy Wall's brother (Don Scott), Alice Allison, Garnie & Nada Miller, Linda Walts, John Llewellyn's sister (Janet Schleyer), Sybil Cason, 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.

JOIN US FOR OUR UPCOMING LADIES DAY! On October 12, from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm, the ladies will host our 6th Annual Ladies Day. Our theme is "Ye Are the Salt of the Earth:" (Matthew 5:13). Sign up sheets are on the Ladies Board for food and those who wish to participate in the song leading, prayers, or scripture reading.

CHANGE CAN DRIVE: We are collecting change for Christian Homes & Family Services in Abilene until November 3. Change cans are located in the foyer. Please pick one up to fill.

KILLEEN FOOD CARE CENTER DRIVE: Until October 20, we are collecting Hamburger Helper, Tuna Helper, Chicken Helper, and other similar varieties. A helper, or entire meal that's shelf-stable and in one package is a plus for those without stocked kitchens. Look for pasta, rice and soup kits, especially those that are lower in sodium and higher in fiber and protein. These items can be placed in the foyer.

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 And Family Counseling

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

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CSSEPTEMBERCS

21-Ladies Breakfast & Workday, 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall.

22-Ladies Bible Study. 3:30 pm, in the Fellowship Hall.

CSOCTOBERCS

2-Singing Night

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

6-Fellowship Luncheon after morning service. Group #3 will have kitchen duties (Janet Bass, Joyce Brown, Natalie Fisher, Donna Hines, Beverly Williams, & Marcella Williams).

12-Ladies Day, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm.