

THOSE WHO SERVE

FEBRUARY 23, 2020

SUNDAY MORNING

SCRIPTURE READING

Merrick Warren

Ephesians 4:15-16

SONG LEADER

Wes Ives

OPENING PRAYER

Chris Bachhofer

COMMUNION

Glenn Newberry (bread)

Doug Lewis (cup)

Ronnie Bell (offering)

Weldon Morris

PICK UP CARDS

Barrett Williams

Luke Warren

CLOSING PRAYER

Warner Endsley

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chris Bachhofer

SUNDAY EVENING

SONG LEADER

Jeremy Davis

OPENING PRAYER

James Jones

CLOSING PRAYER

David Dudik

WEDNESDAY

February 19th

SONG LEADER: Trey Gannon

CLOSING PRAYER: Noble Anderson

February 26th

SONG LEADER: Daniel Warren

CLOSING PRAYER: RC Medcalf

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

BIBLE CLASSES: 9:00 A.M.

MORNING ASSEMBLY: 9:50 A.M.

EVENING ASSEMBLY: 5:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY

BIBLE CLASSES: 7:00 P.M.

MISSIONS

Jesùs Amaya

Torreón, Mexico

Sunset International

Ukraine

Foster's Home for Children

Stephenville, Texas

Cherokee Home for Children

Cherokee, Texas

LAST WEEK'S RECORD

Sunday Bible Class 83

Morning Assembly 132

Evening Assembly 60

Wednesday Bible Class 81

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Remember in your prayers...

Dakota Endsley is recovering from his foot surgery at home. **Barbara Holland**, Cheryl Newberry's mother is struggling. Melissa Medcalf had a good report from her doctor recently. **Dwight Nanny**, Ralph's brother is home from the hospital and doing well. He suffered a punctured lung when he fell recently. **Phyllis Wilson**, Harold & Clara Billings' oldest daughter and Shirley's sister, suffered a mild heart attack in Oklahoma. She has been sent home with medication. **Shut-ins:** Betty Bickle (Granbury Care Center), Laverne Cardwell (lives in Grace Home, 1106 Holiday Court in Granbury), Beth Hobbs (with daughter in Decatur), Faye Hurley (Courtyards) Barbara Hutchinson (Mulberry Manor in Stephenville). **Others to pray for: Clea Akers, Toby Cushing, Joan Dudik, Barbara Holland, Melissa Medcalf.** **In the military:** Robert Bell, T.J. Foster, Ethan Wells. **If you have any prayer requests, announcements or updates, it is essential that you email them to Brad Fry at texasfried@gmail.com.**

News & Notes...

The elders will talk to the church next Sunday morning during the sermon time about some important topics.

Last Thursday, 36 enjoyed a great time of fellowship and a delicious Italian lunch. The next R&B lunch will be Thursday Feb 27th. We will be serving Cajun food. Please invite your friends.

The next men's fellowship breakfast will be Saturday, February 22nd at 7:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall. There is a food sign-up sheet in the

foyer. If you have any questions, contact Michael or Daniel Warren. We look forward to seeing you there.

We will be taking lunch to the Tarleton Bible Chair Tuesday, February 25. There is a food sign-up list on the bulletin board and aluminum pans and lids in the foyer for your dishes. If you have any questions, see Joyce Blicht.

Foster's Home for Children will host their 17th Annual Auction, March 6th & 7th. "Storage War" style box lots will be auctioned off in the Auction Barn, behind the RV park on Friday, starting at 6 pm. The main auction will be Saturday, 9 am. A free BBQ lunch will be served at 11:30 am and then a live and silent auction will be held in the gym at 12:30 pm. Following the live auction vehicles, boats and fibergrate will be auctioned off on the field behind the gym. For more information, contact Lacy Barton at 254-968-2143, ext. 245.

The Granbury Street Church of Christ in Cleburne is hosting a gospel meeting March 15-19. Cody Westbrook will be preaching "Justified, A Study of the book of Romans". See the flyer in the foyer for more information.

Communion Preparation

February—Wes & Lisa Ives
March—Brad & Shirley Fry

The Wisdom of Autonomous Churches

One of the distinctive marks of the Churches of Christ is the autonomy of individual churches or congregations. This is no accident but rather by the design of God. While the apostles provided some

much needed guidance and leadership for the early church from Jerusalem (Acts 15:1-35), the plan was for each church to be overseen and led by its own elders (Acts 20:28; 1 Peter 5:2; Eph.4:11-15). These men were selected from among the Christians with whom they lived and worshipped according to qualifications given by the Holy Spirit (1 Timothy 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-9). When this pattern of choosing qualified men is adhered to, it helps insure that each church is guided according to the Bible.

Conversely, because each church is autonomous, the failure of one church does not drag down her sister churches. We have no earthly headquarters and are governed by no convention or group of delegates. Christ is our head and he is in heaven. This is a safeguard that God has designed and it cannot be improved upon.

"But", as Everett Ferguson teaches in his book, *The Church of Christ*, "autonomy is not isolation. The early churches practiced a fullness of fellowship, cooperation, mutual assistance, and communication. There was a sense of being one body under one Lord (Eph. 4:4-5). There were to be no dividing barriers between believers, whether racial (Eph. 2) or cultural (Rom. 14-15). Examples of local churches cooperating together may be seen in Acts 11:28-30; Romans 15:25-26; and 2 Corinthians 8:1-5. Such mutual cooperation is evident throughout the pages of the New Testament, but this was done without creating an organization higher than local churches."

Thank God for his infinite wisdom. He has designed his church as he desires it to be and for the benefit of the church and the world!

Brad Fry

