

North End Church of Christ



Schedule of Services:

Sunday Morning - 9:30 am
Bible Study - 10:45 am
Sunday Evening - 6:30 pm
Wednesday Evening - 7:00 pm

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December 2, 2007

GIVE AND TAKE

By: Steven Haguewood

“Are you willing to give what it takes?” This is a question often asked in the sports world. What is essentially being asked is whether you have the willingness to put in the effort to do the work needed to accomplish the task ahead of you. It is easy to see how this question applies to sports. It is also easy to see how this question applies to the corporate world. Some are not willing to be ruthless and cruel to others as seems necessary for worldly success. God’s idea of success is not the same as that of the world. His idea of success is to make it to heaven. And for us to go to heaven, He was willing to give what it took.

He gave to us, according to Ephesians 3:14-21: His name, His riches, His strength, His foundation, His understanding, and His knowledge. Through His son, Jesus Christ, we have the grace necessary to make it to heaven. Through His word we know how to contact that grace and grow through and into it as we live our lives. God was willing to give what it took. He was also willing to give His son, Jesus Christ. That was necessary for us to be successful and He gave that sacrifice for us.

Now the question, are we willing to give what it takes? We are to give Him glory. That happens when we worship Him as He desires through love not compulsion. It also takes willingness to do His work by teaching others about Him. We build our lives according to the plan and foundation given in the Bible. That means seeking His will first, not toying with sin but fleeing from it. Instead of walking close to sin we walk close to God and bring others with us.

Now, are you willing to give what it takes? If you are you will be back to worship the next time that the Lord allows the saints to come together. And you will do all that is in your power to bring someone else with you.

Elders

Mark Berry
485-8993
Richard Cook
295-7323
Steve McIntire
428-4214
Randy Meredith
485-6860

Deacons

Dave Butterfield
Bob Cameron
Ron Cook
Harley Cox
Jamey Eaton
Dana Fouss
Ken Grose
Kevin Grose
Doug Jones
Jim Kerns
Bob Reed
Jim Ullom

Daily Bible Reading

December 2 - 8

2 ~ 1 Cor. 15-16
3 ~ 2 Cor. 1-4
4 ~ 2 Cor. 5-8
5 ~ 2 Cor. 9-13
6 ~ Gal. 1-6
7 ~ Eph. 1-3
8 ~ Eph. 4-6

For Your Information

Encouragement Team 1, pick up your opportunity cards tonight .

Speaker Today: Cecil Dotson will be our speaker for both services today.

Widows & Widowers: Today, the teens will be hosting a luncheon for the widows & widowers of the congregation. This will be in the MPR following morning Bible classes.

Help Our Troops: Don't forget about helping our troops with board games, DVD's, card games etc. You can place these in the basket in the foyer.

Teacher Needed: A teacher is needed for the **1st & 2nd grade class**, starting this Wednesday. If you can help, please see Doug Jones.

Jefferson School: We have received only a few items that are needed for Jefferson School. Please help if you can. They need Pull-ups (sizes 30 lbs and up), and baby wipes. If you would like to give money for this cause, please see Tracy Eaton.

Petition: Be sure and sign the petition in the foyer concerning abortion.

Keenagers: The holiday luncheon for the Keenagers is this **Friday, December 7th at noon** in the MPR. You are asked to bring soup and sandwiches. Also bring an item for the church food pantry and an item to fill up cartons for the residents of Love and Care. If you have any questions, please see Jim or Dianna Kerns.

Holiday Dinner: The Holiday dinner for the congregation is this **Saturday, December 8th at 5:00 p.m.** in the MPR. This will be a covered dish dinner. We do **not** need tablecloths and center pieces. If you can donate a door prize, please sign the list in the foyer. **Group 2** is in charge of the set up and clean up of this dinner. A special guest will be there for the children!

Address: Matt Tucker's address is: AB Tucker, Matthew L
322 TRS/Flt 089 Dorm B4
PSC 4, Unit 364058
1015 Truemper Street
Lackland AFB, TX 78236-6040

Matt's birthday is December 22nd, He would enjoy getting cards and letters, not just for his birthday but anytime.

Sunday's Sermons: You can listen to Sunday's sermons on line! They are on our website at www.northendchurch.com. You can also view the bulletin.

Prayer List

Landon Butterfield had a fairly good week. They now have a nurse to help with Landon's care. Please keep Landon and all his family in your prayers. **Logan Sailor** will find out today the assessment of his burns. If skin grafts are needed, the surgery will likely be tomorrow. Please continue to keep Logan and his family in your prayers. Logan's addresses are on the bulletin board in the foyer. **Elsie Balengee** had total hip replacement this past Tuesday. She is getting along well. She is in room 207 of Camden Clark Hospital. **Doris Rogers** had surgery on her foot on Wednesday. She is in Health South for rehabilitation. She is in room 210. **Alice Buckley** was unable to have her surgery last week. The surgery has been rescheduled for December 12th. **Fred Patterson** is in room 311 of Camden Clark Hospital. He has pneumonia. **Waylon Kirby**, infant son of Gabe & Michelle Kirby, had surgery on his bowel on Friday. He is doing well at this time.

Sympathy: We extend our sympathy to Bob Reed at the death of his mother, **Freda Reed**. Her funeral was held Saturday in Marietta. Freda was a member at the Mount Hope Church of Christ.

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## OUR MEMBERS

Karen Blair, Alice Buckley, Estil Butterfield, Landon Butterfield, Ethel Dearth, Alan Eden, Bill Houser, Marilyn Knotts, Okey & Pearl Kress, Ron Kress, Bob & Helen May, Mayetta Merrill, Ace Morris, Shari Noland, Fred & Corrine Patterson, Clarence & Mary Postlewait, Doris Rogers, Freda Shields, Edna Stanley, Vivian Stanley

## FAMILY & FRIENDS

Lisa Bibbee (*cousin of Dianna Kerns*), Tammy Cooper (*friend of Glenda Rectenwald*), Ilene Hostottle, Jean Hughes (*mother of Jeff Hughes*), Waylon Kirby, Jim Martin, Margie Petty (*sister of Mary Kupfner*), Jenny Reynolds (*friend of Edna Stanley*), Tammy Ross (*friend of Tom Little*), Ed Sellers (*brother of Eva Cook*), Helen Starr (*mother of Nancy Merrill*), Jeannette Wells (*daughter-in-law of Gene & Grace Wells*), Elaine Wilson (*mother of Joan Petty*)

## Seeds

If you plant **honesty**, you will reap **trust**.  
If you plant **goodness**, you will reap **friends**.  
If you plant **humility**, you will reap **greatness**.  
If you plant **perseverance**, you will reap **contentment**.  
If you plant **consideration**, you will reap **perspective**.  
If you plant **hard work**, you will reap **success**.  
If you plant **forgiveness**, you will reap **reconciliation**.  
If you plant **faith in Christ**, you will reap a **harvest**.

# THOSE WHO SERVE

| SUNDAY            | Dec. 2       | Dec. 9      |
|-------------------|--------------|-------------|
| Prayer AM         | Cox          | Hamm        |
| Prayer PM         | Ken Grose    | Hess        |
| Closing Prayer PM | L. Morlan    | Mills       |
| Scripture AM      | T. Capel     | D. Houser   |
| Song Leader       | E. McIntire  | Oblisk      |
| Lord's Supper     | M. Berry     | Ullom       |
| Assist            | E. Ballengee | T. Capel    |
| Serve             | J. Kupfner   | Hoover      |
| Serve             | Martin       | C. Merrill  |
| Serve             | B. Ullom     | B. Tucker   |
| Serve             | Varner       | C. Sailor   |
| Alternate         | McGrew       | McNemar     |
| In Charge PM      | Sweeney      | Kimes       |
| Assist PM.        | Fouss        | McGrew      |
| Announcement AM   | Meredith     | Berry       |
| Announcement PM   | Cook         | Kerns       |
| Usher             | Kincaid      | Cameron     |
| Usher             | J. Morlan    | Kupfner     |
| Pick Up Cards     | Ballengee    | Grose       |
| Pick Up Cards     | King         | Eaton       |
| Pick Up Cards     | Maze         | Martin      |
| Pick Up Cards     | Mills        | Snyder      |
| Door Greeter AM   | D. Cook      | Kev. Grose  |
| Door Greeter PM   | Cox          | Ken Grose   |
| P.A. System       | Fouss        | Cook        |
| WEDNESDAY         | Dec. 5       | Dec. 12     |
| Song Leader       | Shockey      | Morlan      |
| Opening Prayer    | Kev. Grose   | S. McIntire |
| Closing Prayer    | J. Ullom     | Shockey     |
| Door Greeter      | Fore         | Hess        |
| P.A. System       | Fouss        | Cook        |

Please call **Dave Butterfield at 295-5374** at least *24 hours in advance* if you cannot meet your obligation to serve.

| OUR RECORD                      | Week of<br>11-25-2007 | 2007<br>Average |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Sunday A.M. Worship             | 190                   | 199             |
| Sunday Bible Class              | 140                   | 159             |
| Sunday P.M. Worship             | 140                   | 154             |
| Wednesday Bible Class           | 153                   | 153             |
| Contribution<br>(\$4400 BUDGET) | \$3,353.25            | \$4,052.85      |

## AREA EVENTS

**Lectureship:** January 6, 2008, **Bridgeport Church of Christ**, Speakers: Ryan Currey, Denver Cooper, Brent Gallagher, Steve Snider, 9:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m.

## IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY

- Dec. 9 ~** Forgiveness
- Dec. 16 ~** Will God Always Bless America?
- Dec. 23 ~** A Stone of Stumbling and a Rock of Offense
- Dec. 30 ~** Today Will Be Yesterday Tomorrow

## Serving in the Military

**R.J. Balis, Janet Brandsasse, Cody Brookover, Paul Cascell, Jason Cooper, Jacob Dorton, Troy Gilbert, Greg Hoover, Alex Jones, Nick Kress, Ken Linville, Justin Morlan, Scott Petty, Nate Ruble, Alex Stanley, Matt Tucker**