



2019 Northern Division Tournament Recap

WHITNEY

Sept 28, 2019

BARFIELD/FLETCHER WINS THE BATTLE, HULSEY/HOPKINS WINS THE WAR

On a warm & humid late September Saturday, Whitney stick **Kyle Barfield** teamed up with **Nick Fletcher** to bag an 11.64 limit along with **Fletch's** tournament big bass @ 4.93 for the tournament victory. Just the night before, pre-tournament talk had predicted a **Barfield** win since Whitney seems to favor **Kyle**. His lake knowledge, along with **Fletcher** & a borrowed Z-9 from **Cody Pratka** helped seal the deal.

*And speaking of sealing and dealing, that's exactly what Team **Tommy Hulsey & Brian Hopkins** accomplished with an impressive 2nd place finish with 3 @ 8.43, culminating a dominating AOY CHAMPIONSHIP SEASON. And what a season it was, beginning with a win @ tournament #1 on Athens, 6 of 8 tourneys in the Top 5 money. 4 of 8 tourneys with wins, and the final stretch run of 3 tourneys with a win, another win, and 2nd place!

Now, back to Whitney...congratulations to Team **Jeff Harrington/Lynn McNeely** with 3 @ 7.65. By **Jeff's** own admission "it's been a long time coming" helped by their 3rd keeper caught in the final minutes. 4th place went to the Finch Nasty Boys **Darren Coslin & Chris Boulet** with a 7.53 limit, and the 5th place sack of 7.16 was caught by **Mike Thurman/Joe Lee**.

1 Nick Fletcher / Kyle Barfield.....	11.64	\$286.00
2 Brian Hopkins / Tommy Hulsey.....	8.43	\$166.00
3 Jeff Harrington / Lynn McNeely.....	7.65	\$100.00
4 Darren Coslin / Chris Boulet.....	7.53	\$66.00
5 Mike Thurman / Joe Lee.....	7.16	\$46.00
Big Bass Nick Fletcher.....	4.93	\$95.00

SCATTER SHOOTING

Brandon Wooddell put on a full blown fish fry Friday night at **Al's** Whitney house..... **John Allen** blew his engine a couple of weeks ago. His mechanic got him up and running, but he was having to take it easy during the break-in period.....**Brandon** saw 3 foxes while fishing on the dam side of the lake.....**Charley and Donna** were out of state so Jon **Griffin filled** in as Master of Ceremonies..... **Al** fished with new member **John Yohner**. It was **John's** first professional bass tournament, Ha.....This was the last tournament of the year. We hope to see everyone at the Banquet on Oct 19th.

CONDITIONS

Winds SE 8-14mph; air temp 77-94 partly cloudy; water temp 82-84 with 8-10" clarity; 6.17' LOW

FULL RESULTS

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PICTURES

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/kJ7pHvGaZ1zN9xwk6>

LAKESIDE DEVO

Jon Griffin shared the devotional by starting out questioning **John Allen**, did he consider himself to be a good person. Fact is most people are fairly good people with the good out-weighting the bad, so Jon ask a few questions how his life would stack up against the 10 Commandments. Has he ever lied? Yes. Has he ever stolen anything, like something tiny, time, anything? Yes. Has he ever used the Lord's name in vain? Yes. Has he ever committed adultery? Remember, Jesus said if we ever looked at someone with lust we have committed adultery in our heart. Yes. So by everyone's own admission we are 0-4, are lying, thieving, blasphemous adulterers at heart and are in deep trouble if we're not Christians. BUT HERE'S THE BIG QUESTION, what does God's word, the Holy Bible say about accepting Christ? Very simply, one must BELIEVE.

For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for him.

— Philippians 1:29

If you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.

— Romans 10:9-10

Without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

— Hebrews 11:6

To all who received him, to those who believe in his name, he gave the right to become children of God — children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

— John 1:12-13

Jesus answered, "The work of God is this: To believe in the one he has sent."

— John 6:29

[Jesus said,] "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

— John 11:25

Believe like you would a parachute. Just believing that parachute in the overhead bin will save me doesn't work when the plane is going down. You've gotta put that pack on, strap it tight & trust it's packed properly, and then...jump!

-HOW DO YOU KNOW FOR SURE YOU'RE A CHRISTIAN?? *YOU LIFE MUST BEAR FRUIT.

Galatians 5:22-23

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

-Every "Fruit of the Spirit" must relate directly with your relationship with Christ, including FAITHFULNESS—are you being FAITHFUL to your growing relationship with Jesus? God designed "CHURCH" to do just that.

-PLEASE, FIND A CHURCH HOME. CHURCH IS THE GIFT JESUS HAS GIVEN US-A fellowship of people just like you struggling through this thing called life. Support, love, fellowship, good people, lasting friends, service, God's word-CHRIST.

-In Ephesians 3, The Gospel will be spread thru the church, this is a promise of Christ—and nothing and no force will stop the church, ever.

--REVIEW (BELIEVE—PRODUCE FRUIT—CHURCH IS THE BEST PLACE TO GROW AS A CHRISTIAN)

Albert Love closed us in prayer.

CEDAR CREEK

Aug 24, 2019

By Jon Griffin

TEAM HULSEY/HOPKINS GRIND CEDAR CREEK FOR WIN #4

The team of **Tommy Hulsey & Brian Hopkins** took command of the season series standings with a hard nosed 3 fish limit @ 10.88 to take the win Saturday on a stingy & steamy Cedar Creek Reservoir. With less than an hour left in the tournament their live well had 3 swimmers at around 6 pounds when **Tommy** boated their big bass of the day @ 4.88. Then with minutes left before weigh-in, **Tommy** nailed a solid bass to cull their small keeper to take the win by .36 pounds, their 4th win 7 tournaments, with one more to go. Presently their lead of 21 points seems insurmountable, but with that last tournament of the year on Whitney and a hungry **John & Sam Allen** team with upset on their minds, Huls-Hops will need to catch 'em. The 2nd place stringer went to **Charley David** thanks to his back seat add on **Les Smith** with 3 @ 10.52. Les had a trailer bearing issue, so

he teamed with **Charley** to end up catching most if not all of the fish. 3rd place went to the hard charging team of **John & Sam Allen** with 3 @ 7.36. 4th place stringer of 3 @ 7.01 was caught by new team **Kenneth Moore/Garrett Thomas** including their BB at 3.09, and the 5th place money was awarded to **Albert & Matt Love** with 2 @ 6.55, including tournament big bass caught by **Matt** @ 5.12.

1st Brian Hopkins/Tommy Hulsey	10.88	\$361
2nd Charley David/Les Smith	10.52	\$210
3rd John & Sam Allen	7.36	\$126
4th Kenneth Moore/Garrett Thomas	7.10	\$84
5th Matt & Albert Love	6.55	\$59
Big Bass Matt Love	5.12	\$120

SCATTER SHOOTING

As always, great to have new members including **Jamey Burchett's** friend **Bobby Mashburn**; as well as **Kenneth Moore & Garrett Thomas**...great to see some old friends as well including CCBC founding ministry leader **Reggie Stewart & Tommy Stewart** ...Cedar Creek was indeed steamy & stingy, near everyone found the fishing to be quite tough but probably to be expected after the hottest run of August weather....although we were all thankful for a brief cool down with highs Saturday in the low 90s...**Charley David** remarked he had never gotten skunked with a jig on Cedar Creek until Saturday...winning lures & tactic included Tx rigs on docks, shaky heads, need rigs in green pumpkin & red shad, square bills on the bridge, and a few C-rig fish...BTW 4 tournaments won is a single season record since the beginning of the CCBC in 2006, quite impressive for Huls-Hops, and they're not done yet...and another note about **Hulsey & Hopkins**, both anglers compete AGAINST each other in the Richland Chambers Bass Club-Hulsey won the AOY in 2017 while Hopkins won AOY in 2018...and with one tournament left in the season series, it would appear that the 2nd thru 6th are up for grabs, remember the Top 6 have free qualification entries into next Spring's classic tournament, so we'll see everyone on Whitney September 28th!

CONDITIONS

Winds SE 2-6 mph; air temp 75-93 clear to partly cloudy; water temp 86-88 8-12' clarity; 1.26' low.

PICTURES

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FULL RESULTS

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LAKESIDE DEVO

Jamey Burchett shared how God has been working through his life the past few years, primarily the past 2 years including 2018, what Jamey described as the worst year of his life. Between March 2018 to June 2018 Jamey lost 3 family members including his mother, father in law, and his brother who he was very close to. It rocked his world. Bad enough that his brother had just finished going through a difficult divorce, but then after he died his ex forced a bitter lawsuit. Tremendous grief, bitterness and anger ruled Jamey's life. And do know Jamey is a strong Christian who has been a Christ follower all his life. Then on September 11th, 2018

Jamey awoke with symptoms of a stroke. The next day his boss forcibly drove him to the hospital where he stayed for 18 days then 3 more months in outpatient rehab. Perhaps God was trying to get his attention? While Jamey was rehabilitating from the diagnosed stroke he turned on the TV to hear a preacher reading the following scripture:

James 1:2-4

Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

Jamey thought “how can I be joyful, perhaps spending the rest of my life in a wheelchair?” The reality was many were praying for Jamey, including his home church, friends & family, and brothers in the Cowboy Church Bass Club. And the bible says in James 5:16 “the prayers of the righteous are powerful & effective.” Soon his doctor encouraged him saying that the brain would heal itself and that he had a good chance of a great recovery, which was a huge relief to Jamey. He then came across this verse:

Psalm 41:3-4

The Lord sustains him on his sickbed, in his illness you restore him to full health. As for me, I said, O Lord, be gracious to me, heal me, for I have sinned against you.

Jamey then ask the Lord to forgive him. Jamey can testify the Lord answers prayer, he is 98% back healthy & fishing, and getting better. Jamey had heard his pastor preach many times the Lord will fight your battles and he realized he was trying to do all the fighting. He had to learn to trust in God even more. So he did just that, turned his anxiety & stress over to God. He felt relief and peace. They won the lawsuit, Jamey’s health improved day by day. He gives all credit & glory to God. The following verses sustained & helped Jamey, and he knows they’ll help anyone listening:

Deuteronomy 31:6

Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the Lord you God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you.

Isaiah 41:10

Fear not for I am with you. Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, I will help you.

Romans 8:28

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

Jon Griffin closed us in prayer with a laying of hands on Byron McFarland. Let us all be in prayer for the health of his wife Janice as we pray & plead for healing, but most of all pray that God be glorified through the McFarlands....amen!

JOE POOL 7/27/19

By Jon Griffin

HULSEY/HOPKINS NOTCH 3RD WIN OF THE YEAR ON JOE POOL

Team **Brian Hopkins/Tommy Hulse**y amazingly made it 3 wins in 6 season tournaments thus far by scraping out a 3 fish limit of 10.14 including tournament big bass @ 8.73. **Hulse**y's Phoenix boat & sharp net skills assisted as **Hopkins** did the catching this time, including a single big bite for the big bass on a 4 inch flutter spoon. Incidentally, that 8.73 stands as the season's big bass thus far with 2 more series tournaments left on the season's schedule. **Brian Hopkins** shared that the flutter spoon caught the big bass in 20 feet of water, with Tx Rigs accounting for the 2 "unders" completing their limit, and vaulting them back into the overall lead in front of **Team Wooddell/McMillan**. Do note Joe Pool is a slot lake, thus only under 14" and 21" and over bass can be retained, and only one "over" can be retained per team. **Ben Griffin/Steve "Rattlesnake" Reynolds** took 2nd throwing watermelon Rattlesnakes for 3 @ 8.58 including a 7.83 kicker. The 3rd place sack was caught by **father & son James & Eric Cook** with 2 @ 8.19 including **Eric's** big bass of 7.5 with shaky heads & brushhogs in 20 feet of water. 4th place was won by Bryan & Kyle Barfield, who always seem to do well on the Pool, with 3 @ 7.65 including a 5.28 over. Their lures of choice included shaky heads & spinnerbait. And in 5th place, without an over, **Team Griffin/Johnston's** 3 @ 3.52 included shallow rattletrap bass early, several shallow Tx rig fish, and mostly C-rig fish targeted offshore in 8-20 feet.

1st Tommy Hulse

2nd Ben Griffin/Steve Reynolds 8.58 \$254

3rd James & Eric Cook 8.19 \$152

4th Bryan & Kyle Barfield 7.65 \$102

5th Jon Griffin/Pierce Johnston 3.52 \$71

Big Bass Brian Hopkins 8.73 \$145

SCATTERSHOOTING

BIG THANKS TO **JAMES COOK**, his own Wingstop restuarants provided the post tourneyall the wings we could eat, be sure and frequent one of his 2 Wingstops in Arlington on Green Oaks & Little Road...**Brandon Wooddell** ask an interesting question, "has any team in the history of the CCBC won 3 tournaments in one year"? The answer: YES, in 2015 **Jamey Burchett/Joel Smith** won 3 tournaments, the only team to win 3 in one year since 2006, but they unfortunately missed a tournament that year thus eliminating any chance of an AOY. Since that year, we implemented a "low tournament drop", which I believe everybody appreciates...nice turnout at the Pool with 29 teams entered...always great to welcome new club members including another father & son team **Larry & John Jackson** of Keller, **Pamela Hayes** fished with husband **Scott** from Aledo, **Bill Donahue** from Euless fished with **Carlo Gonzales**, and **Cody Boyle** from Euless fished with **Sammy Baze**...great to see CCBC Legend and now retired **George Walker** checking out the weigh-in...once again a July tournament means it's very tough for some teams, while others boated 20+ bass, but isn't that the way it always is with the CCBC or any other tournament-"someone is always whacking 'em somewhere"...and considering it was late July, we absolutely could not complain about the mild heat with highs at weigh-in just under 90...no doubt summer on the Pool means pleasure boaters & jet skiers, and JP became busier as the day progressed....and finally, big props have to go out to the anglers with the smallest 3 fish limit-we had 2 teams tie with 3 @ a measley 1.36 from Team **David Lewis/Tony Lecount** and Team **Doug Powell/Charlie Conine**...next up-Cedar Creek, then Whitney in September to wrap the season, and un-officially, there's about 6-8 teams that could still win the title, gonna be fun!

PICTURES

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FULL RESULTS

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CONDITIONS

Winds SSE 4-9 mph; sunny to partly cloudy, air temp 71-89; water temp 83-84; water clarity to 9" slightly stained,

LAKESIDE DEVOTIONAL

Longtime CCBC stick **Brandon Wooddell** shared the devo on God's Grace, and how it's clearly evident on not only Brandon & his family's life, but everyone's life as well, if we pay attention. Brandon shared about his upbringing in the North Texas area, and even though it would seem many, many obstacles were throughout Brandon's life, God & his continual grace & love never left him. Parents divorced when he was 7, no church life growing up, sometimes even a raising bordering on the deviant side...but regardless, there was love from his parents, if little else. Brandon shared of receiving a firearm at a very early age, of a hunting incident where a relative's gun discharged narrowly missing Brandon-clear evidence of God's grace & protection. God's pull on Brandon's heart continued, as eventually Brandon was saved then baptized in his 20s. Even still his family was ravaged by suicide, alcoholism, overdoses, but God's grace persevered, still growing to this day. Brandon shared the following scripture that is very meaningful to his life:

1 Peter 5:5-7

Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.

Another very special verse that Brandon wanted to share:

Hebrews 4:15-16

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. (Jesus) Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Brandon urged us all to not take lucky circumstances for granted, but know God was watching over us, even when we ourselves were far from God. Draw close to Him, He loves us, and cares for us...more than we can comprehend.

Pierce Johnston closed us in prayer.

LAKE WINNSBORO

6/22/19

By Jon Griffin

TEAM DOYLE RAY/BRANDON CLAYTON TAKE THE W ON WINNSBORO

On a sultry and stingy Winnsboro, **Doyle Ray & Brandon Clayton** took the Winnsboro tourney primarily throwing (drum roll please) yes, you guessed it, frogs. Fresh off their 3rd place finish on Fairfield, **Ray & Clayton** caught their limit of 3 @ 10.35 including the tournament big bass @ 4.95 primarily on a black frog, Clayton's favorite form of fishing. It was a narrow victory of .14 pounds as 2nd place went to Team **Brandon Wooddell / Keith McMillan** with 10.21 pound limit early on frogs & flipping. The **Barfields** threw spinnerbaits for 3rd, while the **Stanfords** tossed Chatterbaits & Tx rigs in 2 feet of water for 4th. And like a squirrel finding a nut, Team **Griffin / Johnston** took 5th with a limit of 3 @ 7.92 with **Pierce** catching the 2 biggest on a swinghead jig topped off with a beaver bait.

1st Doyle Ray/Brandon Clayton	10.35	\$436
2nd Brandon Wooddell/Keith McMillan	10.21	\$254
3rd Kyle & Bryan Barfield	9.34	\$152
4th Brent & Luke Stanford	8.15	\$102
5th Jon Griffin/Pierce Johnston	7.92	\$71
Big Bass Brandon Clayton	4.95	\$145

SCATTERSHOOTING

While some reported fast & furious action at daybreak, most anglers found Winnsboro to be especially difficult for the duration of the tournament....**Jon & Pierce** boated 4 bass total all day, and all were keepers...don't look now but here they come, **Brandon Wooddell & Keith McMillan** aided by occasional fill-in partner **Mike Gilger** have moved into 1st place, 3 points ahead of **Hopkins / Hulsey** & only 4 points ahead of **Team Allen** with 3 tourneys left in the season...always great to have new members, a big welcome to **Phil Crouch**, and new Grapevine resident **Kyle Brink** who previously lived in central Texas and was a member of the CCBC Central Division club...and speaking of new members, always great to have **Belinda Mahome** class up her hubby **Kenneth's** team...**Les Smith** got a late start and still managed a top 10 finish and a 6 pound catfish....and the crazy catch of the day goes to **Albert Love** who hung a bass on a crankbait only to break off. He grabbed another rig, cast out, hung his broken line & pulled it in with the bass and crankbait still attached!...next up, it's anybody's tournament to win on slot lake Joe Pool, and per **Brandon Wooddell** who hit the Pool Saturday, they're biting!

CONDITIONS

Winds SSE 9-17 mph, overcast to partly cloudy, sticky & humid; air temp 79-90; water temp 81-84; water clarity to 4", tanic & dirty, FULL.

PICTURES

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FULL RESULTS

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LAKESIDE DEVO

Charley David led the devotional with the primary focus on the subject of MANHOOD. Primarily what it takes & what is expected to be a “man of God.”

*Please forgive the writer, as Charley was delivering the message, I was busy preparing the tournament results, places, & awards, so my notes are sketchy.

But most importantly I DO have the supporting scriptures Charley shared:

Ephesians 4:26-28

“In your anger do not sin”: Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold. Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need.

1 John 2:13-15

I am writing to you, fathers,
because you know him who is from the beginning.

I am writing to you, young men,
because you have overcome the evil one.

I write to you, dear children,
because you know the Father.

I write to you, fathers,
because you know him who is from the beginning.

I write to you, young men,
because you are strong,
and the word of God lives in you,
and you have overcome the evil one

Philippians 2:13-14

For it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

Do everything without grumbling or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, “children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation.” Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky

Joe Crouch closed us in prayer.

LAKE FAIRFIELD

5/18/19

By Jon Griffin

WOODDELL/GILGER LISTEN TO FAIRFIELD FOR THE VICTORIOUS SACK

Longtime member & 2 time AOY **Brandon Wooddell** & hired backseat gun **Mike Gilger** listened to the fish making an on the water change to chase them deep for an impressive 3 fish limit @ 17.87 to take the win @ Fairfield last Saturday. **Wooddell & Gilger** started fishing shallow with limited keeper success until **Brandon** threw a C-rig deep on a point nailing a 7.12 pounder. That fish told **Wooddell & Gilger** to focus on similar points as the team saw success developing a milk run of points of hydrilla & adjacent deep drop offs as the key to their success. A mere .01 pounds behind was Team **Joe Lee/Mike Thurman** with 3 @ 17.86, their 2nd top 5 in a row. The sack included **Mike's** tournament big bass @ 8.49. The 3rd place bag of 3 @ 16.40 was caught by **Doyle Ray** & hired gun **Brandon Clayton** catching most of their bass deep on C-rigs. Father & son **Brian & Kyle Barfield** teamed up for the 1st time in a while to catch the 4th place limit @ 13.84. And **Joe & Tina Crouch** took 5th on a lake **Joe** knows extremely well with 3 @ 13.73.

1st Brandon Wooddell/Mike Gilger	17.87	\$376
2nd Mike Thurman/Joe Lee	17.86	\$219
3rd Doyle Ray/Brandon Clayton	16.40	\$131
4th Brian & Kyle Barfield	13.84	\$88
5th Tina & Joe Crouch	13.73	\$61
Big Bass Mike Thurman	8.49	\$125

SCATTERSHOOTING

First & foremost, let's give big thanks to God for protecting us from the stormy weather-just a few drops fell on us during fishing & weigh-in, we are oh so fortunate what we endured on the drive back did not occur on the water-thank you Jesus!...25 teams & 2 new members, welcome **Evan Randazzo & Paul Tinsley**...and awesome to see long time member **Michael McAnulty** fishing with us...this writer experienced the absolute worst case of biting gnats known to mankind, I had 12 huge whelps up and down my arm & neck, crazy...on a related note **Donna David** came prepared with a mosquito hat-genius...many of us had not fished this lake since it was a power plant lake, in fact the last time CCBC fished Fairfield was in 2008 when **Joe Crouch & grandson Michael** won with nearly 16 pounds...per **Crouch**, any color is good on Fairfield just as long as it's Tx Red Bug and ONLY Tx Red Bug...Fairfield has a minimum length limit of 18 inches making a limit a little more difficult, interesting that out of 25 teams there were 5 limits, and those limits comprised the Top 5...next up on to Winnsboro!

PICTURES

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FULL RESULTS

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CONDITIONS

Winds SSE 8-15 mph, overcast with sporadic light sprinkles; air temp 74-79; water temp 73-76; water clarity to 12", FULL

LAKESIDE DEVO

Weigh master John Allen shared the devo on the subject of "TRUTH". Truth is defined in the dictionary as the body of real things, events and facts, the state of events. Unfortunately in this day and age of Fake News, the common saying is "Make your own truth". The age we live in more than even is becoming TRUTH VS. DECEPTION. The Bible calls Satan "the father of lies".

John 8:44

You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

We're all aware of what is going on in our society today. If you pay attention to high school sports, a transgender can now compete & succeed in sporting events of the opposite sex. This is part of Satan's lie on the world. God does not make mistakes, the Bible very clearly says "God made man & woman". But the devil is out to deceive people from the truth. One might ask, why does God allow Satan to roam about causing trouble? The answer can be found in the book of Job when God allowed Satan to disrupt Job's life, but not kill him. He's been the disrupter ever since. John Allen shared his appreciate for Judge Judy's take on truth. She said "truth does not require a good memory, but lying does." Always tell the truth makes life easier, being a liar makes things difficult.

John 14:6

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

Truth always prevails, and as it says in Revelation, the truth wins.

Many ask why do things appear to be spinning out of control, the answer can be found in

2 Timothy 3:4

But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God— having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with such people.

They are the kind who worm their way into homes and gain control over gullible women, who are loaded down with sins and are swayed by all kinds of evil desires, always learning but never able to come to a knowledge of the truth.

Trust in Christ, for he is The Truth.

Joe Crouch closed us in prayer.

RICHLAND CHAMBERS LAKE

4/27/19

By Jon Griffin

TEAM HULSEY/HOPKINS HAMMER 'EM FOR RC WIN

Tommy Hulsey & Brian Hopkins protected their home lake with a convincing 3 fish limit @ 18.74 to take the win on Richland Chambers Saturday April 27th. **Brian & Tommy**, who are also members of the Richland Chambers Bass Club coming off the club's 2018 AOY, admitted even with their local knowledge their day was an absolute grind with the duo only boating 6 bass. But they made their bites count with a 7.96 & 7.67 in addition to a 3.11 pounder to take the win, their 2nd in 3 CCBC tournaments this year. 2nd place was awarded to another hot team this year of **Darren Coslin / Chris Boulet** with 3 @ 13.16 thanks to **Chris's** only bite and catch of the day in a 6.44 pound LMB. The 3rd place sack of 3 @ 12.60 was caught by the new team of **Todd & Mike Steadman**. 4th place with 3 @ 12.55 including a 7.15 pound kicker was caught by team **Joe Lee / Mike Thurman**, and 5th place, fresh off their Classic win, was the father and son team of **James & Eric Cook** with 3 @ 12.35 including a 7.81 pounder. Big bass was an 8.08 largemouth caught by new member **Brice Bonner**.

1st Tommy Hulsey/Brian Hopkins	18.74	\$480
2nd Darren Coslin/Chris Boulet	13.16	\$270
3rd Todd & Mike Steadman	12.60	\$168
4th Mike Thurman/Joe Lee	12.55	\$112
5th James & Eric Cook	12.35	\$75

1st Big Bass-Brice Bonner	8.08	\$120
2nd Big Bass-Tommy Hulsey	7.96	\$40

What a tournament for big bass, out of 32 teams & 60+ anglers here were the top bass caught: 8.08, 7.96, 7.67, 7.18, 7.15, 6.71, 6.44, 6.33, 5.69, 5.63, and several more 4+ pounders...new member & Vilbig **stick Mike Gilger** caught his personal best 6.71 from **Brandon Wooddell's** back seat...speaking of **Wooddell/Gilger**, they win the dreaded 6th place just out of the money with 11.42, Brandon is still in deep anguish over the 7+ he lost right next to the boat...great to have new members including **Gilger, Richard Robinson, Don Ellis, Jake Burchett**, plus the Richland Chambers Bass Club sticks of **Todd & Mike Steadman, Joey Hanna, Scott Hayes, Eric Chisholm, Brice Bonner, and Bobby Johnston**-we do hope you come back to fish with us more this season!...speaking of **Jake Burchett**, it was great to have father **Jamey** back with us after his stroke scare last September...tough day for **Charley David**-no bass until after 2pm, good thing we drop the lowest tournament of the year...next up, we've swapped a flooded Whitney with Fairfield!

PICTURES

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/tFZ3XDgPBzs5PotP8>

CONDITIONS

Winds SSE 2 mph picking up during the day to 18 mph; air temp 58-80; water temp 63-72; water heavily stained to muddy, .38 high.

LAKESIDE DEVO

Kevin Davis shared the devo from a recent study he'd participated in involving Psalm 23.

Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters,
he refreshes my soul.

He guides me along the right paths
for his name's sake.

Even though I walk
through the darkest valley,[a]

I will fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies.

You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

Surely your goodness and love (mercy) will follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD
forever.

As Kevin explained, throughout the Old Testament & even early parts of the NT, sheep & lambs were a very important part of life & society as they were the primary forms of sacrifice. The shepherds had a very large responsibility as their lives involved the 24-7 care, protection & well-being of the flock of sheep. In John 10:11 Jesus said "I am the Good Shepherd", and Psalm 23 opens with David's remarks of the Messiah "The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want" meaning He will make sure ALL of our needs are met. This opening line also poses a question we must all ask ourselves: As it pertains to our own lives, are we the shepherd or the sheep? "Lay down in green pastures" represents a safe watch over us. "Waters" is interesting because the fact is, sheep are horribly terrified of moving waters knowing it brings great peril to their survival. "Still waters" represents our relationship with God. "He leads me for His name's sake" is connected to God's unchangeable reputation. "Shadow of death" relates to the fact that sheep are extremely unsettled creatures, realizing that death is always near. And lastly "goodness & mercy will follow me all the days of my life". Kevin shared that Goodness & Mercy could be thought of as the names of sheep dogs, following the flock, guiding & directing them as helpers to the shepherd. Ironic that Christ is the Good Shepherd. He is also the perfect lamb, the perfect sacrifice, the finisher of our redemption. It's up to us to accept His offer of redemption. If you have not, accept His gift this very moment.

Joe Lee closed us in prayer.

The Classic on Sam Rayburn

April 13-14, 2019

By Jon Griffin

COOKS SPEAR THEIR WAY TO CLASSIC TITLE

Father & son team **James & Eric Cook** managed 5 keepers from the north wind waters of Sam Rayburn to take the Classic Championship Sunday. While many teams chose to trailer to protected coves on the windy Sunday, **James & Eric** chose to launch at Cassels-Boykin & make a longer main lake run resulting in multiple wave "spears" in the **Cook's** Triton. It proved to be the best move as **James & Eric** threw flukes for their 5 fish limit @ 11.78 including the tourney's big bass @ 4.20. They needed every last ounce as they beat team **Griffin/Reynolds** by a mere .01 pounds. **Ben & Steve's** 4 bass was a fish short of a limit giving them 2nd with 11.77, caught, of course, on their reliable soft plastic Rattlesnakes. 3rd place went to **Charley & Donna David** with 4 @ 11.02 flipping big weight tx rigs. The 4th place sack of 5 @ 10.48 was caught by the Central Division team of **Bob Reed/Mike Sedillo** fishing Caney mid-lake with mini c-rigs. 5th with 5 @ 10.35 was won by **Mike Thurman/Joe Lee** who launched @ Cassels-Boykin & caught their limit pulling spinnerbaits thru the buck brush.

1st	James & Eric Cook	11.78	\$1,500
2nd	Ben Griffin/Steve Reynolds	11.77	\$650
3rd	Charley & Donna David	11.02	\$300
4th	Bob Reed/Mike Sedillo	10.48	\$200
5th	Mike Thurman/Joe Lee	10.35	\$150
6th	Brandon Wooddell/Keith McMillian	9.96	\$100
7th	Kevin Davis/Byron McFarland	9.19	\$100
8th	Tony Hollingsworth/Bree Warron	8.92	\$100
9th	Doyle Ray	7.75	\$100
10th	Randal & Kel Collins	6.97	\$100
11 th	Les Smith/Mike Grimes	6.29	McCain Fishing Rods
	Big Bass-James Cook	4.20	\$250

SCATTERSHOOTING

Big thanks for **Allen Loggains** from the Central Division for donating McCain Rods for the 11th place finishers, find out more about McCain Hi-Performance Fishing Rods @ www.mccainfishing.com ...bad luck for **Leisha Loggains & hubby Allen**, they hung around through our weather cancelled day on Saturday to be greeted by a faulty trim motor on their brand new Triton, so no fishing for them...several reports of speared waves, Big Sam does indeed get angry when the winds blow...what was originally scheduled for a 2 day tourney got reduced to a 1 day after forecasters predicted doom for Saturday, in hindsight we perhaps could have pulled it off but gotten extremely wet...**Team Collins** ruined a lower unit during Friday practice, but got it replaced by a Zavala mechanic in time to fish Sunday...**Team Cook** had an eventful run to their victory-James owns a lake house on Toledo Bend, Saturday storms landed a tree in the road, resulting in the **Cooks** not even launching til after 8am but still finding the hawks to win...many anglers stayed @ the Sam Rayburn Lakeview Motel, complete with a store & grill less than a mile from the Cassels-Boykin ramp, pretty sure we all recommend...and speaking of

Cassels-Boykin, be advised that the park pavilion IS NOT necessarily open for public use, it's \$300 to reserve it- this was brought to our attention by a county employee, but he was very nice about it...next up, another big body of water on Richland Chambers April 27.

PICTURES

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/9hvqgmc69NiZWzdP6>

CONDITIONS

Winds E to NE 14-19 mph; air temp 47-64; water temp 61-67, heavily stained; .52' high.

LAKESIDE DEVO & COMMUNION

Club leader Charley David lead to devo on this Palm Sunday morning, focusing on the Passover & how it's historical meaning relates directly to Easter.

Exodus 12:1-14

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt, "This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year. Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family, one for each household. If any household is too small for a whole lamb, they must share one with their nearest neighbor, having taken into account the number of people there are. You are to determine the amount of lamb needed in accordance with what each person will eat. The animals you choose must be year-old males without defect, and you may take them from the sheep or the goats. Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month, when all the members of the community of Israel must slaughter them at twilight. Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the lambs. That same night they are to eat the meat roasted over the fire, along with bitter herbs, and bread made without yeast. Do not eat the meat raw or boiled in water, but roast it over a fire—with the head, legs and internal organs. Do not leave any of it till morning; if some is left till morning, you must burn it. This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste; it is the LORD's Passover.

"On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn of both people and animals, and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the LORD. The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are, and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt.

"This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD—a lasting ordinance.

*As Charley explained, these were specific directions from God to Moses to the Jewish people for the sacrifice of the lamb, safety for the 1st born with blood over the home's door frame. Very simply, the blood from a perfect lamb would save them from a certain death. Therefore, after this directive every year, the Passover would celebrate with a perfect lamb sacrifice for the redemption of the sin of Israel.

The question is now-WHY NO MORE?

Simple. Because Jesus was the FINAL SACRIFICE. The perfect lamb, slain for the sins of the world. On the cross, Christ declared "IT IS FINISHED". Charley then quoted the words of Christ.

Matthew 26:2

"As you know, the Passover is two days away—and the Son of Man will be handed over to be crucified.

Christ told about his eminent crucifixion. This had to be done. For our own relationship with the Father (God) in heaven, it's only achievable via the blood shed by the perfect lamb (Jesus). It's a gift-the gift of grace by faith, lest no man shall boast (Ephesians 2:8-9).

Charley then led us in the Lord's supper, the tortilla represents the body of Christ, broken for you. The grape juice represents Christ' blood, spilt for you. (1 Corinthians 11:23-29).

Amen, and AMEN!

Palestine 3/23/2019

By Jon Griffin

TEAM COSLIN/BOULET VICTORS ON PALESTINE

Longtime members **Darren Coslin & Chris Boulet** bested the 29 team field with a 3 fish limit @ 15.94 including a 7.73 kicker for the victory Saturday on Palestine. Their win in the season's 2nd tourney of the season series was won primarily with Finch Nasty ½ ounce jigs. 2nd place went to the team of **Jon Griffin/Pierce Johnston** with 3 @ 14.45 caught on Texas rigs & swim jigs catching their fish. 3rd went to the father & son team of **John & Sam Allen** with 3 @ 12.56. 4th place weight of 3 @ 11.96 was sacked by Team **Ben Griffin/Steve Reynolds**; and the 5th place limit of 11.83 was awarded to Team **Randal & Kel Collins**.

1 st Darren Coslin / Chris Boulet	15.94	\$440
2 nd Jon Griffin / Pierce Johnston	14.45	\$260
3 rd John & Sam Allen	12.56	\$150
4 th Ben Griffin / Steve Reynolds	11.96	\$105
5 th Kel & Randall Collins	11.83	\$75
Big Bass Eric Cook	8.53	\$145

SCATTERSHOOTING

Always great to welcome new members including **Richard Roebuck** from Terrell; and **Michael & Clint Young** from Waxahachie....**Michael & Clint** have the "New/Old" Basstracker rig, it's a brand new boat designed exactly like the original silver & orange 1978 Basstracker....once again several members stayed at the Lake Palestine Motor Inn off the 155 bridge, still the best bargain on the series, 2 beds, nonsmoking, flat screen tv for \$50...notice **Eric Cook** of Team **James & Eric Cook** took big bass honors with an 8 ½ pounder-the ONLY fish the team weighed in...five teams were just a small cull away from making the money...20 of 29 teams weighed limits....**Kenneth Mahome** fished with grandson **Casan**, who just a few days later broke his jaw bullriding,

hopefully he's improving and will be wired up and ready come April's tourney...**Darren Coslin** threw a hub after hitting a stump making this the 2nd Palestine tourney with the same resulting damage...sure it was a 6th place sister kiss for Team Lonny **Pierce/Richard Robertson**, but with a 3rd at Athens they are sitting pretty 2 tourneys into the season...remember we drop the low tourney of the year...perfect weather greeted us with mild temps & the wind cooperated for the most part...next up, the Classic, 2 days on big Sam Rayburn April 13 & 14, then off to Richland Chambers on April 27, or better known as "**Hopkins Home Hole!**"

CONDITIONS

Overcast 56-66 degrees; Winds SSE 3-12 mph; water temp 61-67, clarity 8" to 1"; .78' above full level

LAKESIDE DEVO

If You Want to Know God's Will, Just Open Your Bible

Jon Griffin shared a devo he'd read from Pastor Rick Warren about God's will for your life and how to discover it.

Most of God's will is already revealed. The principles are there! When you open your Bible, God opens his mouth and starts talking. Are you waiting for God to write his will in the sky? Why would he need to do that when he's already written it in a book? Open the Bible daily, and see what God says.

Stop listening for a voice, and start looking for a verse.

Psalm 19:9-11

the fear of the Lord is clean,
enduring forever;

the rules of the Lord are true, (that is, the teachings of YOUR WORD ARE TRUE)
and righteous altogether.

YOUR WORD IS More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold;

YOUR WORD IS sweeter also than honey
and drippings of the honeycomb.

Moreover, by YOUR WORD & TEACHINGS your servant warned;
in keeping them, YOUR WORD & TEACHINGS, there is great reward.

God will teach you his principles. Then, when you're looking for guidance, you can see if your circumstances or your emotions line up with God's Word. The Bible will confirm God's will.

And keep this in mind: God expects you to obey what you already know before he shows you something new. So if God has already told you what he expects you to do and you haven't done it yet, don't expect him to show you the next step. He's waiting for you to take the first step.

So what is the 1st step? To know Him intimately. ? Very much like you know your boat, intimately, inside and out, bow to stern. **Sorry to offend Mariner motor people, BUT the worst outboard I ever owned was a Mariner! (Apparently I needed to know it more intimately! Per Mike Thurman his ran great for a long time!) But I digress, back to the lesson.

EXAMPLE, WHAT IS THE BEST DIRECTION IN THE ENTIRE BIBLE?

-SADDUCEES QUESTIONING JESUS JUST A WEEK PRIOR TO HIS CRUCIFIXION "WHAT IS THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT?"

Mark 12:30-31 30

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."

Here's how to hear God through His word: meditate on God's Word, an easy place to start is Psalm 23. To meditate on God's Word means to think deeply and focus on God's Word for a period of time. First, read the passage slowly, perhaps out loud a few times, placing emphasis on different words or phrases. Second, reflect on the truth of the text. Third, respond to God in light of what you've just read—this may be quietly or out loud. Fourth, rest in the Word of God, listening for what God has to say through the Scripture.

Psalm 23

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he leads me beside quiet waters,
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through the darkest valley, the valley of the shadow of death[a]

I will fear no evil,
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your rod and your staff,
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You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies.

You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

Surely your goodness and love will follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord
forever.

You only have to open your Bible to know what God's will for your life is. Then, you have to spend time reading and studying it so it can transform your heart and mind.

Joe Lee closed us in prayer.

Athens 2/23/2019

By Al Kohutek

Congratulations to Brian Hopkins / Tommy Hulsey on their first place win.

Brian said....."We got into a feeding frenzy this morning and caught bass on six consecutive casts. In the span of 15 minutes or so, we caught 10-12 bass. It all happened extremely fast and was a really cool experience!

Our day was over by 12:30 pm because the motor would not start. Luckily, that didn't matter. I'm thankful for another awesome day of bass fishing. Good Times!"

1st 9.98 pounds \$451 + 2nd big bass 8.18 pounds \$38 = \$489 total payout. The big momma was caught on a white spinner bait and the unders were caught on a Texas Rig.

2nd place and first big bass went to **Tony Hollingsworth** and **Bree Warron**. They only had 1 fish but it was worth \$374 (2nd=\$262 + Big bass \$112). The hawg weighed 8.36 pounds and was caught on a Googan Baits Bandito Bug.

IN THE MONEY

1st Brian Hopkins / Tommy Hulse	9.98	\$489.00
2nd Tony Hollingsworth / Bree Warron	8.36	\$374.00
3rd Lonny Pierce / Richard Robertson	4.53	\$157.00
4th Charley David / Al Kohut	4.46	\$105.00
5th Doug Powell / Carlo Gonzalez	4.29	\$73.00

BIG BASS

1st big bass Tony/Bree.....8.36 pounds
2nd big bass Brian Hopkins....8.18 pounds

LAKE CONDITIONS

Tournament time 6:50 am – 3:30 pm | **Air temp:** 59-70 | **Water temp:** 51-52 | **Wind speed:** 3-13 gusts to 20 mph | **Wind direction:** WSW, SW, West | **Water clarity:** clear if not on a windy bank or in a muddy creek | **Lake level:** 100% full | **Skies:** Rain and Thunderstorms from 7-8 am, sunny and windy the rest of the day | **Grass:** Spotty all over the lake | **Barometric pressure:** 7:00 am 29.78, then started to rise around 8 am to 29.87 by noon, then started to fall to 29.83 at weigh-in time. | **Moon:** Waning Gibbous

THE RESULTS

30 teams fished
2 overs were caught (21 inches or greater)
9 teams zeroed
52 fish were weighed in with a weight of 80.73 pounds
1.55 pounds was the average fish weight

Full results:

<http://www.cowboychurchbassclub.org/ccpoints19NorthDiv.htm> (see the Athens tab at the bottom of the spreadsheet)

Pictures:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/MmeS3iAtcChJU31P7>

Also see the pictures on facebook.

SCATTER SHOOTING

3rd place **Lonny Pierce / Richard Robertson** caught their bass on A-rigs 4th place **Charley David / Al Kohutek** fished mainly points and caught their fish on small red and purple worms drop shooting, C-rig tiny watermelon red brush hogs, and of course giant Senkos. One of their fish had a shaky head grub in its mouth from someone's breakoff. If the grub would have stayed in, it would have made a difference between getting 3rd instead of 4th 5th **Doug Powell / Carlo Gonzalez** caught their bass on shaky head, chatter baits, and brush hogs Big THANKS to **Joe and Tina Crouch** for providing lunch – **Tina** got another good deer this year so we had deer chili with all the fixings. Also thanks to **Lake Athens Marina** for the use of the picnic tables during the weigh-in www.facebook.com/Lakeathensmarinatx

LAKESIDE DEVOTIONAL – Are you talking to God?

Charlie David led the devo. Saying a vine has to be connect to water to grow, just like we need to be connected to God to grow spiritually. We do this by talking with God through our prayers and connecting through the Holy Spirt.

Ephesians 6:13-18

Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

The devil is crafty. We all know of or have a family member who has gone down the wrong path and gotten in the fast lane of life with drugs. We need God's armor to protect us from the devil. We need each other, we need the churches strength through fellowship and prayers for each other, and we need to guide our brothers.

Galatians 5:16-26

So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its

passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.

For some people, church to them is being out on the Lake on Sundays - The church of the boat on the water. The devil loves this and he knows you don't have your armor on and are easily tricked into going down the wrong path.

Get in fellowship groups like this. Get in church groups and fellowship with each other. Get with God.

Charley asked Kevin Davis closed us in prayer and we were dismissed.

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