



Welcome To The 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



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SERVICE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS_ 9:30 AM

SUNDAY WORSHIP ___10:30 AM

WEDNESDAY _____7:00 PM



Perfect Service

By Phil McIntosh

Jesus instructed those who gathered before Him one day to progress beyond teaching they had already received. Some of that teaching was incomplete and some of it was incorrect. When speaking of a more complete, godly manifestation of love in their lives Jesus said to "be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect" (Matthew 5:48). Kind of a high bar isn't it? How can creatures who very often pursue that which is unhealthy for their soul and frequently make the wrong decision be perfect? There is no doubt God made us innocent and pure, but throughout our time spent in this world we become stained and an influx of unrighteousness begins in our lives, leading to sin and death (James 1:15). Solomon wrote something that summed up man's existence succinctly when he said man was made upright, but "sought out many schemes" (Ecclesiastes 7:29). How do you make that perfect? Can you undo weakness? Can you erase missteps? Can you clean a slate and keep it clean?

Yes, God can clean your slate. When someone accepts the truth and the grace Jesus brought into this world (John 1:17) and obeys the gospel, their soul is cleansed and they are made a brand new creation in the sight of God (2 Corinthians 5:17). Isaiah wrote that God desires people to come to Him to right their wrongs and that He will make all things new (Isaiah 1:18). God can make you perfect. In the instant following baptism you have been made alive in Christ and can confidently claim Heaven as your future home. You begin your life of service in His kingdom and you look forward to the time when the Lord will be revealed from Heaven (Philippians 3:20). As exciting as that is, that iteration of perfection is a struggle for humans to maintain. Knowing that old sin is purged is empowering and exhilarating, but sin will come back around and hamstring us again. Inevitably we will stumble, we will struggle, and we might even fall down for a bit. How can we be perfect?

God be thanked that absolute, spotless, blemish-free perfection is not what He expects of us. God is omniscient (all-knowing) and omnibenevolent (all-loving). He knows us; He knows whether or not we're trying to live the Christian life and He loves those who have dedicated their hearts and souls to Him. Part of our problem with understanding what God wants from us is in our unwitting ignorance as it relates to vocabulary. When we read "perfect" our minds quite often run to stain-free, unimpeded righteousness that never fails. Though that is a great goal at which to aim, it is one only our Lord has ever been able to attain. The word Jesus used for "perfect" in the 'Sermon on the Mount' was the Greek word teleios which can mean mature from going through the necessary stages to reach the end-goal, developed by fulfilling the necessary process. Jesus was asking His followers to progress and mature to a higher form of faithful living. He's urging and provoking them to think and act more like the Father who is the epitome of perfection, maturity, and pristine thought. While you and I are on the face of this earth we will perhaps stumble in our quest to be the mature, sinless children of God we greatly desire to be. Glory belongs to God that He has given us the opportunity to continue standing perfect before Him because of the blood of His Son that continually cleanses us (1 John 1:7). While we wait for ultimate perfection in Heaven, where nothing that defiles is even allowed in (Revelation 21:27), let us persistently pursue righteousness and be as much like our Master as we can. We can achieve greater perfection through His word and His help. Perfection is not unattainable; it is, however, a conscious, continual lifestyle decision. Let us make it together and offer a hand to anyone who needs it along the way.

In The Current of the World

Shepherds Notes by Zack Petties

Some people have had the experience at one time or another where the heart felt cold, with no desire to seek or pray, and they felt distant from God. Some are driven by the cares of the world (Mark 4:19), causing them to feel life is good. Many honest, sincere, and religious people believe that when a person believes, he or she, at that moment, is saved from sin. That is a serious concern because the Bible doesn't teach it! Yes, you must believe in order to be saved. As the Bible recorded, Jesus said, "Except ye believe that I am he, ye shall die in yours sins" (John 8:24). In the scriptural record God said, "And without faith it is impossible to be well-pleasing unto him; for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him" (Heb. 11:6). Believing that God exists is only the beginning; even the demons believe that much (James 2:19, 20). God will not settle for mere acknowledgement of his existence. He wants your faith that leads to a personal dynamic relationship.

Some think people cannot understand God and should not try. Others believe that nothing is irrational, including true faith. God gave us a mind that should be developed and used, but to ignore intellectual growth is to live a stunted and naive life. When we hear the Good News, we are responsible for what we have heard. Those who are unthinking or casual in their approach to the faith are assured to "drifting" from truth into error. According to Hebrews this is not a small problem but a dreadfully large problem. God's message has always proven itself true according to Hebrews 2:2; that message currently comes through Jesus Christ (Hebrews 1:1-2). In the past those who moved away from God's will suffered the consequences (Hebrews 2:3). Consider what hope a person would have of avoiding disaster if they don't pay close attention to the truth (Hebrews 2:1)? Recorded in 2 Corinthians 6:1-2, we then, as workers together with him, "beseech you also that you receive not the grace of God in vain. For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succored thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation." How could the Corinthian believers ignore God's message? Were they doubting Paul's words, confused by the false teachers who taught a different message? The people heard God's message but didn't let it affect what they say and did.

How often do people IGNORE God's message over and over and over? People put off a decidedly important decision for Christ, thinking there is plenty of time, but

they could easily miss their opportunity altogether to obey. Once a person's focus isn't on the Lord, the focus is blurred, and they are more easily deceived into foolishly assuming certain things. The sad part of this is that the result is the same as if they were deliberately presumptuous.

Christ demands that we change, contrary to what many think. He did not come to save people in their sins, but he came to save people from their sins. The Word records that Jesus said, "Except you repent, ye shall all in like manner perish" (Luke 13:3). Unless a person is willing to turn and change from his/her sins, they will not receive salvation. But still, and sadly, some will not obey.

In love, Brother Petties

WEDDING SHOWER

Join us on October 24, from 2-4 pm, in the fellowship hall, for a wedding shower to celebrate André & Alfreda Pettaway's daughter, Andrea & Luke Schumann's recent marriage. Andrea & Luke are registered at Target and Bed Bath & Beyond.

Congratulations!

OCTOBER CLEANING CALENDAR

- May be done any time before the next Sunday
- Please consult with your team leader for further questions. **THANK YOU!**

Sept 26-TEAM BEVERLY
Beverly
Donna
Josephine
Yvonne
Marcella

Oct 17-TEAM ROGER
Patrick
Brenda
Roger
Linda

Oct 3-TEAM LEE
Lee
Natalie
Rufas

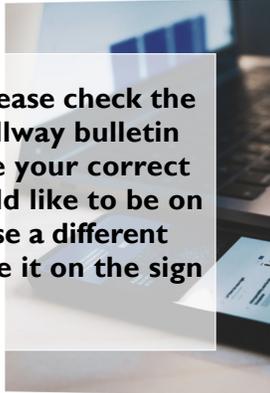
Oct 24-TEAM JAMES S.
James
Kim-Marie
Xavier
Jaden

Oct 10-TEAM ZACK
Zack
Amanda
Diedre
Paul
Rubye

Oct 31-TEAM BEVERLY
Beverly
Donna
Josephine
Yvonne
Marcella



EMAIL LIST: Members, please check the email list on the south hallway bulletin board and ensure we have your correct email address. If you would like to be on the email list or wish to use a different email address, please write it on the sign-up sheet. **THANK YOU!**



ORDER OF SERVICE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2021:



- ANNOUNCEMENTS:** ANDRÉ PETTAWAY
- SONG:** PAUL PORTLEY
- 1ST PRAYER:** DERREL HEGINBOTHAM
- SCRIPTURE READING:** JOHN LLEWELLYN
- SONG:** PAUL PORTLEY
- SERMON:** PHIL MCINTOSH
- INVITATION SONG:** PAUL PORTLEY
- SONG BEFORE COMMUNION:**
PAUL PORTLEY
- COMMUNION/OFFERING:**
GAYLEN WILLIAMS & XAVIER SEAY
- CLOSING SONG:** PAUL PORTLEY
- CLOSING PRAYER:** ZACK PETTIES
- AUDIO/VISUAL:** PATRICK SELLERS
- SECURITY:** JAMES SEAY & CLAY CULVER



SCRIPTURE READING
‘Roadblocks to Someday’
James 1:22-25

²² But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

²³ For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass:

²⁴ For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.

²⁵ But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.”

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

MILITARY & CIVILIANS OVERSEAS: Tim Matter is contracting in Saudi Arabia. We are thankful for the service of our military and civilians. Please keep these members & their families in your prayers.

OUR SICK: Angela Thomas will have a CT scan for a mass found on her pancreas. Please keep her in your prayers.

-Garnie Miller is recovering from a recent fall Please keep him in your prayers.

-Scott Davis is having problems with his leg. Please keep him in your prayers.

-Julie Odum's mother, Sharon Schmidt, is recovering at a rehabilitation center. Please keep her in your prayers.

-Donna Hines' niece, Tiffany, is battling Covid. Please keep her in your prayers.

-Victoria Polanco requests prayers for Darlene Wiley for relief of severe vertigo. Please keep her in your prayers.

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & HOMEBOUND:

Josephine Spear's brother, and brother-in-law, Julia Jones' daughter-in-law (Maureen Jouett), James Garner & his wife (Tammy), Rodney Carter's wife (Wendy), John Llewellyn's wife (Aspasia), Ken Sellers, Brenda Seller's mother, Garnie & Nada Miller, Donna Hines' niece's husband (Daniel Park), Rufus Brown, Lois Brown, Julia Jones' son-in-law, Amanda Petties' sister (Jewel), Gladys Driver, Cheryl Flores' brother-in-law (Raymond Flores), Tim Matter's aunt (Vivian), Nichole Williams' high school friend (Rhonda Howell-Moore), Charles Culver, Jean Basco, Beverly Williams' aunt (Dorothy Sauls), Billye Hughes, Josephine Spear, Jim Dukes, Scott Davis, Mary McAnally's son, & sister (Ann Ahrens), Shirl Foster, Barbara Robinson's daughter & son-in-law (Skip & Laura Skarpa), Esther Cox, Martha Bell's sister, Skip & Tina Pallo and Tina's son (Jeremy) and Tina's sisters (Cheryle & Jeanette), Willard Dunn, Tanja, Tiffany, & Natasha Arch, Archie & Jessie Turner, David Shilling, and Linda Walts. Former members: (David Chapman), (Penny Fogle), (Rey & Connie Cruz), (Janet & John John Simmons), (Ann Simpson) & (Tom & Diane Holubec). Please keep these members and loved ones in your prayers as they battle health problems.

MEN'S BREAKFAST RETURNS: Men's Breakfast will return on October 2, and every first Saturday each month, at 8:30 am, in the fellowship hall. Bring your breakfast favorites to cook!

PICTURE DAY: Save the date for October 3rd for picture day. If your picture is not on the picture board or you need an updated picture, please have your picture taken following the morning service in the library or send the office a picture.

CHRISTIAN HOMES & FAMILY SERVICES CHANGE CAN DRIVE: Our annual change can drive benefiting Christian Homes & Family Services is underway. The change cans are located on a table in the foyer and the date to have all the cans returned will be November 7.

LADIES DAY: Ladies, please join us for our 2021 Ladies Day on October 16th, from 9:00 am-1:30 pm. Rhonda Washington will be our guest speaker. Registration begins at 8:00 am, where you may enjoy a light breakfast and we will have a luncheon following the lessons. There are sign-up sheets on the ladies' bulletin board for food and the program. Please sign-up as soon as possible.

Our Speaker Today Is Phil McIntosh.

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We want to especially welcome our visitors!

If you are visiting, please fill out an attendance card from the back of the pew directly in front of you and leave it in the pew as you leave.

Thank you for your visit and please join us again!

BIBLE STUDIES AND COUNSELING OFFERED

⇒ Bible Studies With Our Preacher Or Elders

⇒ Free Bible Correspondence

⇒ Free Marriage And Family Counseling

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

☞SEPTEMBER CALENDAR☞

29-Ladies bible class at 10:00 am, in the fellowship hall.

☞OCTOBER CALENDAR☞

2-Men's breakfast, 8:30 am, in the fellowship hall.

6,13,20,27-Ladies bible class at 10:00 am, in the fellowship hall.

6-Singing Night

9-Ladies Breakfast & Workday, 9:30 am, in the fellowship hall.

16-Ladies Day

23-LTC Meeting at 12:00 pm.

24-Wedding Shower honoring Andrea & Luke Schumann, 2-4 pm, in the fellowship hall.

☞NOVEMBER CALENDAR☞

3-Singing Night

6-Men's breakfast, 8:30 am, in the fellowship hall.

9-Ladies Breakfast & Workday, 9:30 am, in the fellowship hall.

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