



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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How did you get to where you are right now? What decisions did you make which resulted in your presence at this particular moment in time? The multitude of decisions we make every day determine where we will be at any point in time and our existence is also affected by the decisions of those around us. We are moved about as if multiple ripples on the face of water, flowing and retreating as a result of other ripples that collide with ours. To most people their relationships might be a result of something they consider akin to fate- what will be, will be. Such an outlook on life though seems to me, bleak; abdicating control over personal destination (or believing that control is beyond our grasp)

seems a somewhat hopeless, if easy, way to approach life. We each choose who we are, who we love, where we live, where we worship, and the career path we follow, and so on. Our lives are not left up to some cosmic formula that has predetermined the boundaries of our existence. That we have choices in life is outlined, if nowhere else, in the farewell speech of Joshua (24:15) where he urged the Hebrew people to "choose" who they were going to serve as their spiritual guide and leader. There is a measure of control over your life that you assert and the decisions you make impact your future and even those around you. God has granted us the freedom to enjoy an individuality that is unique to our person.

The fact that mankind has been gifted personal control over his destination makes the next portion of our brief study even further unfathomable. We live in a world owned, created, and sustained by God (Col. 1:16; Heb. 1:3). God is aware of all that happens in this world, from the movement of the stars to the innermost personal thoughts we might have (Ps. 139:1-4). Though God possesses all power, He has chosen to allow us personal decision making ability and, at the same time, exert through us and His creation, His will. Have you ever heard the term "providence" used in relation to God? It is generally referred to as God interacting with mankind to bring about His will, working within the confines of the natural law He ordained. So then God is capable of bringing about wondrous blessings and progressive machinations of the church while allowing us to make our own decisions. Can you imagine how much that means God knows? Can you imagine how much God's wisdom and omniscience must weave throughout our abundance of decisions, our changes of mind, our fickle nature, and our procrastination to consistently and perfectly accomplish His will? There is no better term than the aforementioned word: unfathomable. The knowledge and power of God should humble us and render us in absolute awe.

Surely you've experienced such activity in your own life. Providence is generally not something we always notice at the time; rather in hindsight we wonder, "Did God do this?" You never know what good God might be accomplishing through you for the benefit, assistance, advancement, maturity, or spiritual health of someone around you. When you have an opportunity to serve, remember the words Mordecai dispatched to his cousin Esther when, in Esther 4:14 he said, "For who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" Who knows what service you can render the kingdom for God. Who knows where God might use you in the future? Who knows the role you might play in the enlargement of the Lord's church in this area. Who knows indeed! God alone is wise (1 Tim. 1:17); let us pray He uses our ripples to positively effect someone else's.

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Paul Portley
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MONTHLY SUPPORT:

*Cherokee Home
For Children
Cherokee, TX*

*Christian Homes &
Family Services
Abilene, TX*

*Foster's Home
For Children
Stephenville, TX*

*Sunny Glen
Children's Home
San Benito, TX*

SERVICE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS_ 9:30 AM
SUNDAY WORSHIP ___10:30 AM
WEDNESDAY _____7:00 PM

Married To an Unbeliever

Shepherd's Notes by Zack Petties

God allowed marriage as a gift to Adam and Eve according to Genesis 2:24. They were created perfectly for each other. Marriage wasn't for convenience but was instituted by God based on three basic conditions. Firstly, the man leaves his parents and promises himself to his wife; secondly, the man and the women are joined together with the responsibility for each other's spiritual welfare by loving above the other; and thirdly, these two are united into a unity of intimacy and commitment. But what if you are married to an unbeliever? This can be one of the most difficult challenges in a Christian's life. Marriage is a sacred covenant that joins two people (a man and a woman) together in one flesh (Matthew 19:5). It can be very difficult for a believer and an unbeliever to live in peaceful harmony (2 Corinthians 6:14-15). If one partner becomes a Christian after the marriage the inherent struggles of living under two different authorities quickly becomes apparent.

Christians married to unbelievers will need to pray for the power of the Holy Spirit to enable them to profess Christ and live in the light of God's presence (1 John 1:7). Often Christians in this situation will look for a way out of the marriage, persuaded that this is the only way to truly bring honor to God. His Word, however, says the contrary. It is very important not only to be content in our situation, but also to look for ways to bring glory to Him out of our challenging circumstances (1 Corinthians 7:17). The Bible specifically addresses those who are married to unbelievers in 1 Corinthians 7:12-14. If any brother has a wife who is not a believer and she is willing to live with him, he must not divorce her. And if a woman has a husband who is not a believer and he is willing to live with her, she must not divorce him. The unbelieving husband has been sanctified through his wife and the unbelieving wife has been sanctified through her believing husband. So it should be the priority of every Christian to pray for his or her spouse and set a good example, allowing Christ's light to shine brightly (Philippians 2:14). May the truth that's found in 1 Peter 3:1 transpire that an unbelieving spouse is "won over" be the hope and goal of every Christian who is married to an unbeliever. It should be top priority to every Christian to pray for his/her spouse and to set a

good example, allowing their light to shine before the spouse.

Paul addressed this concern and desire of the believer to serve Christ faithfully. He also affirms the marriage commitment, God's plan for the husband and wife to stay together, even when one spouse is not a believer. The believing spouse should strive to win the other to Christ. It could be easy to justify leaving; however, Christians should rather strive to be a positive influence in the marriage, knowing that marriage is permanent (Mark 10:1-9).

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!**

Oct 3-TEAM LEE

Lee
Natalie
Rufus
Phil
Michelle

Lex
Ivan

Oct 10-TEAM ZACK

Zack
Amanda
Diedre
Paul
Rubye

Oct 17-TEAM ROGER

Patrick
Brenda
Roger
Linda

Oct 24-TEAM JAMES S.

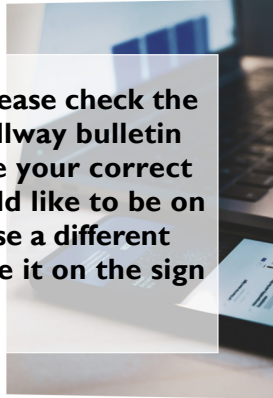
James
Kim-Marie
Xavier
Jaden

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!**



WEDNESDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS: Starting November 10th, Phil will begin a series of lessons from 'How to Study the Bible: A Practical Guide to Hermeneutics' by Kevin Rhodes. The book is helpful (but not required) and is \$13.99. If you would like to purchase a copy we will need to know by Sunday, October 24th. Otherwise, the book is normally \$19.99 each. Please sign up on the list, or let the office know if you would like a copy, and indicate how many copies you would like. Phil will also have a workbook to accompany the lessons that the church will provide.



VISITOR INVITES: Invite your family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, or anyone to our services with the new visitor brochures located in the foyer!

ORDER OF SERVICE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2021:



- ANNOUNCEMENTS:** LEE FISHER
- SONG:** IVAN MCINTOSH
- 1ST PRAYER:** ZACK PETTIES
- SCRIPTURE READING:** DEREK COLE
- SONG:** IVAN MCINTOSH
- SERMON:** PHIL MCINTOSH
- INVITATION SONG:** IVAN MCINTOSH
- SONG BEFORE COMMUNION:**
IVAN MCINTOSH
- COMMUNION/OFFERING:**
ROGER DEEM & MICHAEL ROGERS
- CLOSING SONG:** IVAN MCINTOSH
- CLOSING PRAYER:**
DERREL HEGINBOTHAM
- AUDIO/VISUAL:** PATRICK SELLERS
- SECURITY:** ROGER DEEM & CLAY CULVER



SCRIPTURE READING

'Excuse Me'

Luke 14:16-20 (KJV)

"¹⁶ Then said he unto him, A certain man made a great supper, and bade many: ¹⁷ And sent his servant at supper time to say to them that were bidden, Come; for all things are now ready. ¹⁸ And they all with one consent began to make excuse. The first said unto him, I have bought a piece of ground, and I must needs go and see it: I pray thee have me excused. ¹⁹ And another said, I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them: I pray thee have me excused. ²⁰ And another said, I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come."

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

MILITARY & CIVILIANS OVERSEAS: Jessica Rogers is away for training, and 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: David Shilling was found unresponsive last Wednesday and was admitted into Advent Hospital and diagnosed with a bacteria infection. Please keep him in your prayers.

-Garnie Miller suffered a fall and fractured his femur about three weeks ago. He is rehabilitating at Morada Temple Nursing Home, in Temple.

-Angela Thomas had a biopsy on October 12th and will have her oncologist appointment on the 18th. Please keep her in your prayers.

-Former member, C.J. Reed has Covid. Please keep her in your prayers.

-We rejoice for Adam Zak who received good results from his lab tests.

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & HOMEBOUND:

Dan Carter's daughter-in-law (Wendy), Martha Bell's sister, Julie Odum's mother (Sharon Schmidt), Josephine Spear's friend (Alma Harvey), James Garner & his wife (Tammy), John Llewellyn's wife (Aspasia), Ken Sellers, Brenda Seller's mother, Garnie & Nada Miller, Rufus Brown, Lois Brown, 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, Mary McAnally's son, & sister (Ann Ahrens), Shirl Foster, Barbara Robinson's daughter & son-in-law (Skip & Laura Skarpa), Esther Cox, Skip & Tina Pallo and Tina's son (Jeremy) and Tina's sisters (Cheryle & Jeanette), Willard Dunn, Tanja, Tiffany, & Natasha Arch, Archie & Jessie Turner, 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.

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.

FOSTER'S HOME FOR CHILDREN PANTRY DRIVE:

We are collecting paper towels, Ziplock bags, chips, and cereals through the week of November 28 for the Foster's Home For Children. Please place these items in the foyer under the sign. Thank you!

MEN'S BOWLING: There will be a Men's Bowling Fellowship on Saturday, October 23rd, at 12:00 pm, at the Hallmark Lanes.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: The monthly Men's Breakfast is Saturday, November 6th, at 8:30 am, in the fellowship hall. Please sign up in the foyer with what you would like to bring.

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!

☞OCTOBER CALENDAR☞

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

23-Men's bowling, 12:00 pm, at the Hallmark Lanes.

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.

7-Time change (time moves back one hour)

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

23-Tuesday night singing (no Wednesday evening service)

22-26 -The secretary will be on vacation.

24-26 -The office will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday.

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