



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

Make Time to Listen: To Yourself

~2 in a series of 3~

By Phil McIntosh

Solomon wrote that there is a time for speaking and a time for silence (*Ecc. 3:7*), but what can silence accomplish? For one, silence can mute the (not yet perfected) condition of our heart from those around us as we work to improve upon it. If you aren't sure if what you're about to say is going to be kind or godly- it's best to just keep silent. Frequently, and incorrectly, the phrase which essentially states it is "better to keep silent and let people think you're a fool than to open your mouth and remove all doubt" is attributed to Abraham Lincoln or Mark Twain. Perhaps more appropriately the foundation for such a statement could be argued to originate in scripture in Proverbs 17:28. Oftentimes we reveal too much of ourselves when we speak, especially if our speech has not been properly trained by the word of God and restrained by godly wisdom in the pursuit of Christian edification. While we should always have our heart under construction, we could afford ourselves more opportunities to impact people positively by selectively restraining our speech.

What we are inside generally manifests itself externally at one point or another. Though we may restrain ourselves temporarily, we often fail to control our tongues as often as we should. James clearly expressed to Christians the danger inherent in the unrestrained tongue in chapter three of his New Testament letter. Jesus, though, went further than mere control of the tongue; explaining the heart of the matter. Such, it turns out, is the heart:

"For every tree is known by its own fruit. For men do not gather figs from thorns, nor do they gather grapes from a bramble bush. ⁴⁵ A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth evil. For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks." (Luke 6:44-45)

Therefore, we are fighting a war against the influence and existence of evil on two fronts: our mouths and our hearts. We must concentrate on both restraining our speech so that it does not offend others nor does it cause us to transgress God's law, while simultaneously focusing on cultivating the proper conscience in our minds as we improve our heart condition. The more we "think on these things" (*Phil. 4:8*) the better the reserves of our minds will be when we call words to the tip of our tongues.

What is the connection to listening? Have you ever happened to listen to yourself when in a heated discussion, disagreement, or argument? Have you ever gotten back in your car after unloading a real zinger on someone or gathered your thoughts after a prickly phone conversation and wondered, "Who was that person?" We all could likely find ourselves mortified by what proceeds from our mouths occasionally if we listened from the perspective of someone else, whether in content or tone. Sometimes we simply fail to ensure that our speech is "*with grace, seasoned with salt*" (*Col. 4:6*) and we fail that holy name by which we are called. Let each of us resolve to listen to God's word more and speak less. The scriptures tell us, "*The wise of heart will receive commandments, but a babbling fool will come to ruin*" (*Prov. 10:8 ESV*). Let us receive the commandments of God and train our speech so that what is uttered is both pleasing to God and spiritually and emotionally nutritious to its recipients. We should ever be cautious that our teaching is in love, our correction is with humility, our speech is not vulgar, our jest is not unwholesome, and our response to criticism from another is not in sharpness.

In addition to such an endeavor, let us continually be willing to listen to ourselves and examine whether, by our heart and speech, we are truly in the faith (*2 Cor. 13:5*). We cannot control what we hear from the lips of those around us; but we can and should aggressively and continuously control what we hear coming from our own.

Maturity

By Garreth L. Clair

The need for mature Christians today is as great as it has ever been among the people of God. Mature Christians do not fight and devour one another, as is the practice of so many people today in religious association. There is a great need today for godly elders, preachers, Bible class teachers, and Christians in general in every congregation in our vast brotherhood.

To put it another way, the church today needs men and women who are maturing into dedicated Christians.

In 1 Corinthians 16:13 Paul says, *“Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong.”* Paul is encouraging the Christians at Corinth to manliness (i.e., maturity) in this text.

BUT, maturity consists of many facets; a few of them follow:

1. Maturity is the ability to control anger. We must learn to deal with the problem of anger if we have a problem with it. *“We must not let the sun go down on our anger”* as the old adage says. We must settle our problem of anger with our friends; family, etc. so that we can begin the next day free of anger. We must not allow our anger to abide, for to allow anger to abide in us will allow us time to devise sinful conclusions. We must know how to control this problem that is common to most people. ... Resolve the problems that anger create *“quickly.”*
2. Maturity exhibits itself in patience. Patience is the willingness to pass up temporary pleasure or conquest in favor of the long-term gain.
3. Maturity is perseverance. The ability to sweat out a project in spite of opposition. The mature Christian will hold on until the task is completed.
4. Maturity is the ability to Face unpleasant, difficult, frustration, discomfort, and even defeat, without collapse.
5. Maturity is humility. It is being big enough to say *“I was wrong,”* and when right, the mature Christian will not say, *“I told you so.”*
6. Maturity is the ability to make the right decision and stand on it. The immature spend their lives exploring endless possibilities and projects, and then complete none of them. *“What a wasted life, such is!”*
7. Maturity is dependability. The mature Christian can be counted on to keep his promises and commitments, to keep his word, and to always stand on and defend the *“TRUTH.”*

CONSIDER THIS: The mature Christian will always come through in a crisis (i.e., the dependable). The immature are apt in the alibi department. They are the confused and disorganized. Their lives are a maze of broke, dreams, unfinished projects, and good intentions that somehow never seem to materialize.

8. Maturity is the art of living in peace with that which cannot be changed or altered.

2 John 9-11, *Anyone who runs ahead and does not continue in the teaching of Christ does not have God; whoever continues in the teaching has both the Father and the Son. If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not take him into your house or welcome him. Anyone who welcomes him shares in his wicked work. NIV*

Revelation 22:17-19, *I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds anything to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book. And if anyone takes words away from this book of prophecy, God will take away from him his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book. NIV*

Ephesians 4:1-3, *As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.*

9. Maturity is gained through self-exercise.

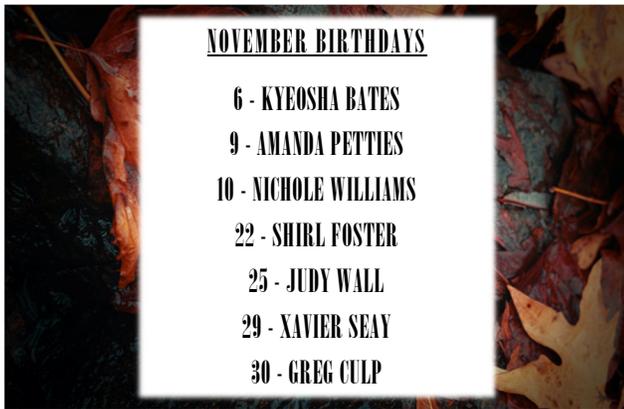
2 Peter 3:18, *But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.*

ALWAYS INSECURE: In our society today there are many bad people. We know that to be true from reading the Newspaper, listening to the radio, watching TV, and surfing on the web. These bad people are a constant source of discouragement to the people that have a desire to live an ethical, moral, and upright life with those around them. The crime rate that has been recently revealed shows violent crime figures down some but this has not created a sense of security in anyone that I have talked to. It seems that in our world there is no peace of mind. But let me assure you of this fact, *“there is peace of mind available to all who really want it. There is available to everyone a relationship that encourages joy, happiness, and well being even while living in the world of today.*

CHRIST IS THE ANSWER TO OUR INSECURITIES! Although our problems are so unsettling as we live in this world, if we are Christian's we have a sense of well-being that the unsaved do not have. As we understand the teaching of Christ we see that our hope for heaven is a secure hope so long as we maintain out faithfulness.

Matt 11:28-30 – *Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.*

Claire, Garreth L. *“Maturity.” Church of Christ Articles*, <https://churchofchristarticles.com/blog/administrator/maturity/>.



NOVEMBER CLEANING CALENDAR

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

Oct 31– TEAM PHIL Michelle Beverly Donna Josephine Yvonne	Nov 21-TEAM ROGER Patrick Brenda Roger Linda
Nov 7- TEAM LEE Lee Natalie Rufus Derek	Nov 28- TEAM JAMES S. James Kim-Marie Xavier Jaden
Nov 14- TEAM ZACK Zack Amanda Diedre Paul Rubye	

CHURCH COMMUNICATION: If you would like to receive church announcements and updates please ensure the office has your cell phone number so you are included in our list.



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

THOSE TO SERVE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2021:



- ANNOUNCEMENTS:** ANDRÉ PETTAWAY
- SONG:** REGGIE BASS
- 1ST PRAYER:** ROGER DEEM
- SCRIPTURE READING:** XAVIER SEAY
- SONG:** REGGIE BASS
- SERMON:** PHIL MCINTOSH
- INVITATION SONG:** REGGIE BASS
- SONG BEFORE COMMUNION:**
REGGIE BASS
- COMMUNION/OFFERING:**
GIANNI GRIFFITH & IVAN MCINTOSH
- CLOSING SONG:** REGGIE BASS
- CLOSING PRAYER:** PAUL PORTLEY
- AUDIO/VISUAL:** PATRICK SELLERS
- SECURITY:** ROGER DEEM & BRUCE BROWN



SCRIPTURE READING

**‘What You Need to Know’
Revelation 20:11-13 (KJV)**

“¹¹ And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.

“¹² And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

“¹³ And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.”

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: Julie Odum is home recovering from surgery and a MRSA infection. Please keep her in your prayers.

-Angela Thomas was admitted into Seton Hospital due to complications with her cancer. Please keep her in your prayers.

-Marcella Williams is recovering from an eye injury. Please keep her in your prayers.

-James Garner's mother is recovering from a recent fall. Please keep her in your prayers.

-Rufus Brown will be consulting with a neurologist to determine if he has suffered from small strokes. Please keep him in your prayers.

-Natasha Arch is in Seton Hospital due to an inability to speak, eat, or walk. Please keep her in your prayers.

-Julia Jones' cousin, Larry Sanford, has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Please keep him in your prayers.

SYMPATHY: We wish to extend our sympathy to the family of Zack & Amanda Petties' nephew on the passing of his mother, Mimi Davis. Please keep this family in your prayers.

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & HOMEBOUND:

Michelle McIntosh's cousin's daughter (Haley), Connie Havens, Shirl Foster, Martha Bell's sister, Julie Odum's mother (Sharon Schmidt), Josephine Spear's friend (Alma Harvey), James Garner & his wife (Tammy), 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, Billye Hughes, Josephine Spear, Jim Dukes, Mary McAnally's son, & sister (Ann Ahrens), 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. 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 has ended. Please return your cans to the office this week.

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 BREAKFAST & BIBLE STUDY: There will be a Men's Breakfast on Saturday, December 4, at 8:30 am, in the fellowship hall. Beginning this December and then continuing, at least, quarterly we will begin a Bible study following our Men's Breakfast. Please make plans to attend in December and bring your Bibles. Please sign up in the foyer with what you would like to bring so we don't double up or leave something missing for our meal.

HOLIDAY BASKETS: Please join us as we prepare holiday baskets for our bereaved on Saturday, December 11th, at 9:30 am, in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to donate to this effort, please see Lee Fisher.

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!

☞NOVEMBER CALENDAR☞

17-Ladies Bible class at 10:00 am, in the fellowship hall.

23- Tuesday night singing (no Wednesday evening service)

22-23 -The secretary will be on vacation.

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

☞DECEMBER CALENDAR☞

1-Singing Night

4-Men's Breakfast, 8:30 am, in the fellowship hall.

11-Holiday Basket project at 9:30 am, in the fellowship hall.

22-Singing Night

23,24-The office will be closed for the Christmas holiday.

29-Singing Night

31-The office will be closed for the New Year holiday.

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