



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 God

~3 in a series of 3~

By Phil McIntosh

It is my hope that you do not see the title of this article and summarily dispatch the plea herein because you assume you have an idea of the content contained within, withholding from your consciousness what could otherwise might be sown. For example, "Oh, he wants me to listen to God; well I already do that" one might think. Please allow me a few minutes of your time to either corroborate that thought and fill you with confidence in your walk with God or challenge that assertion from which you can correct what might be wayward in your search for eternal life and joy.

Moses wrote in the first few chapters of the book of Genesis that God spoke all we are and can experience or witness into existence. The beauty of a velvet black blanket scrawled across the sky sprinkled with twinkling stars, the majestic display of colors with unknown names painted across a sunset late in the evening, the crispness and purity of a fresh blanket of snow, the lulling sound of a pattering rain on the sunroof of a car, the laugh of a friend who is dear to us, and the soothing voice of a mother or a wife when we've had a difficult day are all things which our Heavenly Father has created for us and granted to us. They are all ways in which He speaks to us, though we might not always be receptive to the intended message. Paul referenced God's manifestation of His existence to His creatures in his letter to the Romans **(1:18-21)**. David proclaimed the gifts of God as he wrote: *"The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork"* **(Ps. 19:1)**. When you experience these blessings in life are you allowing them to speak to you? Or do you, as so many tend to, simply view them as white noise in the background of what you're so hurriedly attempting to accomplish and you ignore the finger and impression of God in your world? God has spoken in more than just word; allow His terrestrial and celestial witness to sink down into your heart.

Furthermore, God has spoken in a more direct manner. Through His Spirit God has delivered to us "all things" that are necessary to live and be successful **(1 Peter 1:3)**. The Almighty has graciously extended to us the answers to life's test. One of Jesus' mission statements was that He came to offer the world an abundant life **(John 10:10)**. As awesome as that offer was and as glorious as the prospect of delivery from the mire of sin might be, it comes with a caveat. That is not everyone will accept it. For a surety there will be those who deny the existence of God or the deity of our Lord Jesus; they will be hardened in their hearts and will believe lies from the master of all lies (John 8:44). But the problem is deeper than just those who refuse God's words outright. There is a creeping darkness and a cancerous reality that lurks in our world; that even some of those who claim the Lord's name will not be accepted in that final day as a result of their inaction **(Matt. 7:21-23)**. These will fall short of the gates of Heaven because they didn't truly hear the words of the Creator.

Early in the days of the nation of Israel God told Moses to gather the people together and God would "let them hear" His words to the intent that they would "learn to fear" Him and so that they could "teach their children" **(Deut. 4:10)**. The words of God are profitable for knowing where not to go, where to go, how to get there, and how to correct course when we've gone astray **(2 Tim. 3:16)**. Hearing implies more than merely allowing that which is spoken to pass through our consciousness. Many children can "hear" what a parent says but, as the old adage goes, it can often go "in one ear and out the other." Don't allow such a pitiful occurrence define your relationship with God's words. Resist the temptation to merely pay ear service to God when He speaks while living according to your personal values and conclusions. Jesus says the one who "hears" but does not "do" will ultimately and inevitably fail **(Matt. 7:26-27)**. Do **yourself** a favor and listen; truly and purposefully make time to listen to God. Your soul depends on it.

How Long has it Been?

By Kathy Pollard

What is it about the holidays that feels so bittersweet? "It's the most wonderful time of the year!" And yet, if you've lived long enough, this time of year can be a little hard on your heart. If you are missing loved ones, the sentimental tunes on the radio flood you with precious memories. If you have strained relationships with family members, you're thinking back to happier times before whatever-it-is happened. If you've experienced a big change in your life, you find yourself longing for the way things used to be. Whatever it is, sometimes this time of year can give you a bit of the blues. I know you're doing your best anyway to make others happy. That's the right thing to do, and focusing on others always bring real joy (Phil. 2:1-4). Keep up the good work! But here's a little something for you...a gift from God, if you will, from His heart to yours.

"How long has it been since you talked with the Lord
And told Him your heart's hidden secrets?
How long since you prayed,
How long since you stayed on your knees 'til the light
shone through?
How long has it been since your mind felt at ease,
How long since your heart knew no burden?
Can you call Him your Friend, how long has it been
Since you knew that He cares for you?

How long has it been since you knelt by your bed
And prayed to the Lord up in heaven?
How long since you knew that He'd answer you, and
would
Keep you the long night through?
How long has it been since you woke with the dawn
And felt that the day's worth the living?
Can you call Him your Friend, how long has it been
Since you knew that He cares for you?"

(Mosie Lister)

We sang this in worship last Sunday and the words have been with me all week. No matter the loss, burden, or regrets, it is enough that He cares. It is more than enough that He cares! Think about that when you're feeling a little lonely. The One who knows what you've been through and what you're going through is still with

you, and that is something that will never change. How long has it been since you (really) knew that He cares for you? Let this truth strengthen every smile you offer this season.

"So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us"

(1 John 4:16)

Pollard, Kathy. "How Long Has It Been?" *Christian Woman Daily Devotional*, 22 Dec. 1970, <https://www.abiblecommentary.com/christianwoman/page/4/?s=kathy%2Bpollard>.



**Ladies' Holiday Fellowship
& Ornament Exchange**

DECEMBER 16, AT 6:00 PM

AT THE HOME OF CRETA BALES

-ALL OF THE LADIES ARE INVITED FOR THIS FUN
FELLOWSHIP AND ORNAMENT EXCHANGE.
-PLEASE SIGN UP AT THE LADIES' BULLETIN
BOARD AND BRING YOUR FAVORITE HOLIDAY DISH
AND ONE WRAPPED ORNAMENT.



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 21, 2021:



- ANNOUNCEMENTS:** ANDRÉ PETTAWAY
- SONG:** GAYLEN WILLIAMS
- 1ST PRAYER:** ROGER DEEM
- SCRIPTURE READING:** MICHAEL ROGERS
- SONG:** GAYLEN WILLIAMS
- SERMON:** PHIL MCINTOSH
- INVITATION SONG:** GAYLEN WILLIAMS
- SONG BEFORE COMMUNION:**
GAYLEN WILLIAMS
- COMMUNION/OFFERING:**
DERREL HEGINBOTHAM & JAMES SEAY
- CLOSING SONG:** GAYLEN WILLIAMS
- CLOSING PRAYER:** REGGIE BASS
- AUDIO/VISUAL:** PATRICK SELLERS
- SECURITY:** ROGER DEEM & BRUCE BROWN



SCRIPTURE READING
“Managing Money With the Bible”
Luke 18:18-23 (KJV)

“ ¹⁸ And a certain ruler asked him, saying, Good Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?
¹⁹ And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? none is good, save one, that is, God.
²⁰ Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honour thy father and thy mother.
²¹ And he said, All these have I kept from my youth up.
²² Now when Jesus heard these things, he said unto him, Yet lackest thou one thing: sell all that thou hast, and distribute unto the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, follow me.
²³ And when he heard this, he was very sorrowful: for he was very rich.”

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

MILITARY & CIVILIANS OVERSEAS: Jessica Rogers is home from 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: Rufas Brown was admitted into Advent Hospital for health complications. Please keep him in your prayers.

-Rodney Carter's cousin, Mike Allen, has been ill and is on Hospice care. Please keep him in your prayers.

-Donna Hines' niece, April, will have a biopsy this Tuesday for possible cancer. Please keep her in your prayers.

-Jean Basco has not been feeling well. Please keep her in your prayers.

-Jessie Turner has an infection in her leg bone. Please keep her in your prayers.

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

-Angela Thomas is in Rosewood Rehabilitation Center and receiving physical therapy. Please keep her in your prayers.

-Derica Mitchell's grandmother was admitted into the hospital for kidney stones. Please keep her in your prayers.

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

-Josephine Spear has been battling severe migraines. Please keep her in your prayers.

SYMPATHY: We wish to extend our sympathy to Derek Cole on the loss of his friend, Anthony Romello Johnson, early Thursday morning. Please keep him and his friend's family in your prayers.

-We wish to extend our sympathy to Amelia Lara on the loss of her cousin to cancer. Please keep her family in your prayers.

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & HOMEBOUND:

Marcella Williams, Julia Jones' cousin (Larry Sanford), 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, 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, 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.

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.

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☞

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

1,8,15-Ladies Bible class at 10:00 am, in the fellowship hall.

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

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

16-Ladies fellowship potluck & ornament exchange at Creta Bales home, 6:00 pm.

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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