



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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Assume for a moment you have two choices, neither of which are you pleased to choose. How do you choose? Generally speaking we acquiesce and make a difficult choice, frequently describing such a decision as choosing between "the lesser of two evils." This phrase has been in use since at least the 15th century, but almost assuredly the idea of such a conundrum predated 1400. Since God created man upright and man sought out schemes (*Eccl. 7:29*), one could simultaneously argue that mankind has been inflicted with such difficulty since the early days of the earth and that he has nobody to blame but himself. We frequently use the force of the phrase even without uttering the phrase. We choose the lesser of two bad options frequently. One of the many ways in which we engage in the "lesser of two evils" is in our speech.

God is interested in what we say. The psalmist said the Almighty has knowledge of what we think and say (*Ps. 139:1-4*). Not only does Jehovah possess knowledge of our words, He will keep our impenitent words under guard until we stand before His Son in judgment (*Matt. 12:36*). Armed with such indication from God as per the memory and damaging nature of our words, surely we would be careful what we say! James instructed us to be watchful in our speech, writing that our tongues can create for us an uncomfortable, bitter, or even hateful environment (*Jam. 3:5-6*).

One of the ways which (*virtually*) every Bible believer knows we should not use our words is using the Lord's name in vain. The Old Testament is crystal clear concerning this instruction, plainly commanding, "You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain" (*Ex. 20:7*). What does that mean? The word "vain" means "empty or nothingness" and could perhaps better be explained that one not use the name of God for no reason or for a reason not inclined to proper usage of the Lord's name. In fact, many, perhaps out of a combination of reverence for God and fear of crossing that line, would not even pronounce the name Yahweh (from which we get the word 'Jehovah'). People have been "taking the Lord's name in vain" for generations, millennia even; saying things like "Oh my God" and other similar forms. Bible believers know this is not a phrase to be uttered, for it removes reverence from the name of God and cheapens the name of the Almighty.

Ah, but we have found a way around it! In mankind's engagement in schemes we have discovered how to circumvent the words of God while keeping our desires intact; seemingly finding a way we can have our cake and eat it too. We use what's referred to as a euphemism- a literary "lesser of two evils." Instead of "Oh my God" we say *softer* or more *benign* versions of the same thing ('gee, gosh, golly, gadzooks, crikey, etc). Let me firmly, but kindly, suggest that you take note of Paul's words to the Galatian Christians as he wrote, "Do not be deceived, God is not mocked;" (*Gal. 6:7a*). If you know what you're doing when you say those words you can be assured God does too.

Some might interject however that the command to not take God's name in vain was in the *Old Testament* and we live under the authority of the law of Christ. That is absolutely correct. However, the reverence for God's name and the warning that our words will be remembered on Judgment Day are found in the New Testament too (*Col. 3:8; 2 Tim. 2:19*). Lastly, if one is trying to sidestep a brazenly use of God's name in vain by trying to use a "less evil" word, can it be possible at all they are doing all things by the authority of His name (*Col. 3:17*)? The psalmist said that the *enemies* of God take His name in vain (*Ps. 139:20*). Brethren let us be aware of what we say and be willing to modify our speech so that our Father will be held in reverence in every possible way.

SERVICE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS 9:30 AM

SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:30 AM

WEDNESDAY 7:00 PM


SHEPHERD'S NOTE

That they may serve Me

God freed the children of Israel from Egyptian bondage not only for the purpose of being free, but to serve Him. This phrase is repeated in *Exodus*: “*Let My people go, that they may serve Me*” (*Exodus* 8:1, 20; 9:1, 13; 10:3). Likewise, Christ did not free us from the bondage of sin only to be free, but to serve Him. “*And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness*” (*Romans* 6:18). Just as a soldier who enlists in military service, when we are set free from sin in Christ, we are also called to service- “*As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace*” (*1 Peter* 4:10 ESV). The word “servant” means “a slave or bondservant, someone who sets aside all rights of his own to serve another.” Paul said he was a “*slave*” to Christ. Therefore, we are to first to seek God’s will in all things, to honor and glorify Him, deny ourselves and seek ways to be pleasing to Him- “*The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord And He delights in his way*” (*Psalms* 37:23). And to be a servant is more than keeping up with a to-do list; it means to genuinely care for people. Jesus washed feet. He fed thousands. He walked to visit and heal the sick and dead. He spent time with those no one else cared to spend time with. Jesus lived a life of humility. In *John* 13:15, He is encouraging us to follow His lead and serve one another. “*For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many*” (*Mark* 10:45). The apostle Paul refers to himself as “*a servant of Jesus Christ*” (*Romans* 1:1). Jude refers to himself in the same way, but being the brother of James, rather than taking advantage of his close relationship to Jesus, Jude was content with being a servant. All Jesus’ family, friends, and chosen apostles referred to themselves as His servants. Jesus has bought us “*with a price*” (*1 Corinthians* 6:20). In ancient times a master took on the responsibility of caring for his bondservants, so our Lord says that He will provide all we need when we seek first His kingdom and His righteousness (*Matthew* 6:33). Christ has given us instructions in His Word and expects those who profess His name to know

them. Brothers and Sisters I get it, sometimes spiritual growth happens at different phases in our life. But the charge here is that as we learn more, we need to do better. Servants of Christ will put into practice all they have learned about God’s word and strive daily to be pleasing to Him. While God has specific jobs for each of us according to the gifts and the opportunities He provides, some things are universal for anyone called to be a servant of Christ: Let us all strive to be a Soul Winner for Christ!

Bro. Lee



Men's Breakfast

All of the men are invited to attend on Saturday @ 8:30am on November 6th for a Men's Breakfast and Fellowship. This will serve as a “Meet & Greet” of sorts with the men of the church and Phil as we begin our work together.

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
Marcella

Nov 21-TEAM ROGER
Patrick
Brenda
Roger
Linda

Nov 7- TEAM LEE
Lee
Natalie
Rufus
Derek

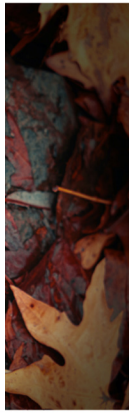
Nov 28- TEAM JAMES S.
James
Kim-Marie
Xavier
Jaden

Nov 14- TEAM ZACK
Zack
Amanda
Diedre
Paul
Rubye



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 6 - KYEOSHA BATES
- 9 - AMANDA PETTIES
- 10 - NICHOLE WILLIAMS
- 22 - SHIRL FOSTER
- 25 - JUDY WALL
- 29 - XAVIER SEAY
- 30 - GREG CULP




TIME CHANGE!

Set your clocks **BACK** one hour this Saturday. DST begins Sunday, November 7th.

WEDNESDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS:

Starting on November 10th, we will begin a "How to Study the Bible" class on Wednesday evenings for the adult Bible class. The books have been ordered and the office will notify the church when they arrive.

There is a workbook to accompany the lessons that the church has provided– they are located on the table by the Bible study materials.



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 31, 2021:



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



SCRIPTURE READING

**‘Christian Evidences: Noah’s Ark’
Psalm 68:1-3 (NKJV)**

“Let God arise, Let His enemies be scattered; Let those also who hate Him flee before Him. ²As smoke is driven away, So drive them away; As wax melts before the fire, So let the wicked perish at the presence of God. ³But let the righteous be glad; Let them rejoice before God; Yes, let them rejoice exceedingly.”

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: Please keep these in your prayers~

-Connie Havens is undergoing surgery tomorrow.
-Angela Thomas is undergoing chemo treatment for cancer. Reach out and see if there is anything we can do.
-Victoria Polanco is recovering well from her surgery.
-David Shilling has returned to Killeen Nursing and Rehabilitation after his recent hospital stay.
-Kensley Woodworth, a 2 year old the Bass family mentioned, is recovering well and should be off the ventilator soon.
-Garnie Miller is rehabilitating at Morada Temple Nursing Home, room #308-B, 4312 S. 31st St., Temple, TX 76502.

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, 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, Tanya, 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 next Sunday, 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!

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.

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 so we don't double up or leave something missing for our meal.

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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