



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 Others

~1 in a series of 3~

By Phil McIntosh



Imagine momentarily that you are having a disagreement with someone. That wasn't very difficult was it? With an approximated eight billion humans inhabiting this world is it an absolute inevitability you will disagree with someone about something at some time. Oftentimes the numbers don't even need to be that large- in a church of one hundred people or a home of four there will be disagreements. How we conduct ourselves during such an exercise is paramount as it can bless the person with which we're having the disagreement, it can cause them harm, and it can create bitterness; it also can reveal much about our heart's health as it pertains to our relationship with God (Matt. 12:37).

Of all of the ways in which relationships break down, communication is likely at the top. Some people don't communicate their thoughts very clearly or effectively and some people don't create an environment for others to communicate their thoughts, quickly dismissing the opinions and words of another. It is easy to be blinded by our individual ambitions and personal world view which can preclude our acceptance of another viewpoint (Jam. 1:19). Permit me to give an example, referencing again that disagreement I asked you to picture: You are waiting as the other participant to the conversation (discussion/disagreement/argument) and, while that person is speaking, you are formulating in your mind what you're going to say and how you're going to respond. If you've ever done that you have created a roadblock to the path forward for improvements in your relationship with that person. When we are so ready to impart our thoughts and points of view to someone else that we are quietly disregarding their opinion and simultaneously crafting our rebuttal, we are not communicating. Such an approach is fruitless and will only stagnate or even erode lines of effective, mutually beneficial communication.

Forcing oneself to be open, really open to the words of another can be a difficult task (Prov. 12:15). After all, can we help it if our opinion is consistently the right one? Can we help it other people are wrong so often? I hope you can perceive the tongue-in-cheek nature of those last two sentences, as they outline a far too often expressed way of thinking in a facetious manner. Truly listening can be a blessing. Believe it or not, you can be wrong (don't feel too much pain, we've all been there and will be again)! Listening to the advice of those older than you, more experienced than you, more studied than you, and even more faithful to God than you can be a massive benefit. In fact, God provided for us such a blessing in His formulation of a spiritual family to guide and exhort us (Titus 2:1-4).

I believe there are elements of listening even implied in Jesus' correction and instruction as it related to the "beam" and the "speck" in His sermon on the mount (Matt. 7:1-5; Lk. 6:41-42). Jesus did not say one had not the ability to attempt to correct and assist their brother spiritually, nor did He mandate that they should disregard such ambition. He said first remove the beam from your eye, so that you could see clearly to help another. I believe implied there is a situation where one Christian addresses their own spiritual shortcomings and is perhaps able to then assist someone else who struggles with sin, possibly even in the same genre of sin. Listening is certainly implied in Christians helping to restore, strengthen, exhort, rebuke, and instruct others (2 Tim. 3:16; Heb. 10:23-24; 2 Tim. 4:2). One of the ways in which we can properly express our love for the brethren is to be willing to listen to them; to set aside personal opinion even for a few moments, and truly listen to our family. Unity is assisted by, amplified by, and perfected by listening, which can produce wholesome, wholesale, effective communication between brothers and sisters in the Lord. Open your ears and your heart; be slow to speak and quick to listen.

Think Before We Speak

Shepherds Notes by Zack Petties

The righteous weigh their answers, but the wicked don't think before speaking because of the unmindful attentiveness care about the effects of their words. It is critical to plan our words carefully and not just pour our thoughts without concern of the Impact it may cause! James 1:19 reminds us *"Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath."* What we say and what we don't say are both important. Incorrect usage of speech or an uncontrolled tongue can do terrible damage in any situation or relationship.

When we speak is it motivated by satan with i.e., unspiritual thoughts and ideas, earthly concerns and desires, selfish ambition, bitter jealousy, and disorderly evil. When our speech should be motivated with Godly wisdom such as: peace, purity, submission, goodness, consideration of others, and sincerity of impartiality with mercy. In Colossians 4: 6, *"Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man."* Just think, when we discuss Christ, it must be in a gracious way that other would listen! We lose our effectiveness if it isn't a courteous approach. Observe the word THINK below:

1. T----Is it TRUE
2. H----Is it HELPFUL
3. I-----Is it INSPIRING
4. N----Is it NECESSARY
5. K----Is it KIND

How encouraging for Timothy to receive the words of Paul in 1 Timothy 4:12 by setting an example in his speech. Many times, we have an opportunity to inspire others. In Matthew 12:34-37 Jesus said, *"For by your words you shall be justified, and by your words you shall be condemned."* What we say reveals what is in our heart. We must allow God's word and obedience to involve in us, having a new attitude and a right motive, then our speech will be salt unto this world.

In Love,
Brother Petties

Read: "Diary of the Bible"

- a. January:** A busy time for me. Most of the family decided to read me through this year. They kept me busy for the first two weeks. I'm now forgotten.
- b. February:** My owner used me for a few minutes last week. He had an argument and was checking references.
- c. March:** Grandpa visited us. He kept me on his lap for an hour, reading I Corinthians 13.
- d. April:** I had a busy day. My owner was appointed a leader of something and used me. I got to go to church the first time this year, Easter Sunday.
- e. May:** I have a few grass stains on my pages. I had some early spring flowers pressed in me.
- f. June:** I look like a scrap book. They have stuffed me full of clippings. One of the girls got married.
- g. July:** They put me in a suitcase today. I guess we're off on a vacation. I wish I could stay at home, as I will have to stay in this thing for a month.
- h. August:** Still in the suitcase.
- i. September:** Back home again, and in by old place. I have lots of company, two "True Stories" and four "Funny Books" are on top of me. I wish I could be read as much as they are.
- j. October:** They used me a little today. One of them is sick. Right now I'm all shined up and in the center of the table. I think the preacher is coming.
- k. November:** Back in my old place.
- l. December:** They are getting ready for Christmas. I'll be covered under wrapping papers and packages.
- SOURCE UNKNOWN

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

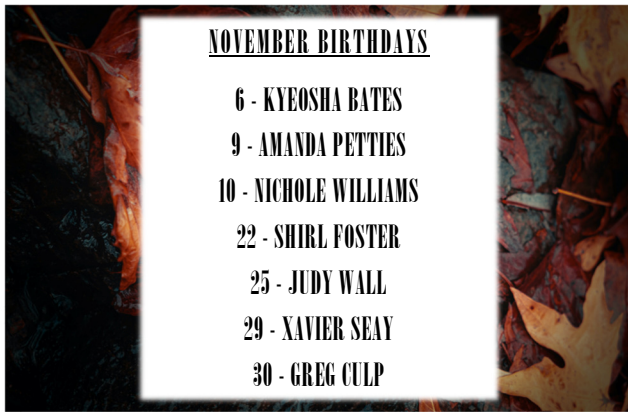
Lee
Natalie
Rufus
Derek

Nov 28- TEAM JAMES S.

James
Kim-Marie
Xavier
Jaden

Nov 14- TEAM ZACK

Zack
Amanda
Diedre
Paul
Rubye



THOSE TO SERVE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2021:



- ANNOUNCEMENTS:** GAYLEN WILLIAMS
- SONG:** REGGIE BASS
- 1ST PRAYER:** ANDRÉ PETTAWAY
- 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:**
DERREL HEGINBOTHAM
- AUDIO/VISUAL:** PATRICK SELLERS
- SECURITY:** ROGER DEEM & BRUCE BROWN



SCRIPTURE READING

‘Arm Yourself’

2 Corinthians 10:3-6 (KJV)

“³ For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: ⁴ (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) ⁵ Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ; ⁶ And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.”

WEDNESDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS: The "How to Study the Bible" book order has arrived. Please feel free to stop by the office at your convenience to pick up your copy if you ordered one. There are workbooks available on the table in the foyer if you're going to attend the Wednesday night Bible class 'How to Study the Bible', beginning November 10th. Please pick up your copy, keep it with you and bring it to every class period.

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!

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: Connie Havens is recovering from surgery last Monday and is doing well. At this time, she asks for no visitors, but calls are welcomed. Please keep her in your prayers.

-Angela Thomas is receiving chemotherapy to battle her stage 4 pancreatic cancer. She has asked for no visitors at this time. Please keep her in your prayers.

-Shirl Foster is battling shingles and back pain. Please keep her in your prayers.

-Dan Carter is recovering from a severe dog bite. Please keep him in your prayers.

-Michelle McIntosh's cousin's daughter, Haley, had a seizure and fell causing a concussion. Please keep her in your prayers.

SYMPATHY: We wish to extend our sympathy to the family of David Shilling, who passed away on October 27th. His memorial service was here at the building yesterday.

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), 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, 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: The next monthly Men's Breakfast & Bible Study will be Saturday, December 4, 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.

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.

VETERAN'S DAY: The office will be closed on Thursday, November 11, in observance of the Veteran's Day federal holiday. Thank you all for your service!



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

7-Time change (time moves back one hour)

11-The office will be closed in observance of the Veteran's Day holiday.

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

13-Ladies' Breakfast & Workday, 9:30 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.

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