



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

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

A Crisp New Page

By Phil McIntosh

There is just something nice about new things that get people excited. Perhaps I'm odd, but I derive a great amount of enjoyment from peeling the plastic off of new things. I guess in some ways I'm like the kid that would rather play with a box than the actual toy it contained, because when I get a new phone or other device I love the feel and sound of peeling that layer of plastic film from the top. The exposed device underneath is pristine, it is untouched, it is unmarred, and nothing but a life of possibility lay in front it. Maybe you have some peculiarity associated with new things: the feel of the crisp pages of a new book, the smell inside a new car, the vibrancy of a new shirt, or smell of brand new leather. There is value in the potential of new. For a few minutes let me share with you two ways we can look at "new" and extricate from it a spiritual application (**Rom. 8:6**).

Firstly, something new is unbroken. It has not weathered the storm, it has not taken abuse at the hands of anyone, and it has not seen discouragement. Take a look at some of your old things. How much wear and tear have you wrought on your possessions? Even things we love bear the marks of use. Something new, in some ways, affords us the opportunity to turn the page (pun intended). Perhaps everyone honest enough to admit it could compile a list of things they wished they'd done differently last year. We could recall to mind words we spoke that smacked someone harder than we intended, actions we left undone that could have benefited someone else, feelings that created distance between friends or family, forgiveness that should have been given, movies that shouldn't have been watched, and ultimately, decisions we wish we had made with greater care, prayer, and consideration. Though we're human and we're going to make mistakes, that doesn't excuse us from attempting to live righteously (**Titus 2:11-13**). Rather, it should fill us with greater resolve to not repeat them, to prove to ourselves and to God that our faith is maturing and we along with it (**Heb. 5:12-14**). How should one deal with the mistakes of yesteryear? Persevere:

"Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. ¹³ Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, ¹⁴ I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." -**Philippians 2:12-14**

Secondly, something new has untapped potential. Someone once said that "potential means you haven't done anything yet." We are only one day into January; only one day in to the year 2022. Who knows what it holds for you? Will you cry, laugh, mourn, or rejoice? Probably all of the above in some way, shape, or form. Will you mature, learn, evangelize, teach, preach, sing, study, edify, unify, forgive, and pursue righteousness? That's up to you. The year is brand new. The day is brand new. Every time God grants us a "New Year" many overlook its immense value. Often there are the traditional "new year's resolutions" made, but generally forgotten by February, if they ever see the light of January. Don't waste the "new" God has just delivered to you. Appreciate the blank slate that lies out before you and remember the God who has provided you the hope to live it in joy and peace.

"Through the LORD's mercies we are not consumed,
Because His compassions fail not.

²³ They are new every morning;

Great is Your faithfulness.

²⁴ "The LORD is my portion," says my soul,

"Therefore I hope in Him!"

²⁵ The LORD is good to those who wait for Him,

To the soul who seeks Him.

²⁶ It is good that one should hope and wait quietly

For the salvation of the LORD."

-**Lamentations 3:22-26**

Your page for 2022 is blank, crisp, and new- what will you write on it (**Gal. 2:20**)?

OUR EYES ARE FOR SEEING

By Sandra Oliver

Have you ever known anyone that was blind? I once met a lady that was deaf, dumb, and blind. She was an incredible woman who faithfully attended worship, signed with her hands, and smiled as though she was a normal individual.

I can't imagine what it would be like to live like that. I appreciate the ability to hear, see, and speak, as I am sure all who have those abilities do. I wonder, however, how well we use those gifts. Do we use them to their best advantages? I wonder if we don't misuse any or all of these more than using them for the purpose God intended. Notice that God gave us two ears, two eyes, and just one mouth. I think that fact speaks for itself.

As we begin a new year, I want us to think particularly about our eyes and what we will see in 2022. It really depends on us to determine what will catch our attention in the year ahead. We will certainly continue to see people in masks, failed businesses, homeless men and women begging on street corners, and many other signs of the ongoing pandemic. We can easily see that our world has been forever changed. We can, however, just as easily see the good things; and that is what I want us to see.

In the book of First Corinthians, Paul was writing to fellow Christians about collecting money to send to the church in Jerusalem. The churches in Galatia were doing the same thing, taking up money to support the less fortunate. Paul says that he will accompany those whom they, the church in Corinth, select to carry these funds to their fellow Christians. He promises to visit with the Christians at Corinth after making a trip through Macedonia. He says he plans to stay through the winter with them so they can encourage him on his journey. Then Paul says something that gives me the basis for saying that our eyes are for seeing. He says, "*But I will stay in Ephesus until Pentecost, for a wide door for effective work has opened to me, and there are many adversaries*" (First Corinthians 16:8-9 ESV).

Paul was looking forward to visiting Corinth, taking their contributions to Jerusalem, and visiting with the Christians in the City of David. His plans were temporarily changed because he "saw" an opportunity. A door was opened, and he saw that there were adversaries

in the way of the opportunity. So, he stayed where he could do the most good.

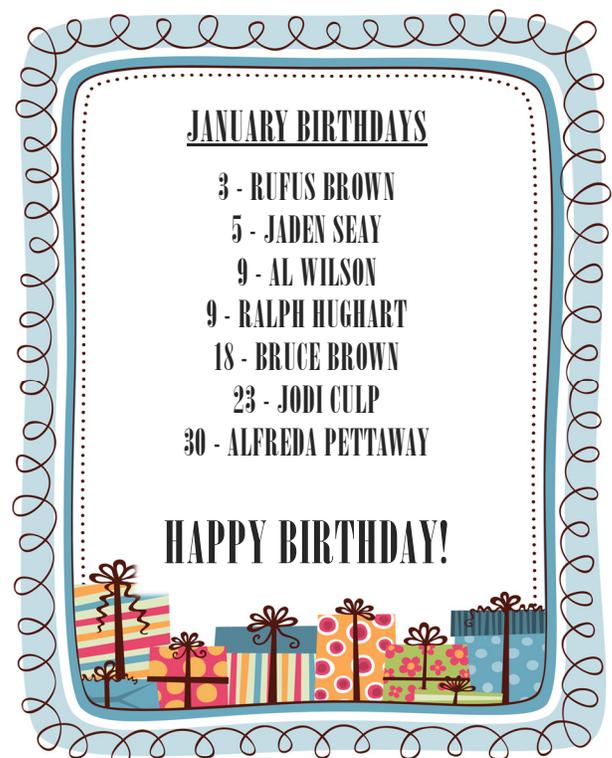
I suggest that we all miss opportunities. We miss them either because we don't recognize them, or we simply ignore them. I think we ignore them because we see adversaries; and we either don't want to deal with them or don't know how.

We need to look for opportunities to share the gospel, opportunities to serve, opportunities to be kind. All of these represent an opportunity to show our Christianity to those with whom we come in contact.

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus talked about our example to the world. He said, "*You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven*" (Matthew 5:14-16).

As we begin the new year, may we choose as our primary resolution to open our eyes and see opportunities to be a light to others. After all, Jesus commanded it.

Oliver, S. (2021, December 30). *Our eyes are for seeing*. Christian woman daily devotional. Retrieved December 30, 2021, from <https://www.abiblecommentary.com/christianwoman/our-eyes-are-for-seeing/>



CHURCH PANTRY DRIVE

We are collecting the following food items:

- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Fruits
- Canned Meats (tuna, chicken, Spam)
- Pasta Sauces
- Beans (canned & dry)
- Cereals
- Soups
- Ramen Noodles
- Paper Towels

Please place these items in the pantry box located in the foyer-Thank you!

JANUARY CLEANING CALENDAR

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

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| <p>Jan 2- TEAM JAMES S. James Kim-Marie Xavier Jaden</p> <p>9- TEAM PHIL Michelle Beverly Donna Josephine Yvonne</p> <p>16- TEAM LEE Lee Natalie Rufus Derek</p> | <p>23- TEAM ZACK Zack Amanda Diedre Paul Rubye</p> <p>30-TEAM ROGER Patrick Brenda Roger Linda</p> |
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VISITOR INVITES: Invite your family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, or anyone to our services with the visitor brochures located in the foyer!

THOSE TO SERVE SUNDAY, JANUARY 2, 2022:

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- ♦ **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** GAYLEN WILLIAMS
 - ♦ **SONG:** REGGIE BASS
 - ♦ **1ST PRAYER:** LEE FISHER
 - ♦ **SCRIPTURE READING:** DEREK COLE
 - ♦ **SONG:** REGGIE BASS
 - ♦ **SERMON:** PHIL MCINTOSH
 - ♦ **INVITATION SONG:** REGGIE BASS
 - ♦ **SONG BEFORE COMMUNION:** REGGIE BASS
 - ♦ **COMMUNION/OFFERING:**
ANDRÉ PETTAWAY & ROGER DEEM
 - ♦ **CLOSING SONG:** REGGIE BASS
 - ♦ **CLOSING PRAYER:** DAN CARTER
 - ♦ **AUDIO/VISUAL:** PATRICK SELLERS
 - ♦ **SECURITY:** BRUCE BROWN & ROGER DEEM

Scripture Reading

“In 2022 I will...”

Philippians 3:12-14

“¹² Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus.

¹³ Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,

¹⁴ I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.”

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

REMEMBER OUR MILITARY: Michael Rogers is leaving this week for ALC school in Georgia, and Jessica Rogers will deploy to Kuwait in mid-January. Please keep this family in your prayers.

PLEASE KEEP THESE MEMBERS AND LOVED ONES IN YOUR PRAYERS: Angela Thomas is in Scott and White hospital with heart concerns and recovering from blood poisoning.

-Creta Bales has been diagnosed with covid.

-Brenda Sellers' mother, Janice Gilcrest, has been suffering falls and going unconscious.

-Phil McIntosh's sister's foster baby, Ari, is six months old with ongoing health problems and currently has low oxygen.

-Barbara Robinson is scheduled to be admitted into a skilled nursing facility to get her mobile again.

-Donna Hines's niece, April, had a chemotherapy port placed in last Wednesday.

-Natasha Arch is now home and will have physical therapy.

-Adam Zak will have two biopsies on Jan. 3rd & 4th.

-Prayers have been requested for brother Tario Ali as he travels on Wednesday to Chicago. His father-in-law passed away. Please pray for his wife as well.

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & HOMEBOUND:

James Seay, Deja Williams, Gaylen Williams's sister (Dana), Millie Simcox's friend (Floydada Barnett), James Garner, his wife, & family, Linda Deem's brother & his son, Alfreda Pettaway, Tanja, Tiffany, Arch, Josephine Spear's sister (Rose), Julia Jones' cousin (Larry Sanford), Amanda Petties' brother (Anthony Allen) & sister (Jewel), Rufus Brown, Ashlyn Almeida, Marcella Williams' brother-in-law (Johnnie Milford), Michelle McIntosh's cousin's daughter (Haley), Shirl Foster, Martha Bell's sister, Julie Odum and her mother (Sharon Schmidt), Ken Sellers, Garnie & Nada Miller, Lois Brown, Cheryl Flores' brother-in-law (Raymond Flores), Tim Matter's aunt (Vivian), 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, Gladys Driver, Willard Dunn, Archie & Jessie Turner, and Linda Walts. Please keep these members and loved ones in your prayers as they battle health problems.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON: Join us for our monthly Fellowship Luncheon following the morning service, in the fellowship hall. **KITCHEN GROUP #1** will have kitchen duties (Brenda Sellers, Martha Bell, Lois Brown, Amanda Petties, & Victoria Polanco).

SAVE THE DATES STARTING IN JANUARY 2022:

-Starting January 9th, then monthly, each second Sunday, at 5:00 pm, there will be a Youth Devotional. If anyone would like to host a devotional at their home, please see one of the elders, or Phil McIntosh. Otherwise, it will be in the fellowship hall.

-There will be a P.E.P. (Personal Evangelism & Pizza) Night on January 16th, at 6:00 pm, in the fellowship hall to discuss and encourage each other in building up our personal evangelism efforts. Then each month following, we will meet every third Friday at 6:00 pm. For any questions, please see Phil McIntosh.

-Starting January 26th, then every fourth Wednesday of each month, there will be a singing class and practice before the regular Wednesday night devotional at 6:00 pm.

*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!

❧ JANUARY CALENDAR ❧

5-Singing Night

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

9-Youth Devotional at 5:00 pm.

5,12,19,26-Ladies Bible class at 10:00 am in the fellowship hall.

8-Men's breakfast at 8:30 am in the fellowship hall.

15-Ladies breakfast & workday at 9:30 am in the fellowship hall.

15-Men's Bowling at 1:00 pm, at the Hallmark Lanes.

16-P.E.P. (Personal Evangelism & Pizza) Night in the fellowship hall, at 6:00 pm.

17-The office will be closed for the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

26-Singing class & practice at 6:00 pm.

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