



# 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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Stephenville, TX*

*Sunny Glen  
Children's Home  
San Benito, TX*

### **SERVICE SCHEDULE**

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS\_ 9:30 AM

SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:30 AM

WEDNESDAY 7:00 PM

## Have It Your Way: Part 2

—By Phil McIntosh—

Someone once said that if we all liked the same things this world would be a pretty boring place to live. A similar and connected trite cliché is that “variety is the spice of life.” Both of those utterances have a place in our lives. Different people liking different things can keep our environments interesting. Be it because of friends, future marriage partners, members of the church, and etc., we are able to experience a vast spectrum of emotions in life and accentuate different parts of our heart and mind as varying personalities nudge us toward a plethora of situations. We don’t all paint with the same size brush, the same colors, or on the same type of canvas. And that’s ok. God made us as we are and we should give Him glory for our similarities as well as our differences (*Ps. 139:14*).

Though our intricacies and uniqueness should be accepted and even celebrated, there are some areas wherein having things “our way” is a detriment to us. If you would allow me to use an elementary example, let me express to you that in the mathematical world there are clear eventualities which cannot be argued without causing problems for the one who is so inclined. For instance: two plus two will always equal four. One might wish for that equation to produce a different result. One might suggest that the rules should bend in a particular situation. Whatever the disagreement or dissatisfaction, two plus two still equal four; it is a reality that cannot be abandoned without chaos.

That said, our interest in life is not so superficial. Though mathematics is certain, and acquiescence to its rules is necessary in life, we have “bigger fish to fry.” We are spiritual beings at our core (*Job 10:10-11; Gen. 2:7; Eccl. 12:7*). One way or another the spirit which comprises our true being and inhabits this temporary tent (*2 Cor. 5:1*) will be gathered to the Lord to be judged. Since that is our universally shared inevitability we should be focused on a higher plane of existence and consciousness. Paul urged the Ephesian Christians to “walk circumspectly” (*Eph. 5:15*) and he urged the Christians in Colossae to “seek” the things that are “above” where our Lord is (*Col. 3:1-3*). That being our aim we progress to a spiritual discussion about the chaos which ensues when we seek to have our own way spiritually.

Serving as our example in this brief exercise is the work of the servants of God in the world of old. In the book of Exodus we read that God had freed His people from their horrible captivity in the land of Egypt. He carefully and perfectly led them through the Red Sea and into the Sinai Peninsula, desiring to lead them into the Promised Land of Canaan (*Ex. 3:7-10*). At one point along the way God delivered instructions to Moses to build the tabernacle. This served as a sort of mobile place of worship which would house the Ark of the Covenant and various other implements to serve functions in honoring and worshipping God. Moses was tasked with the responsibility of organizing it, but others were used in much of the actual handiwork. This brings us to Exodus 36 where we meet some men whose job it was to work and craft. They were gifted, they were talented, and they had abilities which could be used to glorify and serve God. Look at the text briefly:

“And Bezalel and Aholiab, and every gifted artisan in whom the LORD has put wisdom and understanding, to know how to do all manner of work for the service of the sanctuary, shall do according to all that the LORD has commanded.” –Exodus 36:1

What if these men didn’t agree with God’s rules or regulations? What if these men had decided they wanted to use their talent differently than God requested? Surely one would not assume God would have been pleased since He gave specific instructions

throughout this world's existence that He expects us to deliver according to what has been commanded (*Lev. 10:1-3; Josh. 1:6-9; Rev. 22:18-19*).

Perhaps some people today might not like God's regulations and instructions as it relates to our worship. Perhaps they might say that one way or another would be better, and one way is just as good as another, and if God gave them a talent surely He would approve if they used it within the worship service as they see fit. Let us always remember that our instructions for an approved spiritual life, which most certainly includes our worship services, have been revealed and mandated by God (*Jn. 17:17*). Man is not at liberty to alter the service he offers to God, not without chaos and eternal consequence. Let us seek to always be like those men in Exodus and "do according to all that the Lord has commanded" (*Eccl. 12:13*).



### MARCH CLEANING CALENDAR

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

Feb. 27-TEAM ROGER	20-TEAM LEE
Patrick	Lee
Brenda	Natalie
Roger	Rufus
Linda	Derek
	Ken
March 6-TEAM JAMES S.	Tim
Kim-Marie	
Xavier	27-TEAM ZACK
Jaden	Zack
Kingsford	Amanda
	Diedre
13-TEAM PHIL	Paul
Michelle	Ruby
Beverly	
Donna	
Josephine	
Yvonne	

## LAST RESORT

Shepherds Notes By Zack Petties

Worry is an indicator of a lack of faith in and understanding of God. Worry keeps us from real challenges God wants us to pursue when we should, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matt. 6:33). Seeking indicates a continual or constant seeking which is one's first and even dominant concern. We should put God first in our life, above all else, and to fill our thoughts with HIS desires. But our priority is usually to try all else first, and if that fails then we'll consider God as our last resort.

In the book of Judges 10:10-14, once again the Israelites suffered for many years before discharging their sinful ways and called out to God for help (also in 4:1-3, 6:1-6). When the Israelites were at the end of their rope they did not look to their gods for help, but to the only one who was really able to help. They cried out to the Lord, acknowledging that they had forsaken God. The Lord responded, delivering them from the Egyptians, Amorites, Ammon, Philistines, Zidonians, Amalekites, and the Maonites which oppressed them. God never failed to rescue them when they called out to him in repentance. And God never fails to rescue us either. The same application should regard our practice giving to God, our very best portion not our leftovers. In Proverbs 3:9,10 giving to God our first helps us to overcome greed and to properly manage God's resources. We allow God to become greater and greater, we become less and less, (John 3:30). We must be aware not to put emphasis on our achievements above God! When we choose to abandon God and put anything before him, he replied in Judges 10:13-15 "Yet you have abandoned me and serve other gods...and go cry out to the gods." There are different ways to fail to commit to the Lord, commit to their jobs, an act of doing, temporary control of their interest, only to take back, and putting forth no effort. Let not your desires consider God to be your last resort!

Trust in God because everything depends on him, and work in God because everything depends on him. "Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take (Proverbs 3:6)."

In love,  
Brother Petties



## NEWS FROM THE PEWS

**PLEASE REMEMBER OUR MILITARY & CIVILIANS IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Michael Rogers is in ALC school in Georgia and his wife, Jessica, is in Kuwait.

-Tracy Wilson's son, Zane Wilson, is in Warrant Officer Cadet School in Ft. Rucker, Alabama.

**PLEASE KEEP THESE MEMBERS AND LOVED ONES IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Donna Hines' niece, April, is still undergoing chemotherapy, however, she is no longer testing positive for Covid.

-Tracy Wilson had a surgical procedure Wednesday and requests our prayers for good results from the test.

-Shirl Foster's daughter had surgery last Wednesday and she is now recovering.

-James Seay will be rehabilitating over the next couple of months for his neck.

-Meraiah Johnson's sister, Hannah, is scheduled for gallstone surgery on March 2nd.

-Gary Foster will undergo cataract surgery on March 8th.

-Adam Zak will have a dermatology procedure on March 14th.

-Deja Williams will be away until March 26th.

**CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & HOME-BOUND:** Martha Chafin, Amelia Lara, Scott Davis, Rodney Carter, Beverly Williams' aunt (Dorothy Sauls), Ken Sellers, Tim Matter's brother (Michael), Jim Dukes, James Garner & his wife (Tammy), & family, Josephine Spear's sister (Rose) & friend (Iris), Linda Deem's nephew, Tanja & Tiffany Arch, Julia Jones' cousin (Larry Sanford), Amanda Petties' brother (Anthony Allen) & sister (Jewel), Rufus Brown, Marcella Williams' brother-in-law (Johnnie Milford), Shirl Foster, Martha Bell's sister, Julie Odum's mother (Sharon Schmidt), Garnie & Nada Miller, Lois Brown, Cheryl Flores' brother-in-law (Raymond Flores), Charles Culver, Billye Hughes, Mary McAnally's son, & sister (Ann Ahrens), Esther Cox, Gladys Driver, Willard Dunn, Archie & Jessie Turner, and Linda Walts. Please keep these members & loved ones in your prayers as they battle health problems.

**SYMPATHY:** We wish to extend our sympathy and prayers for the family of Ollie Mae Jones, who passed away on February 23rd. Her funeral service will be in Florida. Please keep this family in your prayers.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST & BIBLE STUDY:** There will be a Men's breakfast and quarterly Bible study on Saturday, March 5th, beginning at 8:30 am, in the fellowship hall. Please make plans to attend, bring your Bibles, and sign up in the foyer with what you would like to bring.

**FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON:** Join us for our next Fellowship Luncheon on Sunday, March 6th, following the morning service. Please bring casseroles, meat dishes, vegetables, and desserts. Kitchen group #2 will have kitchen duty (Judy Wall, Creta Bales, Linda Deem, Cheryl Flores, Yvonne Hardiman, & Josephine Spear).

## *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!*

### **☞MARCH CALENDAR☞**

2-Singing Night

2,9,23,30-Ladies Bible class at 10:00 am in the fellowship hall. (Note: No ladies' Bible class on March 16th)

5-Men's breakfast & Bible Study at 8:30 am in the fellowship hall.

6-Fellowship Luncheon: Kitchen Group #2 will have kitchen duty.

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

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

20-Daylight Savings Time (move clocks one hour forward).

20-Begin Cherokee Drive

20-End blanket drive

20-Youth Devotional at 5:00 pm.

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

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