



# 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

## Open Your Mind for Heaven

By Phil McIntosh

If you were asked to take a moment and engage in an honest self-assessment, would you say that you were generally open-minded or closed-minded? If you aren't sure, here are a few questions you can answer to ascertain the more predominant trait: 1) Do you have many opinions about various and sundry things in life; 2) Do you usually hold tightly to your opinions; 3) Are you willing to listen when someone suggests a new perspective on a topic; 4) How frequently do you dismiss an opinion different than yours without even considering it; and 5) Are you confident that your methods, thoughts, opinions, and conclusions are the correct one? If your answers were: 1) yes, 2) yes, 3) no, 4) pretty often, and 5) yes, then it is likely you are more closed-minded than open-minded. While being too open-minded can present its own difficulties, there are a variety of ways in which being closed-minded can be detrimental to your life.

Being closed-minded might not be a terrible human quality in every situation; however, it could cause conflict between yourself and others. One might consider that a personality typified by closed-mindedness would not be congruent with the Apostle Paul's plea in **Romans 12:18** to, "If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men." The human condition leads us to make varying, often firm, conclusions regarding political, parental, marital, educational, nutritional, moral, and yes, spiritual aspects of the world around us.

As it pertains to conclusions in which we may be unwaveringly devoted, those which are spiritual are often in the realm of nigh untouchable. You know God, you read your Bible, you love and revere God, and you won't allow anybody or anything do even begin to move the needle regarding what you believe biblically. While gripping your opinions and conclusions about God, His word, and what will please Him with extreme determination and force is commendable, what good would that fierce devotion benefit you if they are incorrect? Remember, the Bible says in **1 Thessalonians 5:21** to, "test all things; hold fast what is good."

Sometimes we have our opinions molded for us without even realizing it. Have you noticed that you often have opinions which match those held by your family, those of the news channels you watch, or those of your friends? Unbeknownst to us, our opinions are often influenced by our surroundings and, in the case of family, those who raised us. Have you ever thought something or said something and then thought, "I sound just like my (insert mother, father, grandmother, etc. here)"? We have our opinions formed partially by those more highly educated than we and may frequently defer to them in matters requiring an intellectual position or reasoning. While such a molding of identity might not be a hazard in all areas of life, it can be fatal when applied to the Bible. God desires you to think for yourself, make a personal decision to come to Him, personally read His word, and be diligent to dedicate **your** heart to Him as you build **your** faith (**2 Tim.2:15**). We must be cognizant of what has formed our opinions, especially as it relates to spiritual matters. Nobody else in this world is in charge of determining your eternal destiny; you alone have the power and responsibility to pilot that ship (**2 Cor. 5:9-10**).

Finally, let me urge you to consider from the teaching of Jesus that you should be more open-minded. Is there not grand respect for the *red letters* in the Bible? As an aside, I beg you not to dismiss other texts because they're in black; all scripture came from God through His Spirit (**2 Pet. 1:20-21**) and the totality of God's word is needful for a proper understanding, proper Christian life, and for obtaining eternal salvation (**2 Tim. 3:16-17**). Returning to the instruction of Jesus, I suggest you read through Matthew 5 (the first chapter of three which we refer to as the 'Sermon on the Mount'). In Jesus' famous speech He challenged His hearers. He was challenging people who believed they were already God's people; people who had the oracles of God for many generations (**Rom. 3:1-2**). As Jesus taught them, He said many times, "You have heard it was said..." What was He teaching? He was telling them the conclusions they previously held needed to change; essentially instructing them they needed to accept the teaching of Jesus above all else they had ever heard.

We need to be more open-minded to the words of God and ensure that our conclusions are finished safely within the confines of what God has revealed and not tinted with personal feeling, teaching from our past, the shaky wisdom of man, or anything else that could be contrary to sound doctrine. So, be firm in your convictions regarding God's word, only so far as they are based firmly in and on God's word. And, in addition, be willing to be open-minded; invite God's word to mold your previously held opinions and conclusions, ensuring your future entry through those gates into the holy city in Heaven.



**SWEETHEART BANQUET**

Join us for a night of fellowship & fun at the Sweetheart Banquet for couples & singles on February 13th, from 5-7 pm, in the fellowship hall. We are meeting for a little fancier dinner than normal where the men will serve the women. The menu is posted in the foyer for people to sign up. Preselected couples will play the "Not So Newlywed Game" so come & enjoy this time of fellowship together!



*Just Once In A Lifetime*

*Just once in a Lifetime-  
In the early morning with a sky so blue,  
Praying to the Lord what shall I do.  
A day that your light may surely shine,  
Not knowing it may be the last time-  
Just once in a lifetime.*

*Meeting someone whom inquires your presence,  
Shall see God's word in you has made a reference.  
A burning fire that dwells within you,  
When you hear, believe, repent, confess, and be baptized,  
You shall be anew-  
Just once in a lifetime.*

*A capturing heart with a smile;  
No matter what this world brings,  
You uphold a Christian profile.  
Every chance you get is worth the time,  
The steps you take in Christ you mime-  
Just once in a lifetime.*

*Life can appear easy or even hard,  
But being around a person like you we can't avoid.  
You are the one we have thankfully met,  
Now together as one this will forever beget-  
Just once in a lifetime.*

*May the Lord continue to guide you dearly,  
The brothers and sisters HERE love you sincerely!*

*In Love to our Widow/Widowers,  
Brother Petties*



**VISITOR INVITES:** Invite your family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, or anyone to our services with the visitor brochures located in the foyer!



**SHARE THE WARMTH**

*The ladies of the congregation are collecting new socks and gloves (all sizes) for the homeless shelters through Saturday, February 12<sup>th</sup>. Please place them in the box in the foyer. THANK YOU!!!*

**YOUTH DEVOTIONAL**

If you would like to host the February 20th Youth Devotional at your home, please see Phil McIntosh or Gaylen Williams.



**FEBRUARY 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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| <b>6-TEAM PHIL</b><br>Michelle<br>Beverly<br>Donna<br>Josephine<br>Yvonne | <b>20-TEAM ZACK</b><br>Zack<br>Amanda<br>Diedre<br>Paul<br>Ruby |
| <b>13-TEAM LEE</b><br>Lee<br>Natalie<br>Rufus<br>Derek<br>Ken             | <b>27-TEAM ROGER</b><br>Patrick<br>Brenda<br>Roger<br>Linda     |

- THOSE TO SERVE**  
**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2022:**
- ◆ ANNOUNCEMENTS: ANDRÉ PETTAWAY
  - ◆ SONG: REGGIE BASS
  - ◆ 1ST PRAYER: PAUL PORTLEY
  - ◆ SCRIPTURE READING: GIANNI GRIFFITH
  - ◆ SONG: REGGIE BASS
  - ◆ SERMON: PHIL MCINTOSH
  - ◆ INVITATION SONG: REGGIE BASS
  - ◆ SONG BEFORE COMMUNION: REGGIE BASS
  - ◆ COMMUNION/OFFERING:  
GAYLEN WILLIAMS & ROGER DEEM
  - ◆ CLOSING SONG: REGGIE BASS
  - ◆ CLOSING PRAYER: DAN CARTER
  - ◆ AUDIO/VISUAL: PATRICK SELLERS
  - ◆ SECURITY: BRUCE BROWN & ROGER DEEM

**Scripture Reading**

**“Milk & Honey”**  
**Deuteronomy 32:1-4**

*“Give ear, O ye heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth.*

*<sup>2</sup> My doctrine shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distil as the dew, as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass:*

*<sup>3</sup> Because I will publish the name of the Lord: ascribe ye greatness unto our God.*

*<sup>4</sup> He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he.”*

## NEWS FROM THE PEWS

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

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

-Derek Cole is training soldiers in Ohio until Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>.

**PLEASE KEEP THESE MEMBERS AND LOVED ONES IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Ollie Jones had to relocate to her daughter's home in Florida. She has brain cancer and is not expected to be here much longer. She does receive her mail from her Killeen address and loves cards. Please write her a card of encouragement.

-Meraiah Johnson's sister, Hannah, will have gallstone surgery on March 2nd.

-Adam Zak is scheduled to have a scope of his throat on February 8th, and his dermatology appointment was rescheduled to the 14th.

-Rodney Carter and Judy Wall are recovering from Covid.

-Creta Bales is recovering from respiratory problems.

-Brenda Sellers' mother is in a Houston hospital awaiting gall bladder surgery.

-Ken Sellers followed up with his doctor last Friday and may have a blocked vein. He will have a CT scan and follow up with his doctor in person this summer.

-Former member, Ed Lieske's wife, Teresa is hospitalized w/ Covid & her condition has worsened.

-Gaylen Williams asked to pray for a little boy named Mac, who is 4 years old, and just had a heart valve replacement.

-Alexis Gaither's father is back home and getting better. She thanks the church for their prayers.

-Josephine Spear requests prayers for her niece, Eboni, and Betty Collins, who is in a nursing home.

-Amelia Lara is asking prayers for her daughter, Latisha, who has cancer, and is in the hospital.

**SYMPATHY:** We wish to extend our sympathy to the family of Barbara Robinson, who passed away last January 26th. Her visitation will be Wednesday, February 16th, here at the building from 12-1 pm, with the service will following at 1 pm. Please keep this family in your prayers.

-Due to the weather last Thursday, Jean Basco's viewing and service have been rescheduled for January 23rd, 8-9 am for the viewing, then 9 am for the service at Crawford-Bowers Funeral Home. Please keep this family in your prayers.

**CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & HOMEBOUND:** André Pettaway's nephew (Wesley Rudolph), Tim Matter's brother (Michael), Yvonne Hardiman, Jim Dukes, Ken Sellers, Martha Chafin, James Garner & his wife (Tammy), Donna Hines' niece (April), Josephine Spear's sister (Rose) & friend (Iris), James Seay, 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 & her 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.

**LADIES' BREAKFAST & WORKDAY:** There will be a ladies' breakfast and workday on Saturday, February 12th, at 9:30 am, in the fellowship hall.

**LADIES' BIBLE CLASS:** The ladies' Bible class on Wednesday, February 16th, will be cancelled for Barbara Robinson's funeral 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!*

### ☪ FEBRUARY CALENDAR ☪

12-Ladies' Breakfast & Workday at 9:30 am, in the fellowship hall.

13-Sweetheart Banquet at 5:00 pm, in the fellowship hall.

16-Barbara Robinson's visitation & service here at the building.

18-P.E.P Night at 6:00 pm, in the fellowship hall.

20-Youth Devotional at 5:00 pm.

21-Presidents' Day: The office will be closed.

23-Jean Basco's viewing & service: 8:00-9:00 am for the viewing, then 9:00 am for the service at Crawford Bowers, Killeen.

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