



# 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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Children's Home  
San Benito, TX*

### **SERVICE SCHEDULE**

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS - 9:30 AM

SUNDAY WORSHIP - 10:30 AM

WEDNESDAY - 7:00 PM

## THE BEST IS YET TO COME

By Phil McIntosh

Have you ever seen a collage of tiny pictures that were used to formulate some sort of mosaic? The larger, finished product clearly resembles a well-defined picture of something or someone, but it is comprised of little, tiny pictures of other things or people. Those pictures are fascinating to me. I love to see how someone can have such vision and talent to take tiny, individual pieces and use them in some grand collective to represent something larger. If you are not one of those creatively gifted individuals who seem to be able to always make something out of virtually nothing, there is a website you can use to create your own mosaic (it was news to me too, I had no idea until just now). However gifted a person might be though, no one is as masterful in such an endeavor as Almighty God. Think about this for a second, God has, throughout the ages of the earth, taken people every walk of life, ethnicity, education level, circumstance, environment, experience, status, (and so on), and has manufactured the picture of His will on the canvas of the world (**Rom. 11:33**). God can, and has exhibited for us His ability to, use anybody to make the picture perfect. He uses millions of tiny pictures (individual people) to paint a grand picture of invitation, love, and majesty.

Throughout the years, God has woven within the fabric of His will men, women, old, and young. Think about how God used people as young as Daniel and as old as Noah. God accomplished something grand through the work of Queen Esther and through a Moabite named Ruth. Was there any limit to that which could be accomplished through a person if they were willing to give God their all and be used as an implement of production in His service? Remember the words of the perennially humble apostle Paul when he wrote to the Corinthians regarding what he had been able to accomplish. He said (**1 Cor. 15:9-10**) that he had "labored more abundantly" than others, but it was by the grace of God that he was what he was and that such work had been done. Paul was a willing servant of the Lord and the Father, having been shown what he would endure for the cause of Christ (**Acts 9:16**). If someone is willing to be used by God, the measure of the fruit which might be produced is perhaps known only by the Almighty.

But is such work limited by age? Is there any time in a person's life when they might have *graduated* from such a call? Is there a year in which a person celebrates a birthday or an occasion within one's life where their service to God has been fulfilled? One could quickly answer such a question with both a scriptural example and quotation of a text. In **Luke 2**, there is a woman who spent her life in service to God; being 84 years old, she engaged in "fasting and prayer night and day." The scripture that should come to mind is the encouragement to be "faithful until death" that is mentioned to the church by the Lord in **Revelation 2:10**. Perhaps those scriptures came to mind as you mulled the question. Perhaps it was another. The quick answer is that one is never too old to serve God with all his heart, mind, soul, energy, and spirit.

Perhaps one of the fullest Biblical examples though, of one who can serve God with extreme influence and success at an advanced age, comes from the Old Testament. This person was "faithful...as a servant," was "very humble" comparatively speaking in relation to others, and was the "hand" by which God led His people. Do you know who that person is yet? Let me give you another clue- this person was born under a decree by an Egyptian king whereby all the male children who were born should be killed, was spared by his parents, grew up in Pharaoh's house, fled Egypt and tended sheep for decades, and was eventually summoned by God through the visual miracle of a burning bush. Now you know who it is, Moses! The example of Moses is powerful because of how widely he was respected by God, God's people, and how frequently he is mentioned in the Bible. Do you know how old Moses lived to be? 120 years old. Now, listen to this, do you know how many years of Moses' life transpired within the first 2 chapters of the book of Exodus? Approximately 80 of them (**Ex. 7:7**). That means the overwhelming majority of what we know about Moses and the enormous influence he had on God's people as a guide, prophet, teacher, servant, and leader was from the time of his life between when he was 80, until his death at 120; the Moses that we know as "Moses" worked tirelessly

for God in the last third of his life. Look at what the Bible says about Moses, even at the time of his death:

“So Moses the servant of the LORD died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the LORD. <sup>6</sup>And He buried him in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth Peor; but no one knows his grave to this day. <sup>7</sup>Moses was one hundred and twenty years old when he died. His eyes were not dim nor his natural vigor diminished.”-Deuteronomy 34:5-7

As far as the impact Moses could have in service to God was concerned, at the age of 80, the best was yet to come. What about you? How old are you? Perhaps you're reading this at the age of 20, and perhaps you're reading this at an age well above 20. Who knows what God can still do with you and through you? A positive attitude to have, regarding your part in that great mosaic of life that God is painting, is that perhaps the best is still yet to come (**Phil. 3:13-14**).

## Acting Upon Assumptions

Shepherds Notes by Zack Petties

Some people are so proud that they tend to think of themselves as rarely wrong. In relation to God, extremist thinks of themselves so, always thinking they know best. Yet, those who really do know God recognize that the extremist is unaware of the weakness of their relationship with God, and thus they know they are foolish in their ways. Proverbs 12:15 follows the same basic path of teaching as Proverbs 14:12, reading, *“The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but he who heeds counsel is wise.”* Things in this world may seem right to us, but not according to God.

The pride inclination occurs sometimes because we have an “it won't happen to me” attitude. They observe others walking down that route and nothing happening to them (Eccl. 8:11-13). Some are illustrations of the name of the body, worship, the responsibility of the physical body, family, marriage, and character lifestyle. Sometimes it is because sin is a deceiver. Sin blinds men from the truth. In (Psalm 30:60), when things seem to be going well, a person may seem to be safe, but all is illusion. David thought he was inviolable with wealth, power, fame, pride, self-security, and made him imagine he was independent of God. Some people may succeed in things that they do, brag that no

one, not even God can keep them down, but God despises this wicked and evil deed that can become an obsession. King Saul was the first king of Israel, and he gave us a good and clear example about thinking wrong that it maybe excepted as right. God had instructed Saul to destroy everything in Amalek (1 Samuel 15:3) but he didn't. Instead, Saul brought the king back alive and kept the best of the spoils (1 Samuel 15:9). Ananias and Sapphira sold land and gave money to the church from the proceeds. Barnabas had done the same thing and was well received. So Ananias and Sapphira also wanted the praise that came from that but also wanted the money. So they lied and said they gave the entire amount to the church (Acts 5:1-11). Jesus addressed this issue directly, instructing that giving is between you and God, not something to be praised for (Matthew 6:1-4). God never wants us to do good for the wrong reason. Scripture often warns us that human reasoning and human desire can lead to great disaster (Jeremiah 17:9). The problem isn't we aren't able to use reason, or that we can never have right desires. But rather, we are easily influenced to sway by what we desire and not what is true (Proverbs 1:7). Proverbs 12:5 previews this danger, the fool is the person who trusts his own thinking over and above that of God (Proverbs 3:5). Even faced with overwhelming evidence, however, a person who is committed to rejecting God will find excuses to do so (John 5:39-40).

It's time we stop being filled with assumptions and acting upon them, thinking they are right. In (Ephesians 3:4) to read and study His word is to have the right knowledge acceptable to God. Not just to know about God, as the pharisees in (Matthew 15: 8,9) who claimed to honor Him while their hearts was far from Him. Our character and actions need to be absolutely sincere, and that our life is not based upon it seeming to be right!

In love,  
Brother Zachary Petties



Our next P.E.P. Night is May 20th, at 6:00 pm, in the fellowship hall. If you would like to donate money for the pizza, please see Phil McIntosh.



## NEWS FROM THE PEWS

**PLEASE REMEMBER OUR MILITARY & D.O.D. CIVILIANS IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Jessica Rogers is currently deployed to Kuwait. -Tracy Wilson's son, Zane, is in the 3rd phase of his training (SERE) in Warrant Officer Cadet School. Please keep these members in your prayers.

**PLEASE KEEP THESE MEMBERS AND LOVED ONES IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Joyce Brown's sister, Janet Simmons, is recovering from a fall.

-Brenda Sellers' mother had to be admitted into the hospital for a UTI. -Wayne Ellis has fallen multiple times recently and has a wound in his foot.

-Tracy Wilson's mother, Ruth Hyde, had surgery last Monday to remove a kidney stone.

-Jim Dukes is home recuperating at home. He asked no visitors at this time, but calls are fine.

-Millie Simcox's eye biopsy came back benign.

-Michelle is having pain in her jaw from her previous surgery.

-David Hamrick is harsh having side effects from his chemo.

-Donna Hines' niece, April, is tentatively scheduled for surgery on May 25th. She is having side effects from chemo, especially with the blood vessels in her feet.

**CONGRATULATIONS!** We wish to congratulate Donna Hines on her new grandson, Clayton Scott, born April 28, weighing in at 9 lbs. 10 oz., and 20.5 inches long.

**CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & HOMEBOUND:**

Julie Odum, Adam Zak, Temesha Lawal's mother (Cassandra Watson), Jim Dukes & his niece's husband, Jon-Jon Simmons, James Seay, Martha Chafin, Beverly Williams' aunt (Dorothy Sauls), Ken Sellers, Tim Matter's brother (Michael), 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), Nada Miller, Lois Brown, Cheryl Flores' brother-in-law (Raymond Flores), Billye Hughes, Mary McAnally's sister (Ann Ahrens), Esther Cox, Gladys Driver, Willard Jack Dunn, Archie & Jessie Turner, and Linda Walts. Please keep these members & loved ones in your prayers as they battle health problems.

**CHEROKEE DAY:** The elders will be delivering the canned items we have gathered and are inviting everyone who will be willing to carpool and convoy with them to the children's home for Cherokee Day. If you would like to attend, please be at the building by 10:00 am. The children's home will give tours and have a barbecue lunch for the visitors.

**GOLDEN FIESTA:** Save the date for a Golden Fiesta on Sunday, May 29th, at 5:00 pm, in the fellowship hall. The youth will serve the young at heart (45 years & older) a wonderful Mexican dinner. Sign-up sheets will be posted soon for menu items, or if you would like to donate, please see Phil or Michelle McIntosh.

**LADIES' FELLOWSHIP:** There will be a ladies' fellowship in the fellowship hall on Friday, May 13th, at 6:00 pm. We will be learning how to improve our singing talents.

**LADIES' T-SHIRTS FOR LADIES DAY:** If you ordered a t-shirt for Ladies' Day, please have your money to Alfreda Pettaway by May 29th. Prices are all sizes up to XL=\$15, 2X & up=\$20.

## Our Speaker Today Is Phil McIntosh.

*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!*

### ☞MAY CALENDAR☞

4,11,8,25-Ladies Bible class at 10:00 am in the fellowship hall.

4-Singing night

7-Cherokee Day at the Cherokee Home for Children (Meet at the building by 10:00 am to carpool).

13-Ladies' fellowship at 6:00 pm in the fellowship hall.

15-Youth Devo at 5:00 pm in the fellowship hall.

15-John McCormack will be our guest speaker for service.

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

21-Men's bowling fellowship at 12:00 pm, at the Hallmark Lanes.

29-Golden Fiesta at 5:00 pm, in the fellowship hall.

30-Office closed for Memorial Day observance.

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