



# 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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Abilene, TX*

*Foster's Home  
For Children  
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

Sometimes, you just need the touch of a someone else. I stumbled across a story recently about a man in a mask who, in the thick of the pandemic, went up to an individual setting up microphones for what I believe was a church service, and hugged him. The individual who was receiving that hug wasn't comfortable with it and instinctively backed away. The man in the mask said that he hadn't touched or hugged anybody in a year. The pandemic has certainly created some unanticipated sequences of events. Many of the commonplace jovial greetings and normal activities have been altered in our homes, churches, and communities. There are a variety of ways to support someone, care for them, shower them with love, and profess to them their importance, but there is no substitute for touch.

One of my favorite verses regarding touch is the day a leper came to Jesus and begged to be healed. He said that he knew Jesus was capable; he asked only if He would. In this text there is perhaps a hidden-between-the-lines manifestation of compassion for someone who is sorely in need of it. We know that Jesus had the power to heal the lame (**Mk. 10:51-52**), give sight to the blind (**Matt. 21:14**), and even raise someone from the dead (**Jn. 11:43-44**). We know Jesus had the power to do these things with a word (**Matt. 8:13**). Since Jesus had the power to speak and demons would come out of a person or someone would be healed, then why did He, in this situation with the leper, reach out and touch him (**Matt. 8:1-4**)? I do not know the answer to that question definitively. I can only imagine what it would have been like for someone to live as a leper and not have anybody get within even a few feet of them. Imagine going a long time without having anybody touch you and people change their faces as they see you or walk by, even hiding their children from you. And here, Jesus did for him what others would not and could not.

Have you ever thought about touching the hand of Jesus? Can you even begin to fathom what that touch would feel like on your shoulder after a terrible day? Overcome with emotion, trembling in fear, perhaps even near death, the hand of Jesus reaches out and touches you and you hear, "Don't be afraid." No person in this world could offer us the level of comfort as that hand. Peter found out one day just how much he needed Jesus' hand. One night, the disciples of Jesus were rowing toward shore and having a rough time. Jesus was walking on the water and, when they saw Him, they were afraid. Jesus told them to "be of good cheer" and not to be afraid. Peter then requested of Jesus a proof that it was truly Him and asked if he could walk to Him on the water. For a moment, Peter was able to step on the Sea of Galilee and walk on the top of the water without falling through the water. At some point in his trek toward Jesus, he became worried and fearful, and he began to sink. Imagine the rapid heartbeat (thought he may have felt as if it were not beating at all) and the sheer terror he experienced as he begin to do what humans normally do in boisterous, open water- sink and die. The Bible said that Jesus "stretched out His hand and caught him" (**Matt. 14:27-32**). Peter was literally sinking to his death, and Jesus rescued him with His hand.

All of those scriptures were intended to bring you to the words of the apostle

Paul in his letter to the church in Rome. In the middle of his letter, he mentions a hope that is available to all who will put their faith in Christ and give their life in service to God. Paul mentioned, earlier in the chapter, that the sufferings they would endure would not even be able to be measured against what they would experience in eternity if they would only stick close to God. Paul wrote of the hope that they could not yet see but could believe was there. He then told them (in the form of a question in verse thirty-one) that with God on their side, nobody could conquer them. Following those verses of hope; Paul offered this encouragement and promise:

“Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, <sup>39</sup> nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

**-Romans 8:37-39**

Nothing in this universe can take us from God’s grasp. Nothing in this universe can remove us from the fellowship and connection to Jesus. Nothing holds the power to unclasp our hands from Them. We have the gift, afforded to us by God, to place our hand in Theirs and trust that They will never let go. Jesus promised that, once in God and Jesus’ hands, we are forever safe (**Jn. 10:28-29**). There is only *one* way that our souls would not be eternally in God’s grasp, and that is if *we* choose to let go. Don’t ever let go. There is nothing outside of His hand for us except sinking in turbulent waters and being overcome by the storm of life and sin until it all fades to black and we have no more hope. There is hope of being in the grasp of the Lord and there is comfort in holding onto His hand, so long as we cling to it. He wants us in His grasp (**1 Tim. 2:3-4**), but we must **choose** to **place** our hand there and **keep** it there. If we do, He’ll lead us into His home forever.



## Every Man’s Book

The Bible is every man’s book. To know the Bible and to handle it correctly is one of the greatest accomplishments within the reach of any person.

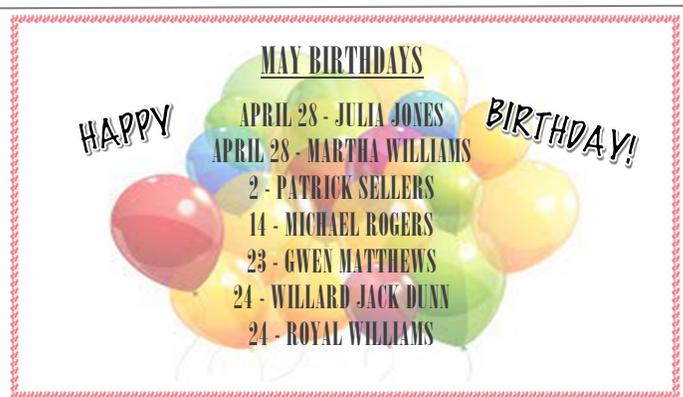
One may know English, astronomy, literature, music, sociology, and philosophy, but if one does not know the Bible, one has failed in the only subject that brings all things into the proper relationship and enables one to know life at its best. The best evidence of the inspiration of the Bible is found between its covers. No one will ever be a useful Christian without being a student of the Bible. Matthew Henry said, “The Scriptures were not written to make us astronomers, but to make us saints.”

The Bible is not intended solely for some special group. It is every man’s book; it was written for the average person. Scholars may study it, but it is not written for scholars. No one ever outgrows the Scriptures. The more one studies them, the wider and deeper they become. The Bible enables every reader to look into eternity.

It is no wonder that Paul urged Timothy to study the Scripture, “rightly dividing [handling aright] the word of truth,” so he might be an approved workman before God (2 Timothy 2:15).

The Bible acknowledges man’s faults; it is patient with man’s weaknesses; it is honest with his virtues and his hopes. To own the Bible is to be rich. To study, to know, and to trust the Bible is to find life. To study the Bible is to be wise; to obey it, to be strong. —Franklin Camp

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Please join us for a  
**Baby Shower**  
 honoring  
**GAYLEN & NICHOLE WILLIAMS**  
 Today at 3:00 pm  
*Items requested are: Boy's diapers, wipes (size 1 & up), 0-6months clothing, hooded towels, & washcloths.*

**Congrats GRADS!**  
**SENIOR BANQUET**

Join us for a High School Senior Banquet honoring Jaden Seay & Briana Griffith on Saturday, April 30th, at 6:00 pm, in the fellowship hall. Details are posted in the foyer with a sign-up sheet to bring food, or you may donate money to Phil or Michelle McIntosh, or the office.

**MAY CLEANING CALENDAR**

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

<b>April 24-TEAM LEE</b>	<b>15-TEAM JAMES S.</b>
Lee	Kim-Marie
Natalie	Xavier
Rufus	Jaden
Derek	Kingsford
Ken	<b>22-TEAM PHIL</b>
Tim	Michelle
<b>May 1-TEAM ZACK</b>	Beverly
Zack	Donna
Amanda	Josephine
Diedre	Yvonne
Paul	Lois
Ruby	Marcella
<b>8-TEAM ROGER</b>	<b>29-TEAM LEE</b>
Patrick	Lee
Brenda	Natalie
Roger	Rufus
Linda	Derek
	Ken
	Tim

**ORDER OF SERVICE**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 24, 2022:**



- ♦ **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** TIM MATTER
- ♦ **1ST PRAYER:** LEE FISHER
- ♦ **SONG:** GAYLEN WILLIAMS
- ♦ **SCRIPTURE READING:** JAMES SEAY
- ♦ **SONG:** GAYLEN WILLIAMS
- ♦ **SERMON:** PHIL MCINTOSH
- ♦ **INVITATION SONG:** GAYLEN WILLIAMS
- ♦ **SONG BEFORE COMMUNION:**  
GAYLEN WILLIAMS
- ♦ **COMMUNION:**  
ROGER DEEM & ANDRÉ PETTAWAY
- ♦ **SONG:** GAYLEN WILLIAMS
- ♦ **OFFERING:**  
ROGER DEEM & ANDRÉ PETTAWAY
- ♦ **CLOSING SONG:** GAYLEN WILLIAMS
- ♦ **CLOSING PRAYER:**  
DERREL HEGINBOTHAM
- ♦ **AUDIO/VISUAL:** PATRICK SELLERS
- ♦ **SECURITY:** BRUCE BROWN & ROGER DEEM



**SCRIPTURE READING**

**“Characteristics of the New Testament Church:  
Who Can Be a Part of It?”**

**John 3:14-18**

*“<sup>14</sup> And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up:  
<sup>15</sup> That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.  
<sup>16</sup> For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.  
<sup>17</sup> For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.  
<sup>18</sup> He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.”*

