



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

Do You Have a Church Buddy?

By Phil McIntosh

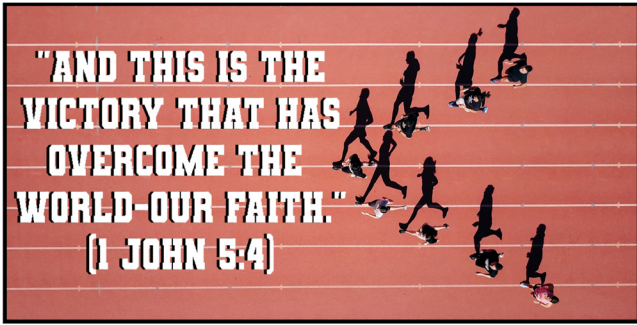
Have you seen any of the recent Geico commercials? There's one where the gecko looks deeply into the camera and talks about having a "moment" with you; the one where he hits a hole-in-one on a miniature golf course and talks about it being a "par 5"; and the one I'm talking about, where he sits in a diner booth across from a lady who said she took an online quiz and found out she's an introvert. An introvert is an individual who is "typically reserved or quiet" and generally "enjoys spending time alone" (Merriam-Webster). There is nothing wrong with being an introvert, but it could potentially keep you from a world of love and compassion you might otherwise be blessed with experiencing. While it might take some effort, sometimes one must be purposefully outgoing to find a buddy. Having a buddy is great. We all need buddies. Even if we don't think we do, we all need a buddy. The scriptures speak of the negativity of living in loneliness in a variety of texts (Adam without Eve, Elijah against Ahab & Jezebel, Jeremiah in the mire, Jesus in the garden, etc.).

A buddy is a friend who is a different kind of friend that most. It's someone with whom you have a special relationship. It's someone who usually finds you funny, teaches you things about yourself and life, almost always makes you feel better, and one whose company you never tire of experiencing. Perhaps you have a group of people that you spend a great deal of time with (one might refer to them by words like friends, crew, peeps, posse, or a variety of other culturally evolving terms). That's great! Going through life with no support system can be lonely, depressing, and difficult. There is a reason the Bible speaks of the value of a friend. Perhaps one could even find nuggets that could be implemented in the acquiring of and keeping friends in the "golden rule" we read in scripture (*Matt. 7:12; Lk. 6:31*).

Many people might have buddies in the world, but what about buddies in the church? Someone they can be close to, someone they can rely on, someone they can call with a problem, someone they can laugh with, someone they can cry with, someone they can go to for comfort and support. The Lord's church is the best place to find a "buddy" like that. Paul wrote to the church in Corinth of the love that members should have for one another. In fact, Paul wrote in a multiplicity of epistles regarding the love the church should-and did-express toward each other (*Phil. 2:1-4; Phil. 4-7; Rom. 13:8-10; 2 Cor. 8:7; Gal. 5:13*-just to name a few.). You should never feel alone in the church. If you do, let someone know.

America is going through a severe emotional crisis. I can only offer a couple of halfway educated off-hand guesses as to what caused it. Perhaps it is not the fault of, but has been exacerbated by, the digital age we enjoy- where everybody has *virtually* their whole life in the palm of their hand within their personal electronic device. I would caution that we don't blame covid, because the pandemic of personal contact and care existed in our country prior to 2020. Maybe it's because we are so busy. Maybe it's because we've invited too many distractions into our lives that we simply don't make time for people anymore. Maybe we like ourselves more than we like other people. Whatever the reason, the result is that too many people are alone. Some people may appear healthy on the outside, but inside they're struggling in ways unbeknownst and imperceptible to others. While we cannot solve the world's problems by friendship, we can absolutely try to prevent or erase the existence of this issue in the Lord's church. Nobody who is a part of the Lord's body should feel as if they don't have a friend in this life. Christians have been called out of the world by the gospel (*2 Cor. 6:17; 2 Thess. 2:14*), but not to live in isolation. Paul spoke of the *family* that was named from Christ (*Eph. 3:14-15*). Within your local church family- seek out, engage with, and work toward establishing a relationship with a church buddy or being a church buddy to someone who is in need. If you are struggling, reach out to someone as you need help. Remember these words from Solomon as you continue through life and don't live in isolation when you have family who loves you:

"Two are better than one, Because they have a good reward for their labor. ¹⁰ For if they fall, one will lift up his companion. But woe to him who is alone when he falls, For he has no one to help him up. ¹¹ Again, if two lie down together, they will keep warm; But how can one be warm alone? ¹² Though one may be overpowered by another, two can withstand him. And a threefold cord is not quickly broken." (*Ecclesiastes 4:9-12*)



**JOIN US FOR OUR
2022 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!**

Save the dates of July 31st - August 3rd
and join us for Vacation Bible School!
⇒ TIMES 6:00-7:30 PM
⇒ THERE WILL BE SINGING
⇒ CLASSES WITH ACTIVITIES
⇒ REFRESHMENTS



June Cleaning Calendar

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

29-TEAM LEE

Lee
Natalie
Rufus
Derek
Ken
Tim

June 5-TEAM LEE

Lee
Natalie
Rufus
Derek
Ken
Tim

12-TEAM ZACK

Zack
Amanda
Diedre
Paul
Rubye

19-TEAM ROGER

Patrick
Brenda
Roger
Linda

26-TEAM JAMES S.

Kim-Marie
Xavier
Jaden
Kingsford

July 3-TEAM PHIL

Michelle
Beverly
Donna
Josephine
Yvonne
Lois
Marcella

**ORDER OF SERVICE
SUNDAY, MAY 29, 2022:**

- ◆ ANNOUNCEMENTS: TIM MATTER
- ◆ 1ST PRAYER: LEE FISHER
- ◆ SONG: REGGIE BASS
- ◆ SCRIPTURE READING: BILL RAWLINGS
- ◆ SONG: REGGIE BASS
- ◆ SERMON: PHIL MCINTOSH
- ◆ INVITATION SONG: REGGIE BASS
- ◆ SONG BEFORE COMMUNION: REGGIE BASS
- ◆ COMMUNION:
GAYLEN WILLIAMS & KINGSFORD ASARE
- ◆ SONG: REGGIE BASS
- ◆ OFFERING:
GAYLEN WILLIAMS & KINGSFORD ASARE
- ◆ CLOSING SONG: REGGIE BASS
- ◆ CLOSING PRAYER: XAVIER SEAY
- ◆ AUDIO/VISUAL: PATRICK SELLERS
- ◆ SECURITY: RUFUS BROWN & ROGER DEEM

SCRIPTURE READING

“The Value of Life”

Genesis 2:7; Ecclesiastes 12:6-7

Genesis 2:7 *“And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.”*

Ecclesiastes 12:6-7 *“⁶ Or ever the silver cord be loosed, or the golden bowl be broken, or the pitcher be broken at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern.*

⁷ Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.”

