



# 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

## **A Woman and Her Son**

By Phil McIntosh

Who knows what potential might exist for each pregnancy? While a baby is growing in the womb there are a variety of conversations that take place. Is it going to be a boy or a girl? Is it going to be healthy? What color should we paint the room? Are we ready for this? What will we name it? And on and on the line of baby curiosities go. How many have been inquisitive as to whether their child would be destined for something great? Maybe the child would break some Olympic record, be a Teacher of the Year, a lifelong police officer, or even a future President of the United States of America. What if the child that was being carried was destined for, literally, a world changing life? That is what it is believed that many Jewish women kept in their thoughts. I have read the suggestion that Jewish women thought their next child could be the great Prophet and Messiah the Old Testament prophesied about. You might see people with a bumper sticker about their "Straight A/Honor Roll" kid, but nothing could measure up to carrying and helping provide the Son of God a home to grow.

Interestingly, the woman whom God chose to bear His Son would have had no time to wonder about who her baby would become. She was a virgin and still unmarried at the time this thought passed through her mind; and even then, it was not because of some random Jewish hope, but rather by a special announcement from God!

"And having come in, the angel said to her, "Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!"<sup>29</sup> But when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was.<sup>30</sup> Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.<sup>31</sup> And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name JESUS.<sup>32</sup> He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David.<sup>33</sup> And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end." - Luke 1:28-33

This humble virgin, Mary, with a modest beginning and a simple life, was blessed by God and entrusted with the birth that would animate the perfection and activation of God's plan of redemption for all of mankind. What a grand responsibility to be granted the honor to play such an integral role in the life of the Lord. Surely Mary was overwhelmed with this gift from God! While we cannot be sure the full range of emotions experienced by Mary, we do know she was curious and dwelled on the things she heard and saw. Luke writes that, upon the events of Jesus' birth and the visit by the shepherds, that she "pondered them in her heart" (Lk. 2:19).

Have you ever given any thought to what Mary might think was normal or abnormal in Jesus' childhood? She had never had a child before. What was going to stand out as special; what would set His formative years and adolescence apart from others? There was one occurrence, when Jesus was twelve years old, that likely scared His earthly parents quite out of their wits. Luke tells us (Lk. 2:41-50) about a time the family traveled to Jerusalem and Jesus "lingered" in the temple, talking with the spiritual leaders there. He amazed them with His wisdom and knowledge. Joseph and Mary had left the bustling metropolis of Jerusalem without checking for Jesus and they had traveled a day's journey out of town before they realized they had lost the Lord! The Bible tells us that, after they had come back and gathered Him into their company again, that Jesus agreeably followed them and was obedient to His parents (not surprising at all, since He lived all His life without sin- Heb. 4:15).

Mary was a believer in her Son. She had pondered for 30 years who He was going to be, and I can only imagine she was bursting with pride at the Son of God whom she had been given the privilege to protect and nurture. John writes (Jn. 2:1-2) that Mary came to Jesus during a marriage feast in Cana and apprised Him of a need wherein He could act. Jesus told her, in essence, that His Heavenly Father was in charge of the time in which He would reveal Himself to the world by His statement that His "hour" had "not yet come" (2:4). Mary then went to the servants and directed them to listen to any instruction Jesus would give them (2:5). Mary believed in her Son and was with Him from birth until even after He left the world (Acts 1:14).

The relationship of Jesus and Mary is unique, clearly. No other mother-child relationship could ever approach the significance of the poor virgin Mary giving birth to the Savior of all mankind and guiding Him into adulthood. However, there are some profound human elements to their relationship from which we can learn. The greatest of this, in honor of Mother's Day, is Jesus' actions on the cross. In the night preceding His crucifixion, Jesus had been arrested and treated with contempt. The day which dawned next brought only more pain, stress, torture, insult, and agony. Jesus was mocked by Roman soldiers and Herod, then again by the Jewish leaders who taunted Him as He hung on the cross. And yet, for all the blood He had lost and all the pain He had endured, Jesus had others on His mind. After He was placed on the cross the Bible says He looked at His mother. He said,

"Woman, behold your son!"<sup>27</sup> Then He said to the disciple "Behold your mother!" - John 19:26b-27a

Even in indescribably agony, whilst bearing the burden of the sins of the world on His shoulders, Jesus loved His mother and did what He could to ensure her safety and care. Let us all, as we have opportunity, seek to provide our mothers with respect, honor, and care. Let us follow the example of the Lord and treat our God-given mothers with compassion.



# YOUTH DEVOTIONAL

Join us at the Youth Devotional on May 15th, at 5:00 pm, in the fellowship hall. Please bring hotdogs & fixins', potato salad, watermelon, & desserts. Following the devotional, there will be a kickball game in back field behind the fellowship hall.

**JOIN US!**

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.

**P.E.P. NIGHT**  
 (Personal Evangelism & Pizza)

BACK to the BIBLE  
 lesson 1  
 lesson 2  
 lesson 3

### 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
Rubye	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, MAY 8, 2022:

- ◆ ANNOUNCEMENTS: ANDRÉ PETTAWAY
- ◆ 1ST PRAYER: ROGER DEEM
- ◆ SONG: GAYLEN WILLIAMS
- ◆ SCRIPTURE READING: DEREK COLE
- ◆ SONG: GAYLEN WILLIAMS
- ◆ SERMON: PHIL MCINTOSH
- ◆ INVITATION SONG: GAYLEN WILLIAMS
- ◆ SONG BEFORE COMMUNION: GAYLEN WILLIAMS
- ◆ COMMUNION: IVAN MCINTOSH & XAVIER SEAY
- ◆ SONG: GAYLEN WILLIAMS
- ◆ OFFERING: IVAN MCINTOSH & XAVIER SEAY
- ◆ CLOSING SONG: GAYLEN WILLIAMS
- ◆ CLOSING PRAYER: ADAM ZACK
- ◆ AUDIO/VISUAL: PATRICK SELLERS
- ◆ SECURITY: RUFUS BROWN & ROGER DEEM

### SCRIPTURE READING

“Molded By Momma’s Values”

Ruth 1:14-17

*“<sup>14</sup> And they lifted up their voice, and wept again: and Orpah kissed her mother in law; but Ruth clave unto her.*

*<sup>15</sup> And she said, Behold, thy sister in law is gone back unto her people, and unto her gods: return thou after thy sister in law.*

*<sup>16</sup> And Ruth said, Intreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God:*

*<sup>17</sup> Where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried: the LORD do so to me, and more also, if ought but death part thee and me.”*

**HAPPY BIRTHDAYS BIRTHDAY!**

2 - PATRICK SELLERS  
 14 - MICHAEL ROGERS  
 23 - GWEN MATTHEWS  
 24 - WILLARD JACK DUNN  
 24 - ROYAL WILLIAMS

