



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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Out of the Comfort Zone

By Phil McIntosh

They call it the "comfort zone" for a reason. It's comfortable there. You know your surroundings, you know what to expect, and you're not asked to do anything unexpected or potentially overwhelming. You might have lived in the comfort zone so long that you can almost automatically perform your tasks. Whether it be your role in your family, job, personal spiritual life, or activities in the Lord's church- it can be easy to find and set up shop in the comfort zone. We might enjoy the comfort zone so much so that we immediately pour a concrete slab and put down roots right there.

Can you conjure up any negatives regarding the comfort zone? Can you imagine any way in which it could potentially have an adverse impact on one's life? From an elementary point of discussion, think about babies. If a child never tries anything new or scary, how can they grow? What about children as they progress through the annual rungs of education? If a child never tries to learn anything new or difficult or if they're never pushed, their minds simply cannot expand. Their education, intellect, and ability to successfully operate as a functioning adult in this world would be vastly stunted. The situations one could use as examples for necessitating one being pushed out of his comfort zone is virtually endless.

Perhaps you understand the point being made from an earthly point of view. Surely all of us are better off for having been pushed out of our comfort zones in our lives. If we then progress to a higher form of application, the importance only heightens. The Bible uses the human function of physical growth and applies it to spiritual knowledge. The Hebrews writer expressed disappointment with a group of Christians whom, I guess you could say, had stayed in their comfort zones too long. They had begun the Christian life, but they were kind of just spinning their wheels and not going anywhere.

"For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food. ¹³ For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. ¹⁴ But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil." -**Hebrews 5:12-14**

You can see in this text the same principle of progress and growth. The writer here even explains how growth occurs: one improves their knowledge and ability within the spiritual realm by use. One is outfitted to use their lives for Christ as instruments of righteousness (**Rom. 6:13**) more effectively as they stretch and grow in knowledge. The only way to do that is to exit the comfort zone. Herein we find that there is a benefit to not only being pushed out of the comfort zone by those who believe in us and expect more of us, but also there is a necessity of a personal *willingness* to leave it *voluntarily*.

Stepping outside of that to which we're accustomed and already comfortable doing can be scary. Taking on a new task in the church can seem daunting. There are areas in which we might fail. Sometimes we have don't possess the talents others do. Oftentimes though, I'm convinced, we simply *assume* we don't possess such talents without having first actually tried to procure and hone them. Those areas of failure (or frustratingly ineffective moments) can lead to future successes. Did you walk the first time you stood up as a child? Could you parallel park the first time you sat behind the wheel of a car? Could you perfectly hem a dress the first time you fired up that sewing machine? Of course not. Frequently, we must work at something with dedication and regularity to be successful. Then do you know what happens? You're in a new

SERVICE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS - 9:30 AM
SUNDAY WORSHIP - 10:30 AM
WEDNESDAY - 7:00 PM

comfort zone. Your capabilities in the church have increased and you are increasing the talents the Lord has given you (*Matt. 25:14-23*). The one who doesn't gain talents is the one who doesn't attempt it; there sits the person who stayed in their comfort zone (*Matt. 25:24-30*).

Lastly, consider this: God believes in you and knows that you're capable of more than you assume. One of the greatest texts exhibiting this idea (in my opinion) is found in Judges 6. We read of a man there who is threshing wheat in hiding, shielding himself from the Midianites. God calls this man to work. What's interesting is the way in which God speaks to him:

"Now the Angel of the LORD came and sat under the terebinth tree which was in Ophrah, which belonged to Joash the Abiezrite, while his son Gideon threshed wheat in the winepress, in order to hide it from the Midianites. ¹² And the Angel of the LORD appeared to him, and said to him, "The LORD is with you, you mighty man of valor!" " - **Judges 6:11-12**

That man had, as of that moment, done nothing for God like this. At the very moment he was presented with the opportunity to lead and serve, he was in hiding. Yet, God calls him a "mighty man of valor." You *can* teach, you *can* sing, you *can* evangelize, you *can* study with others, you *can* and *should* step into new roles and responsibilities in the local work of the church. To do so necessitates stepping out of your comfort zone and working out those spiritual muscles. Remember- they won't grow if you don't work them. In fact, if we don't use them, our physical bodies teach us that muscles will atrophy and shrink. Be encouraged to do what the apostle Paul called the Corinthian Christians to do and run your spiritual race in "a way that you may obtain" the prize (*1 Cor. 9:24*).

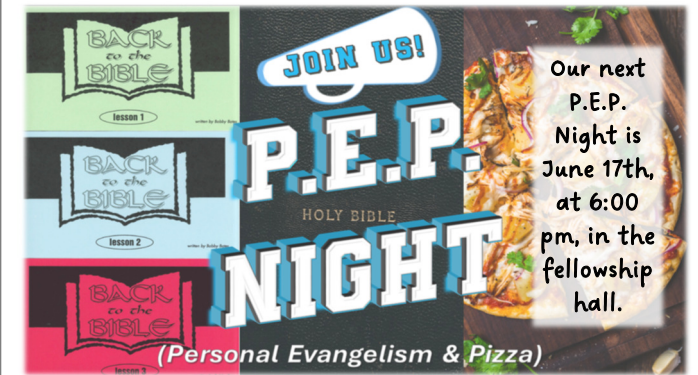


YOUTH DEVOTIONAL

Join us for our Youth Devotional on Sunday, June 12th, at 5:00 pm, in the fellowship hall. Please bring finger foods!

Men's Bowling Fellowship

There will be a Men's Bowling Fellowship on Saturday, June 18th, at 12:00 pm, at the Hallmark Lanes Bowling Alley.



JOIN US!

P.E.P. NIGHT
HOLY BIBLE
(Personal Evangelism & Pizza)

Our next P.E.P. Night is June 17th, at 6:00 pm, in the fellowship hall.

June Cleaning Calendar

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

29-TEAM LEE
Lee
Natalie
Rufus
Derek
Ken
Tim

19-TEAM JAMES S.
Kim-Marie
Xavier
Jaden
Kingsford

June 5-TEAM ZACK
Zack
Amanda
Diedre
Paul
Ruby

26-TEAM PHIL
Michelle
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Josephine
Yvonne
Lois
Marcella
Suncha

12-TEAM ROGER
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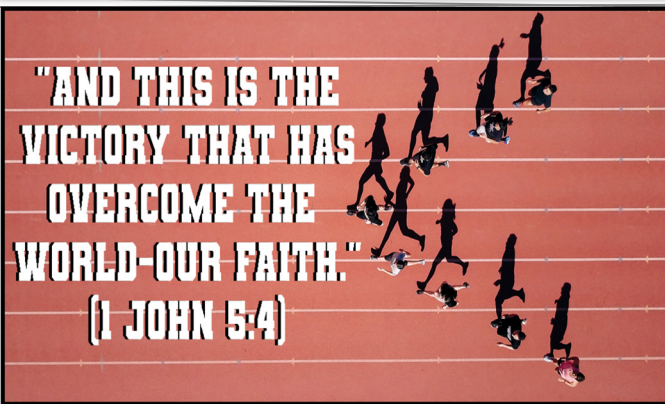
HAPPY JUNE BIRTHDAYS BIRTHDAY!

16 - JOYCE BROWN
16 - GAIL MENDE
19 - DELPHINE HOPKINS
27 - PHIL MCINTOSH
30 - DONNA HINES



Scheduled Speakers

- Sunday, June 19, 9:30 A.M. - "Reinforce My Foundation" - Cody Westbrook
- 10:30 A.M. - "Restore My Spirit" - Cody Westbrook
- Monday, June 20, 7:00 P.M. - "There's Nothing Wrong With My Church"- John Haffner
- Tuesday, June 21, 7:00 P.M. - "What Is Truth" - Al Washington
- Wednesday, June 22, 7:00 P.M. - "Blueprint for Church Growth" - Patrick Hammack



**JOIN US FOR OUR
2022 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!
CHAMPION-
EMPOWERED BY JESUS!**

**July 31st - August 3rd
At the Killeen Church of Christ**

- ⇒ TIMES 6:00-7:30 PM
- ⇒ THERE WILL BE SINGING
- ⇒ CLASSES WITH ACTIVITIES
- ⇒ REFRESHMENTS

SIGN-UP SHEETS ARE IN THE FOYER FOR HELP

**ORDER OF SERVICE
SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 2022:**

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

SCRIPTURE READING

**"As the Dew of Hermon"
Psalm 133 (KJV)**

*"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!
²It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments;
³As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the Lord commanded the blessing, even life for evermore."*

