



# 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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## Here Am I, Send Aaron

By Phil McIntosh



The above title was not original; I copied it from a lecture title at Polishing the Pulpit. The idea behind my usage of it in this week's article is to focus on the hesitation and substitutionary efforts of Moses, that great servant of God (*Josh. 1:2*).

You and I know Moses to be one of the most famous and righteous servants of God. And at an advanced age! Did you know that the overwhelming majority of what we know of Moses' life consists of his experiences and activities *after* his 80<sup>th</sup> year? The Bible tells us some of his birth and very early life (*Ex. 2:1-10*) and then a little bit when he was about 40 years old (*Ex. 2:11-25; Acts 7:23-29*). It was only when Moses was about 80 years old that God called him into the life that we best know him to have lived (*Ex. 3:1-6; Acts 7:30-34*). One could successfully argue that the greatest work Moses did for God was in the last third of his life!

What about Moses' body of work; just how faithful was Moses? So much so that the Hebrews writer speaks of him, calling him "faithful" and taking glory away from him only compared to Jesus, who surely deserves more (*Heb. 3:5-6*). Moses was called humbler (or *meek* depending on your translation) than all the people on the earth when he lived (*Num. 12:3*). When we speak of Moses, surely, we speak in respect. Moses gave all his energy to serving God and leading God's people. Moses met with God, delivered the law, entreated God on behalf of a weak people, took God's plans and executed them admirably, and allowed himself to be burdened with the task of caring for the ancient Hebrews to the extent that his father-in-law told him he needed to delegate the responsibility and accept some help (*Ex. 18:17-23*). Jethro told him that if he kept up at his current pace he would "wear himself out" (NKJV, *vs. 18*). Moses was "all in" as the earthly leader and guide of the Hebrew nation God had rescued from Egyptian captivity. Of all the people who God could have allowed to see Jesus before they traveled to Heaven, Moses was one of the two chosen by God (*Mk. 9:4*). He was a grand example of a humble servant of the Most High.

However, everything wasn't always gravy for Moses. Did you know that Moses hesitated? Did you know that Moses was unsure of himself? Did you know that Moses made excuses as to why he wasn't the right choice to serve as God asked? Did you know that Moses, as we might have said in the 20<sup>th</sup> century "hemmed and hawed" when approached by God? And he hesitated more than once! Read through these verses (which follow God's call from the burning bush) and see how this wonderful servant of God struggled initially:

"But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?"<sup>12</sup> So He said, "I will certainly be with you. And this shall be a sign to you that I have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain." **Exodus 3:11-12**

"Then Moses said to God, "Indeed, when I come to the children of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they say to me, 'What is His name?' what shall I say to them?"<sup>14</sup> And God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And He said, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.' " **Exodus 3:13-14**

"Then Moses answered and said, "But suppose they will not believe me or listen to my voice; suppose they say, 'The LORD has not appeared to you.' "<sup>2</sup> So the LORD said to him, "What is that in your hand?" He said, "A rod."<sup>3</sup> And He said, "Cast it on the ground." So he cast it on the ground, and it became a serpent; and Moses fled from it." **Exodus 4:1-3**

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*Children's Home*  
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### **SERVICE SCHEDULE**

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

“Then Moses said to the LORD, “O my Lord, I am not eloquent, neither before nor since You have spoken to Your servant; but I am slow of speech and slow of tongue.” <sup>11</sup> So the LORD said to him, “Who has made man’s mouth? Or who makes the mute, the deaf, the seeing, or the blind? Have not I, the LORD?” <sup>12</sup> Now therefore, go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall say.” **Exodus 4:10-12**

Surely now Moses has enough motivation! God has called him, answered him, granted him a miracle to show the Israelites as proof, and then reassured him that He would be with him. Moses has no more excuses; he has nothing left but to either accept the invitation of God and accept his service or reject His plea. Well, we know Moses, right? He wouldn’t turn God down! Keep reading:

But he said, “O my Lord, please send by the hand of whomever else You may send.” <sup>14</sup> So the anger of the LORD was kindled against Moses...” **Exodus 4:13-14a**

Even Moses, who one could argue was one of God’s boldest and most courageous servants, had a weakness. We all have weaknesses. We might not be as seasoned as someone else, we might not be able to quote as many verses as another Christian, we might not have as wide a vocabulary as the next person, or we might be slightly fearful of sitting or standing in front of others and speaking. Whatever your hesitation might be, you’re not the first one to experience it. If you’re a little timid to accept the call to serve, you know you’re in good company. Yet, for all of Moses’ weaknesses and insecurities, he accepted the call. Will you? The church needs servants of all shapes and sizes for a variety of missions and tasks. Will you volunteer to teach, train, lead Bible studies, visit, reach out to the unsaved, pray for and restore wayward sheep, sing, pray, or serve in any other of the variety of avenues articulated by God and the elders? You never know who God might help you to become after you accept that call and say, “Here am I, send me” (*Is. 6:8*).

# YOUTH DEVOTIONAL

Join us for our Youth Devotional today at 5:00 pm, in the fellowship hall. Please bring finger foods! If you would like to host a devotional, please contact Gaylen or Phil.

## YOUTH LOCK-IN

Join the fun at our Youth Lock-In on Friday, October 7th, from 7:00 pm-7:00 am, in the fellowship hall. There will be lessons, singing, games, & junk food. Invite your friends! If any members would like to help chaperone, please see Gaylen or Phil for details.

## Men's Bowling Fellowship

There will be a Men's Bowling Fellowship on Saturday, September 17th, at 12:00 pm, at the Hallmark Lanes Bowling Alley.

### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
- 6-SCOTT DAVIS
  - 9-REGGIE BASS
  - 14-CLAY CULVER
  - 27-CRETA BALES
  - 28-VICTORIA POLANCO

# VOLUNTEER



## TEACHERS' QUARTERLY SIGN-UP SHEET:

The Bible class teachers & assistants quarterly sign-up sheet is posted by the information board. The next quarter begins in October.

## LADIES DAY SIGN-UP SHEETS

Sign-up sheets for breakfast breads and program are located on the ladies' information board.

## September Nursery Schedule

Sept. 4- Brenda & Victoria	*We are in need of more ladies to help in the nursery. If you would like to be on the nursery list, please contact the office. Thank you!
11-Gayle & Josephine	
18-Beverly & Victoria	
25-Natalie & Nichole	
Oct. 2-Brenda & Amanda	

## September Cleaning Calendar

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

<b>Sep. 4-TEAM PHIL</b> Michelle Beverly Josephine Yvonne Lois Marcella	<b>18-TEAM ZACK</b> Amanda Diedre Paul Rubye
<b>11-TEAM LEE</b> Natalie Derek Ken Tim	<b>25-TEAM ROGER</b> Patrick Brenda Linda
	<b>Oct. 2-TEAM JAMES S.</b> Kim-Marie Xavier Jaden Kingsford

## ORDER OF SERVICE

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2022:

- ♦ANNOUNCEMENTS: TIM MATTER
- ♦1ST PRAYER: ANDRÉ PETTAWAY
- ♦SONG: PAUL PORTLEY
- ♦SCRIPTURE READING: KEITH RUMMEL
- ♦SONG: PAUL PORTLEY
- ♦SERMON: PHIL MCINTOSH
- ♦INVITATION SONG: PAUL PORTLEY
- ♦SONG BEFORE COMMUNION:  
PAUL PORTLEY
- ♦COMMUNION:  
GIANNI GRIFFITH & IVAN MCINTOSH
- ♦SONG: PAUL PORTLEY
- ♦OFFERING:  
GIANNI GRIFFITH & IVAN MCINTOSH
- ♦CLOSING SONG: PAUL PORTLEY
- ♦CLOSING PRAYER: ADAM ZAK
- ♦AUDIO/VISUAL: PATRICK SELLERS
- ♦SECURITY: BRUCE BROWN & ROGER DEEM
- ♦NURSERY:  
GAYLE WILSON & JOSEPHINE SPEAR

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### SCRIPTURE READING

#### **“A Living Sermon” Philippians 2:5-8**

*“5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:  
6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:  
7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:  
8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.”*



