



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

What God Do You Serve?

By Phil McIntosh



If someone asked you which God you served, what would your answer be? Perhaps your answer would be much like the apostle Paul's statement in his letter to the Christians who met at Corinth:

"...there is no other God but one. ⁵ For even if there are so-called gods, whether in heaven or on earth (as there are many gods and many lords), ⁶ yet for us there is one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we for Him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, through whom are all things, and through whom we live." **1 Corinthians 8:4b-6**

It is entirely possible that you might even be a bit flustered by this question. I mean to Christians (and in truth) there's only one God. There is only one Almighty. There is only one Jehovah, Father, Creator, and Supreme Being. Ah, but not everyone believes in that God.

For a variety of people there are a variety of gods. When someone uses the word "god" they might be referring to their religion's depiction (albeit an incorrect image) of the God we know. Someone who is of another religious faith might refer to "god" (maybe with a different name or the same name), but that does not mean they're talking about the same God you and I know to be God. There are even multiple gods in the Bible; Paul's mentioning of "so-called gods" in 1 Corinthians has already pointed that out for us.

The Bible mentions other "gods" more than just there though. Very early in the commandments that God Almighty gave to the people He rescued from Egyptian captivity, He told them to have "no other gods" before Him (**Ex. 20:3**). Surely God didn't mean that other beings or things were in any way equal to Him! No. However, the Hebrews failed to revere Him as the Almighty, substituting other (fake and impotent) gods in His place (**Amos 5:21-27; Acts 7:42-43**). This resulted in their removal from His blessings. Furthermore, as the generation to follow that original group of freed captives was about to enter the promised land of Canaan, they were warned not to "go after" the "gods" of the inhabitants of those lands (**Deut. 6:10-15**). As previously seen, the punishment for neglecting this warning would be destruction.

How then can we reconcile what's being said in the Bible with reference to the number of extant gods? Here's the key: The reality is that there are no (*none, zip, zero, nada, zilch*) other Beings like the Supreme and Sovereign God Almighty, but there are other beings, items, faiths, substances, and materials we substitute in His place. We can therefore conclude that a person's "god" is a real god, but not THE real God. A person's god is whatever they hold most dear in life; whatever they choose to serve as their supreme priority. In his farewell address, after admirably serving God and His people for many years, Joshua urged the people as follows:

"Now therefore, fear the LORD, serve Him in sincerity and in truth, and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the River and in Egypt. Serve the LORD! ¹⁵ And if it seems evil to you to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose

land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.” **Joshua 24:14-15**

What a person pursues above all else (or to whom they are a slave) identifies that person’s “god.” When Paul wrote to the Philippian church, he mentioned some who were “enemies” of the cross. Why? Because they actively persecuted the church? Possibly, but that’s not the whole of the story. Because they didn’t believe in God? Not necessarily. Look:

“For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: ¹⁹ whose end is destruction, whose god is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame—who set their mind on earthly things.” **Philippians 3:18-19**

If one were to use this verse and couple it with **Jam. 4:4** and **Matt. 6:24**, you could easily construct a narrative where the one who puts anything worldly in front of God Almighty is not a friend of God, but an enemy of the cross. The Christian is encouraged to seek the things that are “above, where Christ is” (**Col. 3:1-3**). One *cannot* do that if anything sits in a higher position of respect, service, or importance than God. Serving anything in place of God means you do not serve God Almighty. Additionally, merely *saying* that you serve God is not enough if you allow anything to supplant Him in His rightly deserved premier position in your life. We proclaim the God we serve not only by our lips, but by our actions (**Jn. 15:14**).



MEN’S LUNCHEON: The men of the congregation are invited and encouraged to attend a lunch on Saturday, October 15th. The place has not yet been decided, but we will announce it when known.



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

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.

Please Join Us For Our Ladies Day!
With Our Guest Speaker: *Carlie Bond*



Carlie Bond and her husband of 22 years, Clay, have four beautiful children, Artie Rose, Annabelle, Trinity & Cole. For the past 21 years Carlie has been a helper to her husband in his efforts to preach the gospel to the lost and build up the Lord’s church. Carlie is active in the Lord’s work in a variety of ways and serves her family as a homeschooling mother and works as a realtor.

Carlie and her family currently live in Marble Falls, Texas, where they labor with the Lake Country church of Christ and work with the Southwest School of Bible Studies in Austin, TX.

October 15th, 9:00 AM - 1:30 PM
*Registration starts at 8:00 AM

Please call or email us for a headcount by Thurs., Oct. 13th

*Enjoy a light breakfast during registration until 8:45.
Lunch will be served following the lessons.
Childcare will be provided for ages one to five during the lessons.*

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

On Sunday, October 2nd, Barry Hatcher, from the Indonesia Mission Work, will give a presentation update during Bible class. **All classes**, except for the small children’s classes, will meet in the auditorium.

The Hatcher family (Barry, Melany, and their three children) moved to Jakarta, Indonesia in 1987. Their purpose was to establish a preacher training school. The North Sulawesi School of Bible Studies is in her 33rd year of instruction. There have been 112 men and 76 women to graduate from the school since her inception. From these graduates, there have been 35 new congregations established and they teach and preach in a total of 67 congregations. There have been more than 2,000 people obey the gospel since the school began in 1989. The BCS (Bryan-College Station, TX) church of Christ, is the sponsor for the Indonesia mission work.

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!

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

ORDER OF SERVICE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2022:

- ♦ **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** ANDRÉ PETTAWAY
- ♦ **1ST PRAYER:** ROGER DEEM
- ♦ **SONG:** GAYLEN WILLIAMS
- ♦ **SCRIPTURE READING:** BILL RAWLINGS
- ♦ **SONG:** GAYLEN WILLIAMS
- ♦ **SERMON:** PHIL MCINTOSH
- ♦ **INVITATION SONG:** GAYLEN WILLIAMS
- ♦ **SONG BEFORE COMMUNION:**
GAYLEN WILLIAMS
- ♦ **COMMUNION:**
ANDRÉ PETTAWAY & IVAN MCINTOSH
- ♦ **SONG:** GAYLEN WILLIAMS
- ♦ **OFFERING:**
ANDRÉ PETTAWAY & IVAN MCINTOSH
- ♦ **CLOSING SONG:** GAYLEN WILLIAMS
- ♦ **CLOSING PRAYER:** LEE FISHER
- ♦ **AUDIO/VISUAL:** PATRICK SELLERS
- ♦ **SECURITY:** BRUCE BROWN & ROGER DEEM
- ♦ **NURSERY:**
BEVERLY WILLIAMS & VICTORIA POLANCO

SCRIPTURE READING

**“Cotton Candy Preaching”
2 Timothy 4:2-4**

*“² Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine.
³ For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;
⁴ And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.”*

