



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 Tool or a Weapon

By Phil McIntosh



On my back porch there is a stack of wood. I consider that a good thing since, before we know it, it will be getting on wintertime, and I will welcome a roaring fireplace. The problem is that all the pieces of wood on our back porch are too large to go into our fireplace as they currently sit. Someone is going to have to go out to the backyard, grab a wedge and an ax, and get to work. The ax is a wonderful tool if used properly. However, the ax, even when used a tool, can be dangerous if it is not wielded capably and responsibly. Additionally, the ax can be used as a vicious weapon, delivering excruciating, even fatal, blows. The ax, though, by itself is not dangerous. The ax usually stands quietly in the garage, surrounded by other inanimate objects, merely waiting its turn to be grasped by a user and put into action. God spoke of the ax in such a way when He, through the prophet Isaiah, spoke of the utilization of the king of Assyria as a tool to accomplish His will (*Is. 10:15*). It is not then the implement that wields the power, but the force controlling the implement. Remember that.

Perhaps a myriad of other things in life could be considered as both a tool *or* a weapon. Perhaps few of those implements could be considered as harmful or as painful as one the Bible mentions- the tongue. The person who coined the phrase "stick and stones may break my bones, but words can never hurt me" was either selling something, lying, or willfully blind and stubborn. Let's be honest, words hurt. Words can hurt immensely. Perhaps you have been humiliated by someone hurling insults your direction. Maybe you have felt like a speck of dirt because someone you loved and respected told you they were disappointed in you. It is even likely that you have been made fun of for some physical feature or characteristic- usually something you could not control or change. Oftentimes, words are used in a way the users know will inflict pain. It's shameful the way humans treat each other sometimes.

Since Christians are humans, it stands to reason that we possess the capability to harm others. Just because someone belongs to Christ does not mean that person cannot act in the way of the world (*1 Jn. 1:8*). We need to realize that we are *capable* of inflicting harm upon others, while purposefully setting our minds to *pursue* peace and righteousness. The apostle Paul urged the Colossian church to continually seek the things that were associated with Christ (*Col. 3:1-3*), and that such an exercise included severing from their minds and persons the ways of the world (*Col. 3:5-9*). One such "way of the world" is the way we use our tongues. Make no mistake, the tongue is dangerous. James told us,

"And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity. The tongue is so set among our members that it defiles the whole body, and sets on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire by hell. ⁷For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and creature of the sea, is tamed and has been tamed by mankind. ⁸But no man can tame the tongue. It is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison." -James 3:6-8

Used improperly, the tongue is likened to a blazing forest fire which devours all that is in its path. Everyone possesses enormous power with this tiny member of his or her body. Each of us also has been endowed with the freedom to use it as we see fit. The Christian, though, has the expectation to use it with responsibility and righteous intent.

The tongue, like the ax, can be a tool *or* a weapon. James went on to say in chapter three that from the same source (the tongue) we can “bless God” or “curse men” (*Jam. 1:9-10*). He says that though this is possible, it is *not* what God wants for His children. The Bible enumerates a variety of godly uses for the tongue in passages such as *Eph. 4:25; Jam. 1:19; Col. 4:6; Rom. 14:19; 1 Pet. 4:11; Titus 2:1*; etc. The child of God can build up or tear down with a spoken word; strengthen or weaken with a spoken word; teach or torment with a spoken word; and forgive or forsake with a spoken word. Let us seek to use our tongues as tools many more times than as weapons as we grow in the grace and wisdom of the Lord. As Paul said,

“Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers.” -Ephesians 4:29



CHRISTIAN HOMES & FAMILY SERVICES CHANGE CAN DRIVE:
Our annual change can drive benefiting Christian Homes & Family Services is underway. The change cans are located in the foyer and the date to have the cans returned is October 23rd.

YOUTH DEVOTIONAL

Join us for our Youth Devotional on Sunday, Sept. 11th, 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.



PICTURES:

If you do not see your picture on the picture board, please see Zack Petties or Victoria Polanco to have one taken.

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.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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

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

Join us for our next P.E.P. Night on Friday, Sept. 16th, at 6:00 pm, in the fellowship hall.

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.

VOLUNTEER



TEACHERS' QUARTERLY SIGN-UP SHEET:

The Bible class teachers' & assistants quarterly sign-up sheet is posted by the information board.

BUILDING GROUNDS CLEAN-UP:

There will be a grounds clean-up on Saturday, September 10th, at the building. Please bring your weed eaters and gloves. POC is Roger Deem for any questions.

September Nursery Schedule

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

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 Rubye
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 4, 2022:

- ♦ANNOUNCEMENTS: TIM MATTER
- ♦1ST PRAYER: BILL RAWLINGS
- ♦SONG: PAUL PORTLEY
- ♦SCRIPTURE READING: MICHAEL ROGERS
- ♦SONG: PAUL PORTLEY
- ♦SERMON: PHIL MCINTOSH
- ♦INVITATION SONG: PAUL PORTLEY
- ♦SONG BEFORE COMMUNION: PAUL PORTLEY
- ♦COMMUNION:
ROGER DEEM & ANDRÉ PETTAWAY
- ♦SONG: PAUL PORTLEY
- ♦OFFERING: ROGER DEEM & ANDRÉ PETTAWAY
- ♦CLOSING SONG: PAUL PORTLEY
- ♦CLOSING PRAYER: LEE FISHER
- ♦AUDIO/VISUAL: PATRICK SELLERS
- ♦SECURITY: BRUCE BROWN & ROGER DEEM
- ♦NURSERY:

BRENDA SELLERS & VICTORIA POLANCO



SCRIPTURE READING

“Get to Know the Devil”
Revelation 12:9-12

“⁹ And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

¹⁰ And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

¹¹ And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

¹² Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.”

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR MILITARY & D.O.D. CIVILIANS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- Jessica Rogers is currently deployed to Kuwait.
- Tracy Wilson's son, Zane is in the class portion of flight school.
- Sara Rummel's son, Bryan Johns, is leaving for marine boot camp in mid-September.

PLEASE KEEP THESE MEMBERS & LOVED ONES IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- Yvonne Hardiman's husband, Ray, is recovering from eye surgery last Thursday.
- Bill Rawlings' mother fell and fractured her hip last Monday. The fracture is in a part of her hip where she cannot have surgery and will have to endure the pain.
 - Former member, David Chapman's kidney cancer has progressed. He's currently in the hospital with a kidney bleed. If the bleeding can't be stopped, the doctors will cut the supply of blood to the kidney, and he will be on permanent dialysis. Please pray specifically that the kidney will stop bleeding on its own and that the new treatment plan will have a positive outcome.
 - Kevin Rhodes' wife, Tracy, is recovering from open heart surgery last Friday.
 - Victoria Polanco's friend, Mary Lou Daines' elderly neighbor, Nancy, is recovering from a fall on Tuesday.
 - Former member, Connie Cruz, begins radiation soon.
 - David Hamrick had a CT scan last Thursday showing no sign of cancer.
 - Beverly Williams, Phil McIntosh's parents, Pat & Cheryl McIntosh, & Colleyville church of Christ minister, Ross Haffner are recovering from Covid.

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & HOME-

BOUND: Jim Dukes, Ken Sellers, Judy Wall's husband (James), Bill Rawlings, Michelle McIntosh's cousin (Nikki), Gary & Shirl Foster, Rodney Carter's mother-in-law (Betty Martin), Joyce Brown's sister (Janet Simmons) & nephew (Jon-Jon Simmons), Willard Jack Dunn, Tracy Wilson's mother (Ruth Hyde), former member Temesha Lawal's mother (Cassandra Watson) & step-mother (Stephanie), Jim Dukes' niece's husband, Martha Chafin, Tim Matter's wife (Elda) & brother (Michael), James Garner, Josephine Spear & her sisters (Rose & Patricia) & friend (Iris), Linda Deem's nephew, Tanja & Tiffany Arch & Tanja's aunt, Julia Jones' cousin (Larry Sanford) & daughter (Judy Seales), Amanda Petties' brother (Anthony Allen) & sister (Jewel) & her nieces (Carrington & Moneisha Williams), Rufus Brown, Marcella Williams & her brother-in-law (Johnnie Milford), Martha Bell's sister, Julie Odum's mother (Sharon Schmidt), Nada Miller, Lois Brown, Cheryl Flores' brother-in-law (Raymond Flores), Billye Hughes, Mary McAnally's sister (Ann Ahrens), Gladys Driver, Archie & Jessie Turner, and Linda Walts.

SYMPATHY: We wish to extend our sympathy and prayers to Deja Williams on the loss of her aunt, Rashonda Johnson, who was 34 yrs. old. Deja has traveled to Houston for her funeral.

Our Speaker Today Is Phil McIntosh



We want to especially welcome our visitors!

If you are visiting, please fill out an attendance card from the back of the pew directly in front of you, and drop it in offering box as you leave. Thank you for your visit and please join us again!

BIBLE STUDIES AND COUNSELING OFFERED

- ⇒ Bible Studies With Our Preacher Or Elders
- ⇒ Free Bible Correspondence
- ⇒ Free Marriage And Family Counseling

To our visitors—Thank you for being with us today, and please come again!

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☞SEPTEMBER CALENDAR☞

- 4-Fellowship Luncheon following the morning service.
- 5-Office closed (Labor Day).
- 7, 14, 21, 28-Ladies' Bible Class, 10:00 am, in the fellowship hall.
- 10-Clean-up at the building, 8:00 am.
- 10-Ladies' Breakfast & Workday at 9:30 am, in the fellowship hall.
- 11-Teachers' Meeting following the morning service.
- 11-Youth Devotional, 5:00 pm, in the fellowship hall.
- 11-Foster's Children's Home Drive will begin.
- 16-P.E.P. Night, 6:00 pm, in the fellowship hall.
- 17-Men's Bowling, 12:00 pm, at Hallmark Bowling Lanes.
- 21-Singing Practice, 6:00 pm, in the auditorium.