



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



DEVOTIONAL,
FELLOWSHIP & FUN!
THANK YOU ALL WHO
PARTICIPATED AND
HELPED WITH THIS
YEAR'S YOUTH LOCK-IN!



God's Fingerprints

By Phil McIntosh



There are physical attributes of the Almighty which are written about in the Holy Scriptures. We can read of God's hands, eyes, ears, fingers, voice, and other ways in which He has been described as having human qualities. This expression of terms is called *personification*. The Bible tells us that God is not a human; rather clearly teaching that, "*God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth*" (**Jn. 4:24**). However, perhaps because we are human and cannot fathom the way in which God Almighty actually works, we are told about God (*by God*) in a way that we can understand His actions in our world. So then, in a human sense, we cannot actually observe God's fingerprints anywhere.

From a cause-and-effect perspective though, we can witness the "fingerprints" of God on a daily basis. If one is only willing to open his (mental) eyes when he opens his physical eyes, he will see the glory of God spread across the canvas of our planet, her atmosphere, and the galaxy in which she lives. Look at the way the psalmist speaks of our world in poetic terms:

"The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork. ²Day unto day utters speech, And night unto night reveals knowledge. ³There is no speech nor language Where their voice is not heard. ⁴Their line has gone out through all the earth, And their words to the end of the world. In them He has set a tabernacle for the sun, ⁵Which is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, And rejoices like a strong man to run its race. ⁶Its rising is from one end of heaven, And its circuit to the other end; And there is nothing hidden from its heat." **Psalm 19:1-6**

If one does not, cannot, or refuses to witness and acknowledge the "fingerprints" of God in the wonder that is a newborn baby, the purple and orange tinted skyline in the evening, or the majesty of a blanket dotted with millions of stars at night, he is missing out on experiencing the very Creator who lovingly made him.

Yet still there is another way to see God's "fingerprints." This is within the same realm of cause-and-effect, albeit in a different environment. This evidence of God is in the governments of the world and their relationship with their counterparts, contemporaries, and citizens. Perhaps you have voted in the past and, when your candidate won, assumed that it was the providence of God that specifically brought it about. That's possible,

we may never know. We are still so simple as it relates to God's providence. We might assume something came to happen by God and for a specific purpose, but we don't always know with any calculable certainty. There are a variety of things of which we may believe were impacted by the providence of God. Quite frequently, we might look to hindsight to grant us heightened understanding or confirmation. We might not always see God's providence in the moment (although admittedly sometimes it seems clear), but we can look *backwards* and believe with great certainty that it was God's handiwork at work in our lives or in the lives of others. We have faith that "God will provide" (**Gen. 22:8**), and we pray with such trust; though we do not always know from where God's solution will arise. It seems that an ancient pair of cousins shared that trust.

A Jewish man by the name of Mordecai lived in Persia in the 5th century BC. He was the cousin of a woman named Esther, who became queen. She was married to a king known in the Bible as Ahasuerus (**Est. 2:16-17**). This king is likely the same as one known by a different name in world history- Xerxes I (*his Greek name*), who famously fought with the Greeks and Spartans in the early 5th century battles Thermopylae and Salamis (480 BC). The king had an official who the Bible calls Haman. This man concocted a plot in a rage and was successful at convincing the king to allow an annihilation of the Jews who lived under the king's power. If this plot would have been successful, the Jews in Persia *and* in Judah would have been killed. However, the bloodline of Abraham, Jacob, and Judah had to be preserved for Jesus. Mordecai sent a message to his cousin (now Queen) Esther and appealed to her to act. Look at how he spoke of the coming danger:

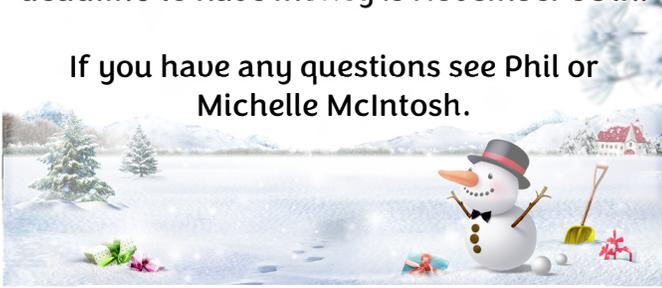
"And Mordecai told them to answer Esther: "Do not think in your heart that you will escape in the king's palace any more than all the other Jews. ¹⁴For if you remain completely silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house will perish. Yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" **Esther 4:13-14**

What faith in the handiwork of God! Mordecai was completely convinced that God would act, in one way or another, to preserve His promises. Mordecai acted. Esther acted. God acted. The bloodline was preserved, and our Lord became flesh from that people less than 500 years later. God is not mentioned in the book of Esther by *name*, but His "fingerprints" cover every page. God's "fingerprints" are inescapable and unmistakable in our world; one has only to want to look to find them and follow them (**Prov. 3:5-6**).

Holiday Helpers

Share in our affection for others this holiday season. We are collecting money with the goal of paying forward God's blessings to a few chosen families who we would like to assist. Please join with us in this goal if you have the ability. The deadline to have money is November 30th.

If you have any questions see Phil or Michelle McIntosh.



October Nursery Schedule

2-Brenda & Amanda
9-Beverly & Victoria
16-Gayle & Josephine
23-Victoria & Nichole
30-Natalie & Amanda

*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!

October Cleaning Calendar

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

2-TEAM JAMES S.
Kim-Marie
Xavier
Jaden
Kingsford
Barbara

16-TEAM LEE
Natalie
Derek
Ken
Tim

9-TEAM PHIL
Michelle
Beverly
Josephine
Yvonne
Lois
Marcella

23-TEAM ZACK
Amanda
Diedre
Paul
Rubye

30-TEAM ROGER
Patrick
Brenda
Linda



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

1-CHERYL FLORES
3-HANNAH FANE
8 - GLENDA BOUDREUX
12 - HEATHER HEILMAN
18-MERAIHA JOHNSON
20-KIM-MARIE SEAY
23 - KENNETH RICHARDS
24-ASHER WILLIAMS (3)
26-MILLIE SIMCOX

ORDER OF SERVICE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2022:

- ♦ANNOUNCEMENTS: TIM MATTER
- ♦1ST PRAYER: LEE FISHER
- ♦SONG: REGGIE BASS
- ♦SCRIPTURE READING: GIANNI GRIFFITH
- ♦SONG: REGGIE BASS
- ♦SERMON: PHIL MCINTOSH
- ♦INVITATION SONG: REGGIE BASS
- ♦SONG BEFORE COMMUNION:
REGGIE BASS
- ♦COMMUNION:
ROGER DEEM & KINGSFORD ASARE
- ♦SONG: REGGIE BASS
- ♦OFFERING:
ROGER DEEM & KINGSFORD ASARE
- ♦CLOSING SONG: REGGIE BASS
- ♦CLOSING PRAYER: ADAM ZAK
- ♦AUDIO/VISUAL: PATRICK SELLERS
- ♦SECURITY: BRUCE BROWN & ROGER DEEM
- ♦NURSERY:
GAYLE WILSON & JOSEPHINE SPEAR

SCRIPTURE READING

“Can Anybody Speak in Tongues Today?”
Acts 2:1-4

“² And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. ² And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. ³ And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.”

