



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

Reaping the Benefits

By Phil McIntosh



We live in a time where you can have someone else cook food for you, get into their car, drive it to your house, and hand it to you; all while you've done nothing but sit in your chair and dial numbers on a phone or touch various parts of the screen on a smartphone and go back to watching television on your flatscreen, holding a glass full of ice and enjoying the low 70 degree temperature in your house maintained by manufactured air cooling. What a life. Surely the old adage is true that you "don't know what you have until it's gone." Living in America is not always as enjoyable for some than others; there are definitely some negatives we could discuss and there are many who live in unfortunate conditions and environments where they are disadvantaged and marginalized. We would do well to remember such and assist them when we have an opportunity. That said, far and away, most people who live in this country are overwhelmingly blessed. We enjoy a multitude of niceties our parents and grandparents could only dream of; along with a number of things they'd likely never have even imagined. You and I get to reap the benefits of those who have gone before us in paving the way for such an advanced and privileged society.

Sometimes generations who lived and toiled provide a foundation on which future generations are able to reap a multiplicity of benefits. It's almost as if a grand house is being built, with generation upon generation building the concrete foundation, the frame, the wiring, and the finishing touches on the house others simply get to live in without seeing the "blood, sweat, and tears" that were exerted to construct it. The Bible has a section of verses in it that came to mind as I was thinking about this article. I remembered Jesus talking to those who lived in His generation, telling them of the privilege they had to reap the benefits of their ancestors' toil. Look at this section of verses and see what conclusions can be drawn:

"Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work. ³⁵ Do you not say, 'There are still four months and then comes the harvest'? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest! ³⁶ And he who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, that both he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together. ³⁷ For in this the saying is true: 'One sows and another reaps.' ³⁸ I sent you to reap that for which you have not labored; others have labored, and you have entered into their labors." -**John 4:34-38**

The arrival of the kingdom of the Lord had been prophesied for many a generation (*for instance, Daniel spoke of it over 500 years prior to Jesus' birth, Dan. 2:44*). There was intense labor and toil expended as God weaved His plan through multiple generations, civilizations, and kingdoms from the beginning of time (**Gen. 3:15**). Men of God, prophets, priests, scribes, and others worked to lay the foundation on which this house was going to be built and people were going to be offered entrance into the kingdom when it arrived. Perhaps they didn't always know the full extent and power of the contents of their prophecies, but they sought the promise (**1 Pet. 1:10-12**). Jesus even said that many people would have liked to have seen His day, expressing to those who were witnesses of Him how monumental their experience at that moment was (**Matt. 13:16-17**). You and I are certainly recipients of the benefits of the labor of the old prophets, the apostles, the early church, and, most importantly, the Lord Jesus and the

Spirit. We hold within our hands the “keys to the kingdom of Heaven” as we can take this “bread” from God and feed it to those who are starving. We weren’t the ones who did the sowing, but we can do the reaping.

Building on this idea of reaping benefits from previous generations, I want to take a moment to impress upon you an enhanced appreciation for your personal Bible. One of the blessings you and I (likely) take for granted is our English Bible. Not only do we possess the fullness of God’s revelation (**Jude 3; 2 Pet. 1:3**), but we have it in a language in which we have understanding. I want to share an excerpt from the “Preface” of the King James Version of the Bible in 1611:

“...it is necessary to have translations in a readiness. Translation it is that openeth the window, to let in the light; that breaketh the shell, that we may eat the kernel; that putteth aside the curtain, that we may look into the most Holy place; that removeth the cover of the well, that we may come by the water, even as Jacob rolled away the stone from the mouth of the well, by which means the flocks of Laban were watered [Gen 29:10]. Indeed without translation into the vulgar tongue, the unlearned are but like children at Jacob's well (which is deep) [John 4:11] without a bucket or something to draw with; or as that person mentioned by Isaiah, to whom when a sealed book was delivered, with this motion, "Read this, I pray thee," he was fain to make this answer, "I cannot, for it is sealed." [Isa 29:11].” -Original KJV Preface by Myles Smith

What a statement! How would you and I know what God said without the Bible in our language? How many of us know Latin? What about Greek? Hebrew? Aramaic? Without the labor of dedicated generations before us, some who gave their life for their endeavors, what would you and I know of the Bible? We would be reduced to having preachers or educators telling us to “take their word” for what it actually says. But, thanks to the untiring labor of the generations before us sustained by the unfathomable and majestic surety of God’s providence, we are able to reap the knowledge of the “God-breathed” (**2 Tim. 3:16**) words of life and salvation given to men by God’s Spirit (**2 Pet. 1:20-21**). As Paul said, while writing of fellowship and love in God’s grace, “Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!” (**2 Cor. 9:15**).

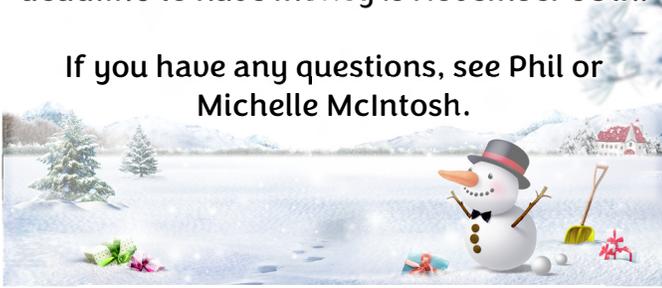
2022 Ladies Day



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-Nichole & Victoria
 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- MERALIAH JOHNSON
 20- KIM-MARIE SEAY
 23- KENNETH RICHARDS
 24- ASHER WILLIAMS (3)
 26- MILLIE SIMCOX

ORDER OF SERVICE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2022:

- ♦ANNOUNCEMENTS: TIM MATTER
- ♦1ST PRAYER: DERREL HEGINBOTHAM
- ♦SONG: REGGIE BASS
- ♦SCRIPTURE READING: IVAN MCINTOSH
- ♦SONG: REGGIE BASS
- ♦SERMON: PHIL MCINTOSH
- ♦INVITATION SONG: REGGIE BASS
- ♦SONG BEFORE COMMUNION:
REGGIE BASS
- ♦COMMUNION:
ANDRÉ PETTAWAY & GIANNI GRIFFITH
- ♦SONG: REGGIE BASS
- ♦OFFERING:
ANDRÉ PETTAWAY & GIANNI GRIFFITH
- ♦CLOSING SONG: REGGIE BASS
- ♦CLOSING PRAYER: KINGSFORD ASARE
- ♦AUDIO/VISUAL: PATRICK SELLERS
- ♦SECURITY: BRUCE BROWN & ROGER DEEM
- ♦NURSERY:
NICHOLE WILLIAMS & VICTORIA POLANCO



SCRIPTURE READING

“Characteristics of the NT Church: How Does It Interact With Government?”

Matthew 22:17-21

“¹⁷ Tell us therefore, What thinkest thou? Is it lawful to give tribute unto Caesar, or not? ¹⁸ But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, Why tempt ye me, ye hypocrites? ¹⁹ Shew me the tribute money. And they brought unto him a penny. ²⁰ And he saith unto them, Whose is this image and superscription? ²¹ They say unto him, Caesar's. Then saith he unto them, Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's.”

