



# 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

## Why the Division

Shepherd Notes by Zack Petties



The Church, alternately of being united has been divided repeatedly. Recurrently we find one group breaking off from another group and forming a new group. Then, before long the new group splits and finds itself divided. The excuses for the conflict are numerous, but they all stem from the same root cause of pride and selfishness. James 4:1-3 explains that bitter jealousy and selfish ambition are inspired by the devil. These conflicts result from evil desires battling within us that can lead to division.

These divisions do exist, and we need to recognize them and understand them. God did not bring these divisions; man did. These schisms and divisions exist because of man: man's ignorance, man's failure, man's pride, man's lust for power and position, man's selfishness, and man's wanting to do his own thing in his own way. In the book of Genesis 26:12-16, it's the conflict over water rights the neighboring Philistines grew jealous because everything Isaac did seemed to go right. So, what do the Philistines do is fill his wells with dirt and tried to get rid of him. Jealousy is a dividing force strong enough to tear apart the mightiest of nations or the closest of friends. It forces you to separate yourself from what you were longing for in the first place. Divisions come about because of MAN'S FAILURE TO STAY RIGHT WITH GOD. If men would keep in a right relationship with God, then would also be in a right relationship with each other, and there would be a Unity and a Oneness. In order for men to have fellowship with each other, who must they first have fellowship with (1 John 1:3)? When people are not right with God, they will not be right with other people. If we had lived in the first century and had to move from Philippi to Ephesus, we would have found the same kind of church in Ephesus as you we have left in Philippi. The New Testament Churches: Philippi, Thessalonica, Ephesus, Rome, Jerusalem a United voice we the Churches must have:

Same teaching - 1 Corinthians 4:17

Same Practice - 1 Corinthians 7:17

Same Custom - 1 Corinthians 11:16

Same Order - 1 Corinthians 14:33

Many churches have moved away from the Bible and moved away from God of the Bible. Churches have been divided and have split and new churches have formed. God has not changed, the Bible has not changed, and the Truth has not changed. But, the devil has brought about change and causing confusion about the truth of God seems lost in the middle of all the mess?

God certainly wants unity and oneness, this is what the Lord prayed for (John 17: 21-23 and in Ephesians 4:3-6, 13). Often people will Unite together for a common cause or purpose. Herod and Pilate had hatred toward each other but, they joined together in a common hatred of Jesus Christ, and they became Friends (Luke 23:12). May we learn from history that whenever a person fails to have or maintain a healthy vertical relationship with God, then divisions and difficulties will always come horizontally.

In love,  
Brother Petties

## Even Babies Don't Like Kale

By Phil McIntosh



How health conscious are we? After a sermon on “heart health” last week, we walked next door and saw fried chicken, sausage, casseroles, and a table full of desserts. Now, this week, I’m bashing kale. Ok, not really. If you like kale, please don’t be upset with the title; trust me, this is going somewhere. On the spectrum of foods that are nutritious and worth your ingestion, kale is on the high end of the spectrum and is surrounded by flashing neon green lights. In fact, healthline.com says, “Of all the super healthy greens, kale is king.” Kale is a dark green, cruciferous vegetable; it is a part of the same family as cabbage, broccoli, cauliflower, bok choy, turnips, and brussels sprouts. Kale is such a wonderful transporter of vitamins that, for instance, the amount of Vitamin K it possesses is in such copious amounts that it exceeds the “daily recommended” allotment by seven times! This leafy green vegetable boasts cancer fighting abilities, as well as the possibility to improve eyesight and your waistline. So, it’s all gravy, right? Not necessarily. Why? Well, because kale doesn’t taste like gravy. It doesn’t taste like Frito Pie. It doesn’t even taste as good as potatoes or carrots. It’s kind of bitter and bland and just tastes, well, green and earthy.

Don’t take my word for it. For one, you are free to eat some kale yourself; I saw it just the other day in the refrigerated produce section of HEB. There is, though, another barometer for its taste which comes from a place you might not have assumed. I read an article recently that talked about how babies in utero responded to different foods. At the Fetal and Neonatal Research Lab (located in Durham University in the UK), researchers conducted a study to see how babies responded to things like taste and smell. The study observed one hundred different women of varying age groups who were in their third trimester of pregnancy. What they were able to see (through the amazing technological invention of 4D scanning) were differences such as a “laughter-face” and “cry-face.” There was a special sub-group of mothers who were asked not to eat or drink anything in the hour before the scan; nor did they eat anything containing the specific foods they were provided on the day of the scan, so as not to skew the results. What foods did the researchers give them? It wasn’t cake and kale. It wasn’t even banana and kale. No, in this special study, thirty-five of the women were given a kale capsule, and another thirty-five were given a carrot capsule. The results were interesting, to say the least. The article says,

“Lip corner pulling, suggestive of a smile or laughter, was significantly higher in the carrot group compared to the kale and control group. Whereas movements such as upper lip raises, the casting

down of the lower lip, the pressing of the lips, and a combination of those – suggestive of a crying face – were much more common in the kale group than the other groups.”

As the title of the article says, even babies don’t like kale. But that’s not the point of the article. After reading this article, I cannot help but be impressed by life which God created; while simultaneously disappointed in the reality that so many people devalue this tiny, budding lifeform within the safety and security of the uterus. To some people in our world, the baby that can distinguish between kale and carrot are not “real” living beings. Somehow, they assume the baby must breathe the earth’s atmosphere with their own mouths and touch it with their own hands before we pronounce them “worthy” of the distinction of *human being*. At the risk of appearing too political, let me share with you one of my favorite quotes regarding the sanctity of human life and the logic surrounding abortion. In a debate in 1980, Ronald Reagan said, “I’ve noticed that everyone who is for abortion has already been born.”

Reality and truth might often emerge from the lips of a president, a governor, a teacher, or a parent, but absolute and complete truth originates with God. When referencing the Divinely inspired words that comprise our Bible, one sees what God thinks about the genesis of human life, along with its value. In Jeremiah, the Bible tells of God having a plan for Jeremiah to serve Him before he saw the world with his infant eyes:

“Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying: “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; Before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations.” **-Jeremiah 1:4-5**

The beginning of life isn’t listed as when one exits the safety of the mother’s womb; it predates that time. It doesn’t matter the moment our world tells us marks the “official” beginning of life; it matters what the One who actually made us tells us! Further in the scriptures (**Luke 1:36;57 & Luke 1:44; 2:13 respectively**), we find out that the same Greek word is used to describe a child before and after birth, and that this happens with *two* Greek words, not just one (son, babe). The Bible has taught the reality of life existing and counting while in the womb for thousands of years. This recent study and article only serve to show us the wonder of God’s creation and ability as the development and intrinsic human qualities of mature humans are present even within the womb. As David said,

“For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother’s womb. “I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, And that my soul knows very well.” **-Psalm 139:13-14**

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



*“These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulations; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.” John 16:33*

**Be of Good Cheer**  
*John 16:33*

October 15<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM - 1:30 PM  
 \*Registration starts at 8:00 AM  
 Please call or email us for a headcount by Thurs., Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>

*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.*

**October Nursery Schedule**

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

**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	16-TEAM LEE Natalie Derek Ken Tim
9-TEAM PHIL Michelle Beverly Josephine Yvonne Lois Marcella	23-TEAM ZACK Amanda Diedre Paul Ruby
	30-TEAM ROGER Patrick Brenda Linda

**ORDER OF SERVICE**  
**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2022:**

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



**SCRIPTURE READING**

**“Kindling a Little Fire”**  
**Proverbs 15:1-4**

- “15 A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger.*
- 2 The tongue of the wise useth knowledge aright: but the mouth of fools poureth out foolishness.*
- 3 The eyes of the Lord are in every place, beholding the evil and the good.*
- 4 A wholesome tongue is a tree of life: but perverseness therein is a breach in the spirit.”*

