



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

Keep Glowing

By Phil McIntosh



DISCLAIMER: Fire is dangerous, difficult to control, and can result in severe injury or death. Please exercise caution and wisdom and observe the proper safety precautions when handling fire. Do not engage with any sort of fire without proper adult supervision.

Are you excited by fire? Do you feel relaxed when you see the orange and yellow flames dance and flicker along the edges of wood? Do you get a tingle when you hear the crackle and click of wood being slowly consumed by a fire, as if the fire were savoring its meal of bark and tree? There is something entrancing about fire. Fire is a welcome friend when the temperature of the air dips into the lower digits of our climate scale. Just this past Sunday night, with the temperature hovering in the 50s, there were a group of us gathered around a fire pit (*thank you to the brother and sister who loaned it to us*), sitting closely enough to feel some of its wonderful heat. A chair around a fire, surrounded by Christian family, and sharing stories and laughter...it doesn't get a whole lot better in life.

There are times in life when we may be overwhelmed. Our responsibilities, jobs, families, anxieties, health issues, fears, concerns, schedules, etc. can weigh us down and begin to cause us not only mental and emotional, but tangible manifestations of burdens in the forms of physical ailments. In such times of distress, we should turn to God. Paul wrote to the Lord's church in Corinth (in which he conveyed ongoing concern and care for them) and told them the consolation needed for trials and tribulations in life is found in God:

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, ⁴who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. ⁵For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also abounds through Christ." -2 Corinthians 1:3-5

God, and His words, are the well from which you and I can draw inspiration, motivation, encouragement, consolation, and strength. It is a power from God in which you and I can rely to persevere and overcome (*Phil. 4:13; 1 Cor. 15:58*).

Many millennia ago, in an alien land to us, there was a man by the name of Jeremiah. He was a prophet of God, a son of Hilkiyah, of a family of priests (*Jer. 1:1-2*). God's word came him during the reign of King Josiah, and he was given a tall task-speak to God's people and warn them of the danger that was coming because of their (and their predecessors' sins). Jeremiah's message was not well received. The people weren't willing to hear what God had to say and they were so unreceptive and insolent that they even threatened Jeremiah's life! When he was overcome with grief and frustration, Jeremiah once said that he was going to stop talking about God. Imagine


how depressed one must be to even think such a discouraging and hopeless thing. But he couldn't. Even if he wanted to, he couldn't. Because God's power (word) was in him like a *fire* and he simply could not hold it back (*Jer. 20:9*). Oh, that we would have that same dedication to God, down in our bones.

God has afforded us another avenue to being *on fire* for Him. He has appointed a family, through and by His Son Jesus, wherein we can find a deep reserve of love, motivation, encouragement, compassion, and a fiery zeal to remain faithful to God (*Rom. 16:16*). The Lord's church is comprised by a relatively small number of people in our world, and we need to rely on and enjoy one another as we seek for strength within ourselves and as a unit (*Eccl. 4:9-12*). One way in which we can stay connected, as a bundle of sticks in a fire, and share the presence of that heat, is to not forsake the gathering of ourselves together as some have a habit of doing (*Heb. 10:23-25*). Let me share with you this (made up) story:

There was a church member who hadn't been attending worship in quite some time. The church was concerned for him, and they wanted to contact him. The man wasn't antagonistic to the Lord or the church, he'd just fallen out of habit, out of practice, out of duty. He didn't think he really needed to be there. Many believe they can be just as good of Christians at home as they can "at church". One day the preacher stopped by to visit him. While they didn't have a long conversation, it was effective. The man was sitting by a fire of coals. The preacher reached over with tongs and took one of the coals off of the fire. As they sat there and watched, the coal slowly became muted, no longer engulfed in the flame of the fire. It was dying out right there beside the fire. The man responded, "Good sermon preacher, I'll see you next Sunday."

Now obviously, this story is made up. I heard some


version of it many, many years ago and added a few pieces. Be that as it may, it teaches a lesson that we all need to remember. You need to be around the fire to stay on fire. You need to be around the church to stay in the church. You need to share in the congregation's zeal to enhance your zeal. Meeting, studying, worshipping, praying, remembering Jesus' sacrifice, and singing *with* the church was so important to God that He not only gave us the opportunity to do so (and provided us with the instruction to comply), but told us He *expected* us to be a part of it. So, keep glowing. Stay on fire. Stay connected. And remember those who have become disconnected; pray for them, reach out to them, and bring them back to the fire too (*Gal. 6:1*).



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.




Holiday Baskets

Please join us as we prepare & distribute holiday baskets on *Saturday, December 10th.*
at 9:30 am. in the Fellowship Hall.

If you would like to donate to this effort, please see Lee or Natalie Fisher.



Join us for a Ladies' Holiday Potluck & Ornament Exchange at the home of Creta Bales, on December 8th, at 6:00 pm. Please sign up on the ladies' information board.

**NOVEMBER/
DECEMBER
BIRTHDAYS**

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| 9- AMANDA PETTIES | 8- NATALIE FISHER |
| 10- NICHOLE WILLIAMS | 10- JUELZ GAITHER |
| 22- SHIRL FOSTER | 12- MARTHA BELL |
| 22- JESSICA ROGERS | 12- JAMES SEAY |
| 25- JUDY WALL | 14- PAUL PORTLEY |
| 29- XAVIER SEAY | 17- BRENDA SELLERS |
| 30- GREG CULP | 18- BRITNI GRIFFITH |
| 2- SARA RUMMEL | 20- BEVERLY WILLIAMS |
| 2- JESSIE TURNER | 20- JOSEPHINE SPEAR |
| | 20- ZACK PETTIES |
| | 25- GAYLE WILSON |
| | 28- GAYLEN WILLIAMS |
| | 4-VICTORIA & JAMES |
| | 30TH ANNIVERSARY |

November Nursery Schedule

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| Nov. 27- Nichole & 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! |
| Dec. 4- Josephine & Natalie | |
| 11- Beverly & Gayle | |
| 18- Victoria & Brenda | |
| 25- Natalie & Amanda | |

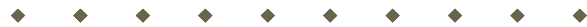
November/December Cleaning Calendar

- May be done any time before the next Sunday.
 - Please consult with your team leader for further questions.
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| Nov. 27-TEAM ZACK
Amanda
Diedre
Paul
Ruby | 11-TEAM JAMES
Kim-Marie
Xavier
Jaden
Kingsford
Barbara | 25-TEAM LEE
Natalie
Derek
Ken
Tim |
| Dec. 4-TEAM ROGER
Patrick
Brenda
Linda | 18-TEAM PHIL
Michelle
Beverly
Josephine
Yvonne
Lois
Marcella | |

ORDER OF SERVICE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2022:

- ANNOUNCEMENTS: ANDRÉ PETTAWAY
- 1ST PRAYER: PAUL PORTLEY
- SONG: IVAN MCINTOSH
- SCRIPTURE READING: JAMES SEAY
- SONG: IVAN MCINTOSH
- SERMON: PHIL MCINTOSH
- INVITATION SONG: IVAN MCINTOSH
- SONG BEFORE COMMUNION:
IVAN MCINTOSH
- COMMUNION:
ROGER DEEM & GIANNI GRIFFITH
- SONG: IVAN MCINTOSH
- OFFERING: ROGER DEEM & GIANNI GRIFFITH
- CLOSING SONG: IVAN MCINTOSH
- CLOSING PRAYER: BILL RAWLINGS
- AUDIO/VISUAL: PATRICK SELLERS
- SECURITY: BRUCE BROWN & ROGER DEEM
- NURSERY: GAYLE WILSON & AMANDA PETTIES



SCRIPTURE READING

**“Let Us Give Thanks”
Psalm 100**

- “100 Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.
- ² Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing.
- ³ Know ye that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
- ⁴ Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.
- ⁵ For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.”

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

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

Jessica Rogers is due to return from Kuwait soon.

-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 on December 12th.

PLEASE KEEP THESE MEMBERS & LOVED ONES IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Scott Davis is recovering from surgery last Thursday.

-Ken Richards' wife, Barbara, was hospitalized last week with fluid on her lungs.

-Shirl Foster has been experiencing intense muscle pain.

-Lesia Crockett is recovering from a knee replacement and has been in a lot of pain.

-Ken Sellers' results for his pancreas are normal and he will be scheduled for a PET scan of his gallbladder and a colonoscopy.

-Adam Zak had an ultrasound on Thursday.

-Josephine Spear's brother-in-law, Kent, is scheduled for a bone marrow transplant on December 8th.

-Mary Lou Daines is requesting prayers for secretary, Laura Huff, who is having a-fib complications.

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & HOME BOUND:

Rodney Carter's aunt (Mary Segler), James Garner's wife, (Tammy), Martha Bell's sister, Donna Hines' stepmother, sister (Rhonda Miller) & niece (April Miller), Bill Rawlings' & his mother, Beverly Williams' sister-in-law (Cindy Fisher), Jim Dukes & his family, former members (Connie Cruz) (Bobbie Knight), Judy Wall's husband (James), Michelle McIntosh's cousin (Nikki), Gary & Shirl Foster, Joyce Brown's sister (Janet Simmons) & nephew (Jon-Jon Simmons), Willard Jack Dunn, Tracy Wilson's mother (Ruth Hyde), Martha Chafin, Tim Matter's wife (Elda) & brother (Michael), Josephine Spear & her sisters (Rose & Patricia) & friend (Iris), Linda Deem's nephew, Tanja & Tiffany Arch & Tanja's aunt, Amanda Petties' sister (Jewel) & her nieces (Carrington & Moneisha Williams) & sister-in-law. Rufus Brown, Marcella Williams & her brother-in-law (Johnnie Milford), Julie Odum's mother (Sharon Schmidt), Nada Miller, Cheryl Flores' brother-in-law (Raymond Flores), Billye Hughes, Mary McAnally's sister (Ann Ahrens), Gladys Driver, Jessie Turner, and Linda Walts.



*Please note there is a Tuesday night singing service at 7:00 pm (no Wednesday service). The office will be closed Wednesday-Friday for the Thanksgiving holiday. Have a safe and wonderful holiday! May God bless you and yours!

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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NOVEMBER CALENDAR

22-Tuesday Night Singing (No Wednesday service).

23-25 Office will be closed for Thanksgiving.

30-Ladies' Bible Class, 10:00 am, in the fellowship hall.

DECEMBER CALENDAR

3-Men's Breakfast & Bible Study, 8:30 am, in the fellowship hall.

7, 14-Ladies' Bible Class, 10:00 am, in the fellowship hall.

8-Ladies' fellowship at the home of Creta Bales, 6:00 pm.

10-Holiday baskets, 9:30 am, in the fellowship hall.