



# 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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San Benito, TX*

### **SERVICE SCHEDULE**

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS - 9:30 AM

SUNDAY WORSHIP - 10:30 AM

WEDNESDAY - 7:00 PM

## Is Truth Up For Grabs?

By Phil McIntosh



Words often get thrown around carelessly. People are very cavalier with their usage of vocabulary and oftentimes issues can escalate unnecessarily because of such reckless regurgitation of words. If one wants to categorize another as undesirable or unorthodox, he could throw around a word like "radical." Our world possesses many ideas and individuals who are truly radical. However, the population of our world is also made up of people who are not radical, though they are falsely accused of such. Those who are not truly radical might simply hold an opinion of a social, ethical, political, financial, ethnical, religious, or other vein of thought that fits outside of the common mold of the accepted confines of majority opinion.

Unbeknownst to you, you might be considered "radical" by a seemingly growing portion of the population of the world. While it is possible you have opinions regarding politics, money, or ethics that are radical to those in your environment, there is another way in which you might be categorized as being outside of the accepted norm. This might be- if you ascribe to a belief that ***truth is absolute***. There is a faction within society who believe, and proclaim loudly and with great ferocity, that truth is *relative*. They are not alone, nor are they innovators. In fact, the idea of a relativistic truth goes back in history to a time even before Jesus was born! A man by the name of Protagoras of Abdera, who lived in the 5<sup>th</sup> century BC, has been noted as being at the forefront of "Western philosophy." He is, by the estimation of Plato, quoted as saying this:

*"Each thing appears to me, so it is for me, and as it appears to you, so it is for you-you and I each being a man."*

While this ancient thinker might not be assured to have believed in a constant, consistent, and systematic form of relativism, the basis of what he says has formed a foundation as such for many people today who promote the idea that there is no such thing as absolute truth; each having the right to determine what *their* truth is.

To give at least the opportunity for the existence of a shackled and limited application of such a philosophical worldview, one would certainly agree that elements in our world are perceived differently from one person to another. For instance, in the winter what is "freezing" for some is "comfortable" for others. A mountain range that seems massive for those who live in the hill country of Texas falls far short of grandeur in the eyes of someone who lives in the mountainous areas of Colorado. Be that as it may, the ***truth*** of the temperature and the height of a mountain (which are both *real* and *fixed* measurements) are not unchanged; rather it is the individual's perception and reception of the truth in front of them which impacts their beliefs and opinions.

Though academia exists as a wonderful opportunity for someone to enhance

their intelligence and understanding, it can also open the door to the perusal and digestion of pieces of information which mangle the simple truths in plain view before us. Sometimes we can “educate” ourselves out of higher intelligence (*1 Cor. 1:18-25*). It seems as if the opening of the box of relativity has produced the “majority” (be it a true majority or only a loud few) handing out “relative” and “personal” “truths” like Oprah (YOU get a truth, and YOU get a truth...and YOU get a truth too!). When there are differences of opinions on a particular topic someone might say to one with whom they disagree, “Well that’s your truth and this is my truth.” Someone might say, “If that’s your truth, then good for you...” And then, with the impression of higher education and the boastfulness of tolerance, an individual says we can hold (and have the right to hold) such differing opinions simultaneously because “truth is relative.” Hold on a minute though. If there is no such thing as absolute truth, as many feigning moral supremacist and intellectually evolved individuals so claim, is not the very **statement** that “truth is relative” itself open for debate since the statement of a truth being relative itself would be a relative statement? It cannot **both** be true that the statement “truth is relative” is absolutely true when the adherents to and peddlers of that thought tell us there is no absolute truth. One cannot have his truth cake and eat it too.

The reality, hard as it might be for some to fathom, is that truth *is* absolute. Truth is knowable, tangible, readable, reachable, and understandable. Jesus, the Son of God, and a part of the very nature of God Himself, told us that the word of God is truth (*Jn. 17:17*). Jesus said that the truth will set people free (*Jn. 8:32*). The book of Proverbs tells us to “buy the truth and sell it not” (*Prov. 23:23*). John wrote that truth came through Christ (*Jn. 1:17*). Jesus said that He was telling the people the truth that “came from God” (*Jn. 8:40*). We could go on with the

scriptures, but the point is this, truth is: Real, Established, and Accessible. Those who disagree will flail for the entirety of their life to know what is true in this world and will continually come up empty. There will always be questions that *could* be answered that, for those living under the blanket of ignorance toward God, will be left unknown. Worse still, the truth of our world’s Creator and Judge will one day be made manifest for all to see. Those who feed on the cake of relative truth all their life will one day be given a bitter pill. The **truth** is that God wants everyone to come to Him and find peace and salvation (*2 Tim. 2:4*). The only way that is possible is if mankind accepts the truth delivered to them from the Lawgiver and Maker, and then lives it (*Jn. 14:6*).



#### PICTURES:

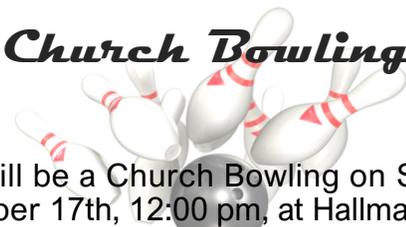
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## YOUTH DEVOTIONAL



Sunday, December 11th, at 5 pm, in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring finger foods.

## Church Bowling



There will be a Church Bowling on Saturday, December 17th, 12:00 pm, at Hallmark Lanes Bowling Alley. (Everyone’s invited)



## YOUTH OUTING

There will be a youth outing on Tuesday, December 20th, beginning @ 1:00pm. We will meet here for pizza, have a small project, then go to Topgolf in Waco. The cost per person will be \$20. Please sign up in the foyer if you are interested. For any questions, please see Gaylen Williams or Phil McIntosh.



- 2- SARA RUMMEL
- 2- JESSIE TURNER
- 8- NATALIE FISHER
- 10- JUELZ GAITHER

- 12- MARTHA BELL
- 12- JAMES SEAY
- 14- PAUL PORTLEY
- 17- BRENDA SELLERS
- 18- BRITTNI GRIFFITH
- 20- BEVERLY WILLIAMS
- 20- JOSEPHINE SPEAR
- 20- ZACK PETTIES
- 24- MONICA MCLEAN
- 25- GAYLE WILSON
- 28- GAYLEN WILLIAMS

### December Nursery Schedule

- 4- Josephine & Natalie
- 11- Beverly & Gayle
- 18- Victoria & Brenda
- 25- 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!

### December Cleaning Calendar

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

Dec. 4-TEAM ROGER Patrick Brenda Linda	18-TEAM PHIL Michelle Beverly Josephine Yvonne Lois Marcella	Jan. 1-TEAM ZACK Amanda Diedre Paul Rubye
11-TEAM JAMES Kim-Marie Xavier Jaden Kingsford Barbara	25-TEAM LEE Natalie Derek Ken Tim	

## ORDER OF SERVICE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2022:

- ♦ANNOUNCEMENTS: REGGIE BASS
- ♦1ST PRAYER: ANDRÉ PETTAWAY
- ♦SONG: GAYLEN WILLIAMS
- ♦SCRIPTURE READING: KEITH RUMMEL
- ♦SONG: GAYLEN WILLIAMS
- ♦SERMON: PHIL MCINTOSH
- ♦INVITATION SONG: GAYLEN WILLIAMS
- ♦SONG BEFORE COMMUNION:  
GAYLEN WILLIAMS
- COMMUNION:  
IVAN MCINTOSH & MICHAEL ROGERS
- ♦SONG: GAYLEN WILLIAMS
- ♦OFFERING:  
IVAN MCINTOSH & MICHAEL ROGERS
- ♦CLOSING SONG: GAYLEN WILLIAMS
- ♦CLOSING PRAYER: KINGSFORD ASARE
- ♦AUDIO/VISUAL: PATRICK SELLERS
- ♦SECURITY: BRUCE BROWN & ROGER DEEM
- ♦NURSERY: BEVERLY WILLIAMS & GAYLE WILSON



### SCRIPTURE READING

“Has Hate Become Cool?”  
Matthew 5:21-22

“<sup>21</sup> Ye have heard that it was said of them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment:  
<sup>22</sup> But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire.”

