



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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*Foster's Home
For Children
Stephenville, TX*

*Sunny Glen
Children's Home
San Benito, TX*

SERVICE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS - 9:30 AM

SUNDAY WORSHIP - 10:30 AM

WEDNESDAY - 7:00 PM

Out of Your Comfort Zone

By Phil McIntosh



Imagine being a teenager and being ripped away from your parents, friends, home, and nation; and then you were transported against your will to a foreign land where everything is unfamiliar to you. The difficulties, anxieties, and fears would likely be numerous. Would you suffer? Would you die? Would you be a slave? What is going to happen to you? Such was the case for those young men who were taken when King Nebuchadnezzar attacked Jerusalem and Judah (**Dan. 1:1-7**). Robbed of their freedom and future, their lives were altered- physically, mentally, emotionally, and (potentially) spiritually. There were probably too many times to enumerate where Daniel and “his three friends”, were tempted with ungodly elements of the Babylonian world and they had to choose between sacrifice or compromise (**Dan. 3:13-18**). Making the righteous decision is not always easy. Simple, yes, but not always easy. As was expressed to the youth during the Sunday night youth devotional, one needs to gain a strong enough faith that, when the inevitable time comes you are away from the “safe place” of home and church family (i.e., when you grow up and leave), you are capable of making the decisions God wants you to make. Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah proved to us that it is possible; for under extreme pressures, they remained faithful to God.

There is another such example to discuss from the Bible and, while this person was young, the example and its powerful lesson is not confined to *only* spring chickens. There was a young man, the age of seventeen, who grew to be hated by most of his family. Perhaps he was already looked down on because he was the second youngest of the entire group of sons. This young man also saw visions, which he shared with his family. This greatly annoyed his brothers and inflamed the hatred which they already felt for him (**Gen. 37:5**). In fact, they hated him so much that they initially wanted to kill him (**Gen. 37:18-20**). Through the process of time, negotiation, and amidst Reuben’s alternate plans, this young man, Joseph, was sold away out of his family and into the ownership of some passersby (**Gen. 47:28**). How confused, hopeless, and scared that young man must have been. He was his father’s favorite son and now he had been separated from his father and become nothing more than someone else’s property. In fact, that wasn’t the only time he was sold! When those travelers got to Egypt, they sold Joseph into the hand of a man named Potiphar, who the Bible says was an “officer” and “captain” in the service of Pharaoh (**Gen. 37:36**).

For many people in antiquity, their future upon having been sold into the hand of another was the beginning of the end. For Joseph, it was an opportunity handed to him by God whereby he would prove his dedication to the Almighty and to righteousness. Joseph would eventually be the very hand by which his dysfunctional family would be

saved (*Gen. 42:1-6; 50:20*). However, the road from favorite son to discarded slave to being second in power to Pharaoh was rocky, to say the least. In the house of Potiphar, Joseph earned great respect. He was looked at with trust and honor from the master of the house. He was also looked at with lust and licentiousness from the master's wife. Joseph was away from his parents, his support system, and, really, anybody else that would keep an eye on him and help him remain strong in holiness. Joseph could have lived any way that he desired in such circumstances. But, and it's a big one, Joseph loved God too much to give in. He loved and respected the Almighty too much to break the barriers of righteousness. He was godly even when nobody was there to see it or keep him accountable:

"But he refused and said to his master's wife, "Look, my master does not know what is with me in the house, and he has committed all that he has to my hand. 'There is no one greater in this house than I, nor has he kept back anything from me but you, because you are his wife. How then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?'"**-Genesis 38:8-9**

The Bible goes on to tell us that she continually pursued him, and he continually refused to engage in this unsanctioned physical activity. So, not only did he not break the laws of God in one moment of temptation, but he also continued to remain resolute in his priority of placing God first.

What does this mean to us? What does God want us to get out of reading this? At some point everyone will be on their own. Perhaps it is a young person leaving home, or it is an older person alone at home, or it is simply any Christian at any place where temptation might strike, and no one is there to either help them or keep them accountable. We should use the words God has given us to not only enhance our faithfulness in the easy environs, but to

fortify our faithfulness for those difficult environs. Temptation will come; and it might very well come when we are out of our "comfort zone" or safe place. We are never truly alone in such instances, for the Lord is with us (*Matt. 28:20*) and the Father will offer a way of escape (*1 Cor. 10:13*).

NEW YEAR'S EVE FELLOWSHIP

Join us for a New Year's Eve fellowship, Friday, January 30th, from 7-9:30, Please bring food/snacks and games. From 7-9 pm, we will be playing games and then singing from 9-9:30.

HOLIDAY BASKETS

We would like to thank everyone who helped donate, prepare, and deliver this year's baskets. This event is always uplifting and encouraging to us all!





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 Ruby
11-TEAM JAMES Kim-Marie Xavier Jaden Kingsford Barbara	25-TEAM LEE Natalie Derek Ken Tim	

ORDER OF SERVICE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2022:

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



SCRIPTURE READING

“Make a List”
2 Peter 1:5-8

- ⁵ *And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;*
- ⁶ *And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;*
- ⁷ *And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.*
- ⁸ *For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.”*

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

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

-Tracy Wilson's son, Zane, is in the class portion of flight school.

-Sara Rummel's son, Bryan Johns, is in marine boot camp.

PLEASE KEEP THESE MEMBERS & LOVED ONES IN YOUR PRAYERS: PRAYER LIST:

We received a prayer request for a preacher in Florida, Tim Stokes, who is recovering from an aneurism. He will be in the ICU for about 3 weeks and he is making progress.

-Brenda Sellers' mother is in a hospital in Houston. Her daughter-in-law, Amanda, is in Scott & White with hypertension of the lungs and congestive heart failure.

-Ken Sellers received good results from his PET scan. He will have a colonoscopy on December 23rd.

-Josephine Spear is having congestion problems.

-Marcella Williams is recovering from the effects from Covid.

-Billye Hughes has been moved to Lakeshore Assisted Living & Memory Care, Room #222, 5250 Medical Drive, Rockwall, TX 75032. Her phone number is 254-247-1205.

-Creta Bales cousin, Terry Jackson, has been transferred to skilled nursing facility in Austin.

-Former member, David Chapman, was released from the hospital last Sunday. His cancer has progressed, and he is having respiratory issues. They will meet with an oncologist to figure out the plan to move forward.

-David Hamrick is still in the hospital recovering slowly after developing sepsis arthritis in his right wrist. The infection had moved into his bloodstream, and he had to have surgery on his wrist to remove the infection from it.

SYMPATHY: We wish to extend our sympathy to Natalie Fisher and her family on the unexpected loss of her brother, William Raymond Starky. Please keep them in your prayers.

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & HOME BOUND:

Judy & James Wall, Shirley Wooten, Martha Bell's sister, Rodney Carter's aunt (Mary Segler), James Garner & wife (Tammy), 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), Michelle McIntosh's cousin (Nikki), Gary & Shirl Foster, Joyce Brown's nephew (Jon-Jon Simmons), Willard Jack Dunn, Tracy Wilson's mother (Ruth Hyde), Martha Chafin, Tim Matter's wife (Elda) & brother (Michael), Josephine Spear's sisters (Rose & Patricia), brother-in-law (Kent) & friend (Iris), Linda Deem's nephew, Tanja, Natasha, & Tiffany Arch & Tanja's aunt, Amanda Petties' sister (Jewel) & nieces (Carrington & Moneisha Williams) & sister-in-law, Rufus Brown, Marcella Williams' 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.

TEACHERS' MEETING: There will be a teachers' meeting today, following the morning service in the front of the auditorium.

Our Speaker Today Is Phil McIntosh

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*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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DECEMBER CALENDAR

20-Youth Outing at 1:00 pm.

21-Singing Class, 6 pm, in the auditorium.

26-Office will be closed.

28-Singing Night

30-New Year's Eve fellowship, 7-9:30 pm, in the fellowship hall.

Jan.2-Office will be closed.

***LADIES BIBLE CLASS BREAK:** The ladies' Bible class will not meet again until January 4th.

***NURSERY HELP:** 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.