



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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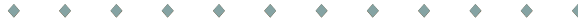
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SERVICE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS - 9:30 AM
SUNDAY AM WORSHIP - 10:30 AM
SUNDAY PM WORSHIP - 5:00 PM
WEDNESDAY - 7:00 PM

A Plate That Never Empties

By Phil McIntosh



There are places in our modern world that technology, progress, and wealth have left behind. Extant are countries, regions, states, communities, cities, tribes, families, and encampments where the minutia of underappreciated blessings in the broader world are simply unknown. Conversely, there are a multiplicity of countries who swim in blessings and might just be *too* used to them. Not taking blessings for granted is a hard thing to do. The "civilized" world expects certain things. We thoughtlessly expect our cars to start when we turn the key, our homes to be warm (or cool in Texas summer), our water to come out every time we turn the handle, our lights to come on when we flip the switch, our phones to work, our doors to lock, and our beds to be comfortable. Oftentimes we fail to remember that many people don't even possess these *perceived* necessities, much less have them in abundance and trustworthy working order. We are truly a blessed people and should thank God every day for the many things we enjoy in life (***Phil. 4:6; Eph. 5:20***).

One of the major blessings with which most Americans have hardly, if ever, struggled, is an availability of food. The website Actions Against Hunger states that, "from 2019 to 2022, the number of undernourished people grew by as many as 150 million." They say that world hunger is currently afflicting almost 1/10th of the population of our world. Though this is primarily an otherworld type of struggle, it does exist in America. There are children who likely only get to eat the meals the school provides for them, and many must rely on the generosity of others or simply go without for periods of time.

Surely, one's heart goes out to people who struggle with food. You likely have seen a young mother or another plainly "in need" individual at the grocery store checkout who wants food and yet is simply incapable of purchasing everything they have on the conveyer belt. That person must then make the difficult decision of which foods to take and which foods to leave. No doubt, many of you have told the cashier to run the entirety of the food and you paid for it yourself. One of the reasons Christians work is to help those who simply do not have the ability to aptly care for themselves (***Eph. 4:28***). Jesus, being both God and man, experienced emotions not dissimilar to ours. The Bible tells us that He saw people in need and provided for them miraculously, as only Deity could. Matthew records for us that Jesus once took five loaves of bread and two small fish and fed over 5,000 people (***Matt. 14:13-21***). So impressive and abundant was Jesus' power that the entirety of the assembly was able to have their fill of the food; and in addition, there were twelve baskets of leftovers that were taken up afterwards (***Matt. 14:20***)! That was only a sampling of the power Jesus possessed and it was only one time out of many where Jesus provided what someone needed that they could not have given themselves.

The food that Jesus provided was a reason why some people followed Him (***Jn. 6:26***). Though we do not seek the Lord for the purpose of physical blessing today, there is a food Jesus provided then (and still makes available today) which you and I *should*

pursue. It is the food which provides spiritual health and eternal life (*Matt. 4:4*). Jesus, in His "Sermon on the Mount" had this to say about those who were spiritually hungry:

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, For they shall be filled."
-*Matthew 5:6*

The food that comes from reading, studying, meditating upon, discussing, and digesting God's word will never be in short supply. God's word has been available, in completion, for nearly two millennia. It cannot be destroyed, it does not grow old, it will not decay or mold, and it's availability will never be diminished (*Matt. 24:35*). According to the words of our faithful God, the "food" that is necessary for salvation and increase in spiritual wisdom will always be in ample supply.

Therefore, the one who is hungry, starving, malnourished, undernourished, or starving can always have the food they need. There is never a reason for a famine of hearing God's word, except that the one who needs it refuses to seek it out. Do you need the sustenance God's word provides? Do you desire it? Do you hunger and thirst for it? Seek it, obtain it, and live by it as often as you have opportunity. There is an opportunity available to you now to gather on the first day of the week and receive food from God multiple times (9:30, 10:30, and 5:00). Let's take advantage of the sustenance needed to make and keep us healthy (*Eph. 3:16*).



GUEST SPEAKER:

On Sunday, March 19th, our guest speaker for worship services will be Jesse Stuart. He is a 2nd year student at the Southwest school of Bible studies in Austin, TX.

YOUTH DEVOTIONAL

Join us today following the evening worship in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring finger foods.

Church Bowling Fellowship



There will be a Church Bowling on Saturday, March 18th, 12:00 pm, at Hallmark Lanes Bowling Alley. The cost is \$6. Please try to give the money to Gary Foster prior.

Join us for a fun filled

Family Bunco Night



Friday 24th March

7pm - 9pm

Friends-Fun-Prizes



In fellowship hall
Of church building



R.S.V.P. with Gaylen or Nichole by calling or texting 254-258-1571

LADIES FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITY:
Creta Bales is hosting a craft activity at her home on Friday, March 31st, at 6:00 pm. The cost is \$5 per person. Please sign up on the ladies' board and pay Creta by March 20th.

SHEEP KEEPERS PROGRAM

Members, please sign up to be a sheep keeper on the information board. The Sheep Keepers program will be a visiting program to encourage visitors, delinquent members, widows & widowers, and new converts.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 2-MARY MCANALLY
- 10-MARTHA CHAFIN
- 11-GARY FOSTER
- 13-COREY CULVER
- 13-GIANNI GRIFFITH
- 17-ANDRÉ PETTAWAY
- 27-SHARON MARTIN
- 28-DIANE LINGLE
- 30-DONNA MCCLENAN-WEAVER

March Nursery Schedule

- Feb. 26-Gayle Wilson & Victoria Polanco
- 5-Natalie & Brianna
- 12-Brenda & Josephine
- 19-Nichole & Victoria
- 26-Gayle & 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!

March Cleaning Calendar

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

Feb. 26-TEAM LEE Natalie Derek Ken Tim	12-TEAM ZACK Amanda Diedre Paul Ruby	26-TEAM PHIL Michelle Beverly Josephine Yvonne Lois Marcella
5-TEAM ROGER Patrick Brenda Linda	19-TEAM JAMES Kim-Marie Xavier Jaden Kingsford Barbara	

ORDER OF SERVICE
SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2023:

- ♦ANNOUNCEMENTS: GAYLEN WILLIAMS
- ♦1ST PRAYER: JAMES SEAY
- ♦SONG: GIANNI GRIFFITH
- ♦SCRIPTURE READING: BRUCE BROWN
- ♦SONG: GIANNI GRIFFITH
- ♦SERMON: PHIL MCINTOSH
- ♦INVITATION SONG: GIANNI GRIFFITH
- ♦SONG BEFORE COMMUNION: GIANNI GRIFFITH
- COMMUNION: ROGER DEEM & PAUL PORTLEY
- SONG: GIANNI GRIFFITH
- ♦OFFERING: ROGER DEEM & PAUL PORTLEY
- ♦CLOSING SONG: GIANNI GRIFFITH
- ♦CLOSING PRAYER: REGGIE BASS
- ♦AUDIO/VISUAL: PATRICK SELLERS
- ♦SECURITY: BRUCE BROWN, RUFUS BROWN, & ROGER DEEM
- ♦NURSERY: BRENDA SELLERS & JOSEPHINE SPEAR

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday AM: "Pillars of Calvinism" Jn. 3:14-17

- ¹⁴ And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up:
- ¹⁵ That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.
- ¹⁶ For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.
- ¹⁷ For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved."

Sunday PM: "Disagreement Doesn't Equal Desertion"
Eph. 4:1-3

- ¹ I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called,
- ² With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love;
- ³ Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."

