



# 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 AM WORSHIP - 10:30 AM  
SUNDAY PM WORSHIP - 5:00 PM  
WEDNESDAY - 7:00 PM

## **A Brilliance Too Bright for Human Eyes**

By Phil McIntosh



The collective eyes of the Lord's church gathered at W.S. Young have seen a variety of worldly sights. Our eyes have likely seen some horrific sights of human suffering, along with some breathtaking scenery and landscapes. Let us focus on the *good* things we've absorbed through our eyes. We have seen magnificent sunsets, breathtaking mountains, majestic blue waters, and marvelous beauty in the face of a child. Surely, we have seen many more sights, some of which cannot be accurately represented in painting (sometimes there are things God has made in this world that can only be experienced in person). I would love to see the fascinating Aurora Borealis dance across the night sky and some picturesque countryside in the UK. I would love to lay my eyes on many of the antiquities and exhibits housed in the British Museum or the Louvre. Perhaps you have a list of things in this world you would like to view with your own eyes- things you've only to date heard about or seen on television. Let us never take for granted the ability God has granted us to use the wonder of vision to enhance our experience of the world He made (*Jer. 10:12; Psa.19:1*).

There are some sights which are simply unattainable in life. They are impossible because of either time, happenstance, or by reason of God's decisions to limit them. For instance, how many of us would love to go back and see what Jesus actually looked like in the flesh? We are surrounded by many paintings and drawing of Him, but nobody today can accurately depict our Lord's physical appearance. My family and I were recently in a religiously based hospital in North Texas and there were a variety of paintings of people's idea of Jesus situated in a variety of situations and among different Bible characters. Jesus seemingly is frequently depicted in similar ways- with perfectly maintained and conditioned long hair, a carefully manicured beard, white (or very light) skin, and often a more physically attractive than those surrounding Him. The likely reality is that is simply how someone *assumed* Jesus looked or were victims of painting Him in their likeness; but there is nothing guaranteeing that is an accurate representation. In fact, if one reads the fifty-third chapter of Isaiah, it is highly possible to come away with the impression Jesus would have not looked anywhere near the GQ model so many attempt to make Him appear as compared to the workaday, common Jews surrounding Him (*Is. 53:1-2*). Regardless of His physical appearance, we would be overwhelmed with intimidation and awe if our human eyes drank in Jesus in our world. Jesus told some who were with Him that they were blessed because of what their eyes saw, which was not afforded to most of civilization (*Matt. 13:16-17*).

It would seem the Bible indicates that the only way mankind can see God is through some sort of filter, vessel, representation, or product. Perhaps it is that the brilliance of God's glory is simply too majestic, too powerful, too overwhelming to view or even process by human faculties. John wrote that nobody had ever seen God (*Jn. 1:8*), rather, only the Son who was a part of Him (*Jn. 1:1*). Jesus agreed with this statement when He said that nobody had seen God, save the Son (*Jn. 6:46*). Maybe you remember that Moses, one of the meekest men in the world, who served God as a powerful and effective leader, requested once to see God (*Ex. 33:18*). God's response was as follows:

"Then He said, "I will make all My goodness pass before you, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before you. I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion." <sup>20</sup>But He said, "You cannot see My face; for no man shall see Me, and live." <sup>21</sup>And the LORD said, "Here is a place by Me, and you shall stand on the rock. <sup>22</sup>So it shall be, while My glory passes by, that I will put you in the cleft of the rock, and will cover you with My hand while I pass by. <sup>23</sup>Then I will take away My hand, and you shall see My back; but My face shall not be seen." -**Exodus 33:19-23**

God's response to Moses was, for whatever theological, philosophical, doctrinal, natural, or Divine reason, simply, "No."

Why might God have disallowed Moses' request? Why did Jesus say that nobody had seen God? I wonder if, perhaps, it was partially because mankind cannot physically or psychologically handle the brilliance of seeing the actual presence of God with human eyes. Let me give you two examples:

The face of Moses glowed after he had been in the presence of God's form on Mount Sinai (*Ex. 34:29-35*).

Paul recounted to King Agrippa what it was like when Jesus spoke to him on the road to Damascus and he said the light was "brighter than the sun" (*Acts 26:13*).

It would seem that, for whatever reason, there is a brightness or brilliance associated with the presence of God that our human eyes simply are not capable of seeing or experiencing. While this is impossible in this world, don't despair; instead, remember that nothing is impossible with God (*Lk. 18:27*). God will bring even this to a reality in our presence when, in the beginning of man's eternal days in Heaven, we are allowed to actually *see* God.

"And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb. <sup>2</sup>In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each tree yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. <sup>3</sup>And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him. "They shall see His face, and His name shall be on their foreheads. <sup>4</sup>There shall be no night there: They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God gives them light. And they shall reign forever and ever." -**Revelation 22:1-5**

One day, those of us who have obeyed the gospel and remained faithful in life, will be afforded a blessing nobody in this world ever has had, or will have, the opportunity to experience: to see the glory of the Almighty God as He is without any filter. Let us be faithful unto death and await that time when we will see the best thing we've ever seen or could even dream to see (*Rev. 2:10*). We've seen some wonderful sights in this world, but nothing will compare with the brilliance of the witnessing the full presentation of God and the Lamb (*Rev. 22:4*).

## YOUTH DEVOTIONAL

Join us March 12th 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 24<sup>th</sup> March

7pm - 9pm

Friends-Fun-Prizes

Everyone  
Welcome

In fellowship hall  
Of church building

Bring fav  
Snack  
to share

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



**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, FEBRUARY 26, 2023:**

- ♦ANNOUNCEMENTS: GAYLEN WILLIAMS
- ♦1ST PRAYER: LEE FISHER
- ♦SONG: GIANNI GRIFFITH
- ♦SCRIPTURE READING: MICHAEL ROGERS
- ♦SONG: GIANNI GRIFFITH
- ♦SERMON: PHIL MCINTOSH
- ♦INVITATION SONG: GIANNI GRIFFITH
- ♦SONG BEFORE COMMUNION: GIANNI GRIFFITH
- COMMUNION:  
KINGSFORD ASARE & IVAN MCINTOSH
- ♦SONG: GIANNI GRIFFITH
- ♦OFFERING:  
KINGSFORD ASARE & IVAN MCINTOSH
- ♦CLOSING SONG: GIANNI GRIFFITH
- ♦CLOSING PRAYER: SCOTT DAVIS
- ♦AUDIO/VISUAL: PATRICK SELLERS
- ♦SECURITY: BRUCE BROWN & ROGER DEEM
- ♦NURSERY:  
NATALIE FISHER & BRIANNA GRIFFITH

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**“Hearing God’s Word”**  
**2 Kings 22:8-11**

*“<sup>8</sup> And Hilkiah the high priest said unto Shaphan the scribe, I have found the book of the law in the house of the Lord. And Hilkiah gave the book to Shaphan, and he read it.*

*<sup>9</sup> And Shaphan the scribe came to the king, and brought the king word again, and said, Thy servants have gathered the money that was found in the house, and have delivered it into the hand of them that do the work, that have the oversight of the house of the Lord.*

*<sup>10</sup> And Shaphan the scribe shewed the king, saying, Hilkiah the priest hath delivered me a book. And Shaphan read it before the king.*

*<sup>11</sup> And it came to pass, when the king had heard the words of the book of the law, that he rent his clothes.”*

