



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 - 6:30 PM

Are You Diligent?

By Phil McIntosh



How would you describe yourself?

Dedicated? Headstrong? Steadfast? Loopy? Ditsy? Absent minded? Unrelenting?

There are hundreds of words we could use to define ourselves or listen to others use in their perception of us. But is *diligent* one of them? If you are tasked with a particular responsibility, or offer your energy and talent for a certain project, how do you execute yourself? Some people are highly motivated and self-motivated; others are cavalier and need to be reminded; while others still are simply disinterested or lazy and need to be prodded. Belonging to either one of the last two categories will inevitably cause struggle and strife. Teachers don't want students they have to stay on top of to accomplish their assignments, especially when they can see untapped potential lying undisturbed. Employers don't want employees they have to pencil in for shifts and hope they actually choose to show up. Managers don't want workers who have to be babysat and have their hands held because that's the only way their project will ever get across the finish line. Diligence is a positive attribute in education, the workforce, and even family relationships.

Diligence in your spiritual life outpaces in the importance of this attribute any other facet of life by an incalculable measure. You can be diligent in every other part of your life, but if you're not diligent in the service of the Lord, the other is an exercise in futility and vanity (**Mk 8:34-38**). Merriam Webster defines *diligent* as "characterized by steady, earnest and energetic effort: painstaking." The English word became a part of our language in the 14th century through an Anglo-French word that meant "to value or esteem highly" or "to love." The English word *diligent* is found in the NT twelve times (NKJV). The Greek word associated with some of the occasions is *spoudazo* and it means to "to make every effort, to hasten, to be eager." It can be applied as a word meaning to "fully apply oneself." Knowing what the word means, let's carry that over to the next paragraph and examine a portion of God's word.

God called us to a particular and specific life in Christ and He expects us to acquit ourselves responsibly and zealously. God's call came through the gospel (**2 Thess 2:14**) and should produce within us good works (**Eph 2:10**). We, though, have to allow the word of God to work in our heart. God does not force Himself into our mind and He does not forcibly insert a love for service to the Lord in our heart. We need to use God's word to develop a love for Christ and allow the Spirit to fill our minds with motivation through Holy Writ so that we grow to compel ourselves to willfully and joyfully submit to God and His will (**2 Tim 2:15**).

Reminding ourselves of what lay before us in this life and the next should be ample impetus to take God's word and our Christian life seriously. Look at the text from the apostle and elder, Peter:

"...as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, ⁴by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that

through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. ⁵ But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, ⁶ to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, ⁷ to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love. ⁸ For if these things are yours and abound, *you* will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins. ¹⁰ Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble; ¹¹ for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.” -2 Peter 1:3-11

Notice there could be three different section of text there. The first is in **verses 3-4** where we have been offered freedom. The next section is built upon the previous and it is **verses 5-9**. In this section we're told why we should willfully engage in experiencing, developing, and improving the attributes listed. The final section (of this section of text, because Peter continues building through the chapter) is **verses 10-11** which begin with “therefore.” Peter says that “because this is true, now do this”- that's what *therefore* means in a practical sense.

Because we have been freed from sin and because we need to continue to stack and expand upon Christian attributes so as not to go backwards, we need to be *diligent* in our spiritual lives. We need to hasten, hurry, be eager, and fully apply ourselves to the work of developing these Christian attributes, having promise from God that if we do we will have access to Heaven offered. You can be many things in life, but amongst all of them, be diligent (*Heb 4:11*).



LET'S BE THANKFUL TOGETHER!

If you might be alone, or do not have plans, or not planning to cook an extravagant meal, then come eat Thanksgiving dinner with us!

Dinner will include fried turkey, dressing, sides, pie, & cake.

**Thursday
12:00 PM
In the fellowship hall**



Have a Happy & Blessed Thanksgiving!

Oh, give thanks to the LORD,
for He is good!
For His mercy endures forever.
Psalm 118:1

SCRIPTURE READING**Sunday AM: "How to Show Gratitude"****Psalms 107:21-22**

"²¹ Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men! ²² And let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare his works with rejoicing."

Sunday PM: "Two Men, One Name"**Joshua 3:2-4**

"² And it came to pass after three days, that the officers went through the host; ³ And they commanded the people, saying, When ye see the ark of the covenant of the Lord your God, and the priests the Levites bearing it, then ye shall remove from your place, and go after it. ⁴ Yet there shall be a space between you and it, about two thousand cubits by measure: come not near unto it, that ye may know the way by which ye must go: for ye have not passed this way heretofore."



Holiday Baskets



Please join us as we prepare & distribute holiday baskets on Saturday, December 7th, at 9:30 am. in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to donate to this effort, please see Lee or Natalie Fisher.

November Nursery Schedule

3-Amanda & Natalie
10-Victoria & Josephine
17-Tracy & Gayle
24-Briana & Brittini
12/1-Nichole & Brenda

**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!*

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 - MAYA LEWIS
6 - KYEASHA BATES
9 - AMANDA PETTIES
10 - NICHOLE WILLIAMS
16 - JUSTINA YOUNG
22 - SHIRL FOSTER
24 - ASHLEY DIMMERLING
25 - JUDY WALL

ORDER OF SERVICE**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2024**♦ **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** REGGIE BASS♦ **1ST PRAYER:** TOM HOLUBEC♦ **SONG:** PAUL PORTLEY♦ **SCRIPTURE READING:** JUELZ MCKENZIE♦ **SONG:** PAUL PORTLEY♦ **SERMON:** PHIL MCINTOSH♦ **INVITATION SONG:** PAUL PORTLEY♦ **SONG BEFORE COMMUNION:**

PAUL PORTLEY

♦ **COMMUNION:**

ANDRÉ PETTAWAY & GAYLEN WILLIAMS

♦ **SONG:** PAUL PORTLEY♦ **OFFERING:**

ANDRÉ PETTAWAY & GAYLEN WILLIAMS

♦ **CLOSING SONG:** PAUL PORTLEY♦ **CLOSING PRAYER:** ADAM ZAK♦ **AUDIO/VISUAL:**

PATRICK SELLERS/JUELZ MCKENZIE

♦ **SECURITY:**

BRUCE BROWN & GARY FOSTER

♦ **NURSERY:** BRIANA & BRITTNI GRIFFITH**November Cleaning Calendar**

• May be done any time before the next Sunday.

• Please consult with your team leader for further questions.

3-TEAM
KINGSFORD
Kim-Marie
Jaden
Gaylen
Nichole

17-TEAM LEE
Natalie
Ken
Adam
Nicole

12/1-TEAM ZACK
Amanda
Diedre
Paul
Ruby

10-TEAM PHIL
Michelle
Beverly
Josephine
Ivette
Juelz

24-TEAM ROGER
Patrick
Brenda
Linda
Alexis

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR MILITARY & CIVILIANS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- Tim Matter is in Bogota, Columbia.
- Diego Castro is at West Point.
- Zack Petties' son-in-law, Glenn Jr., is in Kuwait for a year.

PLEASE KEEP THESE MEMBERS & LOVED ONES IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- Ken Sellers is recovering from wrist surgery.
- Adam Zak is recovering from an eye procedure.
- Johnnie Smith went to Houston to see the doctors at MD Anderson last Friday.
- Carolyn Williams' son, Kenneth, is still in the ICU in Temple at Scott & White.
- Amanda Petties' niece, Carrington's cancer has returned and it's aggressive. Please keep her in prayer. Amanda's sister-in-law also recently lost a loved one.
- Zack Petties' father is having health problems.
- Michelle McIntosh's aunt's husband, Kent, has Stage 3 throat cancer. Please continue to pray for him to be open to the truth before it is too late and for his cancer.

SYMPATHY: We wish to extend our sympathy to Kasey Tooley and his family on the recent loss of his grandmother.

'CONTINUED PRAYERS' LIST: Diane Holubec; Scott Davis; Johnnie Smith; Jaden Seay's aunt; Nicole Tooley's mother; Barbara Hughart; Beverly Williams' aunt; Brad Jackson; Rubye Portley & sister; Lois Brown; Vicky Polanco's nephew; Adam Zak's friend's son; Martha Bell; Creta Bales' sister; Millie Simcox; Gaylen Williams's friend; Patsy Fisher; Eddy Gandy; Alexis Gaither's uncle; Kim-Marie Seay's sister; Brenda Sellers' coworker; Julie Odum's brother & mother; Carolyn Williams' daughter; Hannah Fane's father & husband; Mary Lou Daines' son, niece, & friend in Georgia; Barbara Anderson's grandson & brother; Glenda Boudreaux's mother & friend; Michelle McIntosh, aunt & husband, & cousin; Linda Ray; Judy Wall's husband; Monica McClean's sister & brother-in-law; Nada Miller; the Arch family; Tim Matter's family; Josephine Spear's family & ex coworker's daughter; Cheryl Flores' aunt, father & brother-in-law; Tracy Wilson's mother; Linda Deem's nephew; Zack & Amanda Petties' family; & Jessie Turner.

CHRISTIAN HOMES & FAMILY SERVICES CHANGE CAN DRIVE: Our annual change can drive is underway. The change cans are located in the foyer and the date to have them returned to the office is December 1st.

PLEASE HELP WITH JIM DUKES TO & FROM SERVICES: If you can help with transportation, please sign up in the foyer on the week you are able to.

Our Speaker 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!

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❧NOVEMBER CALENDAR❧

26-Midweek Singing Devotional (no Wednesday service)

27-29 Office Closed for Thanksgiving

❧DECEMBER CALENDAR❧

1-Christian Homes & Family Services Change Can Drive ends

4, 11, 18-Ladies Bible Class @ 10:00 am, in the fellowship hall

7-Holiday Baskets @ 9:30 am, in the fellowship hall

8-Youth Devotional @ 6:30 pm, in the fellowship hall

12-Ladies Holiday Fellowship @ 6:00 pm, at the home of Creta Bales

19-Teen Gathering @ 7:00 pm, at the Williams'

24, 25-Office Closed for Christmas Eve, & Christmas Day

NO WEDNESDAY SERVICE

THIS WEEK: We will meet this Tuesday at 6:30 pm instead of Wednesday for a mid-week singing devotional.

OFFICE CLOSED: The office will be closed November 27th-29th for the Thanksgiving Holiday.