

# 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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#### **MONTHLY SUPPORT:**

Cherokee Home For Children Cherokee, TX

Christian Homes & Family Services
Abilene, TX

Foster's Home For Children Stephenville, TX

Sunny Glen Children's Home San Benito, TX

#### SERVICE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS - 9:30 AM SUNDAY AM WORSHIP - 10:30 AM SUNDAY PM WORSHIP - 5:00 PM WEDNESDAY - 6:30 PM

### Waging the Inner War: Overcoming Spiritual Conflict

Romans 7:15- "For what I am doing, I do not understand. For what I will to do, that I do not practice; but what I hate, that I do."

Every Christian encounters an inner struggle—a spiritual tug-of-war between doing what is right or doing what is wrong'. Remember Peter walking on water (Matthew 14:28–31): Peters initial step onto the water was fueled by a perceived strong faith (think about it, to even attempt walking on water he thought is faith was intact), but when he focused on the storm rather than Jesus, doubt took over. Peter's experience shows us the tension between faith and doubt; we have seen this same pattern over an over in other biblical figures facing internal battles.

Spiritual warfare often begins in the mind. The evil one tactics target our thoughts before actions, as seen in Genesis 3:1–6 when Satan plants doubt in Eve— "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?" The takeaway from this is Leaning on human understanding becomes dangerous: "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding." — Proverbs 3:5.

Now let us take a look at four common things that cause conflict within us:

- Our Fear: Paralyzes faith, gives us a false perception, can also disrupt our spiritual growth by shifting our focus from God to us. The ten spies in Numbers 13 feared the giants more than they trusted God's word. "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." 2 Timothy 1:7.
- Our Pride: Pride elevates self above God, it blocks correction, and fuels rebellion. King Uzziah's story (2 Chronicles 26) serves as a cautionary example of how pride can lead to one's spiritual downfall. When Uzziah was strong, his heart became proud resulting in his own destruction. In his pride, he overstepped God's clear boundaries by entering the temple to burn incense—an act reserved exclusively for the priests according to God's Law. Because he allowed pride to rule his heart and disregarded God's instructions, Uzziah was struck down with leprosy. His failure brings to light how self-reliance and arrogance can cause us to disregard God's order, ultimately leading to spiritual consequences. "God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble." James 4:6
- Our Doubt: Undermines prayer, delays obedience, and weakens us spiritually "But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he, that wavereth is like a wave of the sea..." James 1:6. Thomas doubted the resurrection until he saw physical proof (John 20:24–29).
- Our Need for Control: The desire for control stands as another internal challenge to spiritual growth. We seek control, it can resist humility and restrict God's movement in our lives. This need to manage every circumstance makes it difficult to fully surrender to God's will, creating tension between belief and faith. Recognizing this is important, True spiritual strength comes from letting go of control and letting God lead, not from self-reliance. "Commit your way to the Lord; trust in Him, and He will act." Psalm 37:5. King Saul, due to his circumstances, felt compelled to offer a burnt offering sacrifice. By doing so he did not keep what the Lord commanded, as a result he lost his kingdom because he tried to

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control the outcome instead of obeying God (1 Samuel 13).

God's Word serves as a compass and anchor—renewing the mind, strengthening our faith, and revealing God's heart to us. His words keep the soul nourished and sharpen discernment. "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." — Psalm 119:105. When we doubt and our faith waiver, the soul suffers. "A double minded man is unstable in all his ways." — James 1:8.

Finally, It is possible to know the word of God and not be obedient to it, someone said long ago: "You can quote the Bible and still ignore the Author." (Meaning to know the word of God and not allowing it to change you, is not knowing God). The rich young ruler (Mark 10:17–22) understood the law but refused to yield; he knew the commandments yet would not give his heart. He spoke the Word but did not act on it. Mental strongholds like fear, pride, doubt, and control can hinder spiritual growth by causing inner conflict between following or disobeying God's commands. Yet, the faithful are encouraged to trust in the Lord (Proverbs 3:5-6), worship in spirit and truth (John 4:24), pray without ceasing (1 Thessalonians 5:17), and meditate upon the Word Day and night (Psalm 1:2), that they might overcome these struggles and continue to growth Spiritually!

Bro. Fisher

#### SHEEP KEEPER ASSIGNMENTS FOR AUGUST-SEPTEMBER

•Group # 1-DELINQUENT MEMBERS

Team Leader: Paul Portley

•Group #2-VISITORS/ROSEWOOD

Team Leader: Roger Deem/Kingsford Asare

•Group #3-NEW CONVERTS

Team Leader: Gaylen Williams

•Group #4-WIDOWS/SICK & SHUT-IN

Team Leader: Phil McIntosh

\*All group leaders and members will meet for visits in August & September after morning worship on November 9th.

# FRIENDS & FAMILY DAY\*

Invite your friends, families, co-workers, neighbors, and join us for our Friends & Family Day at the campground on Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, following morning worship. Please bring meat dishes, casseroles, vegetables, and desserts.

Fellowship Meal @ the Campground

2nd Worship Service After

Games & Activities Following



Sunday 5 October 2025



12:30 PM to 5:00 PM





## Join Us For Our 2025 Ladies Day!

## "A Transformed Mind"

With Our Guest Speaker: Carole Moore

"1 Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. <sup>2</sup> And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect."

-Romans 12:1-2

Saturday, October 11, 2025 9:00 am - 1:30 pm Registration begins at 8:00 am

- Enjoy a light breakfast during registration until 8:45
- Lunch will be served following the lessons
- · Childcare will be provided for ages one to five during the lessons
- · Please call or email us for a headcount by Thursday, October 9th

#### **SCRIPTURE READING**

#### Sunday AM: "Grace is More Than Favor" Ephesians 2:8-10

"8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast. 10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them."

#### Sunday PM: "Overview of God's Word: Hosea" Hosea 4:4-6

"4" Now let no man contend, or rebuke another; For your people are like those who contend with the priest.

<sup>5</sup> Therefore you shall stumble in the day; *The prophet also shall stumble with you in the night;* And I will destroy your mother. <sup>6</sup> Mv people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because vou have rejected knowledge. I also will reject you from being priest for Me; Because you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children."

# AUGUST BIRTHDA

4 - PENELOPE FANE (2) 5-TANET BASS 6-CARLA GAITHER 8-KINGSFORD ASARE

8-CHASE CULVER (12) 10-JIM DUKES

10-BARBARA ANDERSON 11-IVETTE SARIA

15-RUBYE PORTLEY

15 - MELANIE MCCONAGHY 18-LEX MCINTOSH

20-MICHELLE PETTIES 21 - DIEGO CASTRO

23 - NOAH DIMMERLING (3) 25-KEYSHAWN DAY (14)

30-JULIE ODUM

\*We are in need of more

# August Nursery Schedule

3-Amanda & Natalie 10-Brenda & Brittni 17-Gayle & Tracy

ladies to help in the nursery. If you would like to be on the nursery 24-Evelyn & Josephine list, please contact the office. Thank you! 31-Victoria & Nichole

# ORDER OF SERVICE SUNDAY, AUGUST 24, 2025

•ANNOUNCEMENTS: LEE FISHER

•1ST PRAYER: LC RAMSEY

•SONG: SEAN MALDONADO

**SCRIPTURE READING: JARED STEPP** 

**SONG: SEAN MALDONADO** 

**SERMON: PHIL MCINTOSH** 

•INVITATION SONG: SEAN MALDONADO

**.SONG BEFORE COMMUNION:** 

**SEAN MALDONADO** 

**•COMMUNION:** 

GAYLEN WILLIAMS & ROGER DEEM

•SONG: SEAN MALDONADO

.OFFERING:

GAYLEN WILLIAMS & ROGER DEEM

•CLOSING SONG: SEAN MALDONADO

•CLOSING PRAYER: ROGER BOYD

•AUDIO/VISUAL:

PATRICK SELLERS & DEREK COLE

•SECURITY: ROGER DEEM & BILLY GAITHER

NURSERY:

EVELYN ASARE & JOSEPHINE SPEAR

#### **August Cleaning Calendar**

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

31-TEAM ROGER

Patrick

Brenda

Linda

Alexis

Sid

3-TEAM ZACK 17-TEAM PHIL Amanda Michelle Beverly Diedre Paul **Ivette** Rubye Juelz Ashley 10-TEAM

Madison 24-TEAM LEE

**KINGSFORD** Kim-Marie Natalie Gavlen Ken Nichole Adam Nicole LC

#### NEWS FROM THE PEWS

# PLEASE REMEMBER OUR MILITARY & CIVILIANS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- -Tim Matter is contracting in Saudi Arabia.
- -Zack Petties' son-in-law, Glenn Jr., is in Kuwait.
- -Tracy Wilson's son, Zane, is in the Middle East.
- -Madison Walter's husband, Lakeith, is deployed to the border.

# PLEASE KEEP THESE MEMBERS & LOVED ONES IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- -Millie Simcox is battling Covid.
- -Lois Brown is in St. David's Hospital in Austin.
- -Alexis Gaither has an appointment on Friday to adjust her medication.
- -Adam Zak is recovering from a throat procedure. He requests prayers for his friend, Isaiah, and his brother. Isaiah is donating a kidney to his brother in Dallas at the end of the month.
- -LC Ramsey's brother, James Ramsey, and his cousin, Greg Lee, are in the hospital.

CONTINUED PRAYERS LIST: Ivette Saria's father; Tiffany Verna; Barbara Anderson's granddaughter; Amy Cole; Shirl Foster; Scott Davis; Julie Odum & mother; Dawn Ramsey; Eddie Gandy; Yvonne Hardiman's twin brother & sister; Rufus Brown; Judy Wall's husband; Quincy Daniels' mother; Rubye Portley; Jim Dukes; Glenda Boudreaux's mother; the Arch family; Zack Petties' father & Amanda Petties' family.

**LADIES BIBLE CLASS TO RESUME THIS WEDNESDAY:** Our Wednesday Ladies Bible Class will resume this Wednesday at 10:00 am, in the fellowship hall.

CHILDREN'S BIBLE CLASSES ADVANCE: On Sunday, August 31st, the children in Bible classes will advance into their next preschool or grade level.

**YOUTH SINGING AT ROSEWOOD:** Join us for a Youth Group Singing today from 3:00-3:45 pm, at Rosewood Villas.

**FELLOWSHIP LUNCH:** Join us for our monthly fellowship lunch Sunday, September 7th, following morning worship. Please bring meats, casseroles, side dishes, & desserts. (Kitchen Group #1 will have kitchen duties: Brenda Sellers, Martha Bell, Amanda Petties, Vicky Polanco, & Ivette Saria).

## Our Speaker is Phil McIntosh

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!

#### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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#### CSAUGUST CALENDARCS

24-Youth Singing @ 3:00 pm at Rosewood Villas 27-Ladies Bible Class @ 10:00 am in the fellowship hall

31-Children's Bible Classes advance

#### **©SEPTEMBER CALENDAR©**

1-Office closed for Labor Day

3, 10, 17, 24-Ladies Bible Class @ 10:00 am in the fellowship hall

6-Men's Breakfast @ 8:30 am in the fellowship hall

7-Fellowship Lunch after morning worship (Kitchen Group #1 will have kitchen duties)

7-Children's Coat Drive begins

13-Ladies Breakfast & Workday @ 9:30 am

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

14-Foster's Home for Children Pantry Drive begins 18-Youth Gathering @ 7:00 pm at the Williams'

28-Youth Singing @ Rosewood Villas @ 3:00 pm