



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 WORSHIP 10:30 AM

WEDNESDAY 7:00 PM

You Just Never Know

By Phil McIntosh

A couple of millennia ago, in a land thousands of miles away, there lived a poor, young virgin. She was betrothed to a man by the name of Joseph and they had remained holy and pure throughout their marriage arrangement. One day she was visited by a messenger named Gabriel, an angel of the Most High, who told her that she would bear a son and He would be the Son of God (*Lk. 1:26-38*). God favored this woman and used her to facilitate the best gift the world has ever known.

Following their departure from God's covenant and leadership, the Israelites demanded a king (*1 Sam. 8:5; 19-20*). They wanted to be like the nations around them. Little did they know, this decision would contribute to their downfall. The first king who was chosen was a man named Saul, from the tribe of Benjamin. Saul was an ungodly and disappointing ruler of God's people. The Almighty instructed the judge Samuel to anoint a new king (*1 Sam. 16:1-2*). Samuel traveled to the house of Jesse, a man from Bethlehem. This man paraded his sons, one by one, in front of the prophet and yet, continually, Samuel heard from God that none of those men were the correct choice (*1 Sam. 16:10*). It was not until Samuel had finished considering all the sons of Jesse that it was revealed he had one more son, the youngest. A keeper of sheep, this final son David wasn't even invited to the showcase! God announced to Samuel that this was the one who should be anointed king. God guided David and exalted him greatly. This man would be tender, humble, faithful, and later be called in scripture a "man after My (God's) own heart" (*Acts 13:22*).

Almost thirty five hundred years ago there was a man by the name of Gideon who the Bible tells us was threshing wheat in a winepress so as to keep this deed hidden from the eyes of their enemies (*Jdg. 6:11*). The Angel of God appeared to him as he was hiding, and perhaps fearful, and called him a "mighty man of valor" (*Jdg. 6:12*). This man would go on to lead three hundred men into a military conflict against impossible odds. God quickly gave him the victory.

It was during this time period, the time of the judges, in which one of the greatest love stories of the world's existence transpires. This was a love story not only of a woman and a man, but a woman and her family (*Ruth 1:16-17*). One of the greatest females in the genealogy of the Savior is the focal point of this love story. The woman's name was Ruth. She loved her mother in law, Jehovah God, and her kinsman, Boaz. Ruth comes from absolute obscurity and is (surely providentially) thrust into the genealogy of our Lord Jesus (*Ruth 4:22*). Ruth was one of the more fascinating people God has used to be a mechanism in the working of His will. She was a foreigner who was not likely familiar with Jehovah until Elimelech's family moved into her region of the world. She was poor, a widow, an alien, and a woman (important to note because all too frequently women are not given the respect they deserve for their various abilities and intelligence, even today). God worked through Ruth to bring about the birth of the most well-known king Israel would ever have, short of The King Jesus.

Why should we consider all of these references? Why do we need to remind ourselves of these narratives about the old world? Because all of these people were plucked out of relative obscurity and they all were linchpins in God's majestic workings among men. They all contributed something to the complexity of the Bible's unfolding message, revealing something about God and the synergy with which He is able to intertwine His will with His creation's movements. No man would have likely have chosen, or even acknowledged, people like Mary, David, Gideon, or Ruth. But God did. Because God knew what they were capable of.

What about you? Do you sell yourself short as it relates to your abilities in the church and your impact on others around you? Do you realize that God can use your weaknesses (and even obscurity) to work outcomes of salvation and maturity through you (*Phil. 4:13; 2 Cor. 12:9*)? Don't obsess about what you can't do or what you're not sure you can do. Remember that all things are possible with God (*Matt. 19:26*) and that He has a long track record of improving the world by one small, weak, or seemingly insignificant person at a time. God can use you. Who knows what you can do for Him? Who knows what He can do through you? Decide, Volunteer, Persevere (*1 Cor. 15:58*).

What's Our True Purpose?

Shepherds Notes by Lee Fisher

Have you ever asked yourself this question: Why Am I Here? In other words, what is my purpose for being here? I know there are many people who just live for today without giving any consideration for the past or the future. It is my belief that if we were to truly understand our true purpose in life, then sin, unfaithfulness, forsaking the assembly, problems with evangelism, not loving one another, not showing kindness, lacking self-control, and such like would be non-existent. One of the greatest battles being fought today in the minds of men and women, is the battle of who determines purposes. According to society, the purpose of a man is dictated by free will and there are no wrong choices. A person can be or do whatever he or she desires. Although we do have free will to make our own decisions, we do not define our purpose.

The Bible says, "A man's heart plans his way, But the Lord directs his steps" (Prov 16:9). In the book of Genesis chapter one, it is clear that God intended His creation to act according to His purposes. No matter who we are without God's direction in our life, it is very easy to lose our way and for life to have no real meaning. Remember Solomon in the book of Ecclesiastes. He was someone who had it all, he even said this; "Therefore I hated life because the work that was done under the sun was distressing to me, for all is vanity and grasping for the wind" (Eccl 2:17). The Bible teaches that there is a purpose for man, in Deuteronomy Moses told Israel, "And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you, but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all His ways and to love Him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to keep the commandments of the Lord and His statutes which I command you today for your good?" (Deut. 10:12-13)

We have purpose! God will never be satisfied if we don't put Him first in our life (Matt. 6:33). We are here for God's glory not our own glory, because God delights in our existence, He didn't create man for nothing! He wants to have a Father-Child relationship with us. "And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will dwell in them And walk among them. I will be their God, And they shall be My people." Therefore "Come out from among them And be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, And I will receive you. I will be a Father to you, And you shall be My sons and daughters, Says the Lord Almighty" (2 Cor. 6:16-18). Finally, Brothers and Sisters until we come to terms with our True Purpose in life, we can never be the person that God's expects and wants us to be!

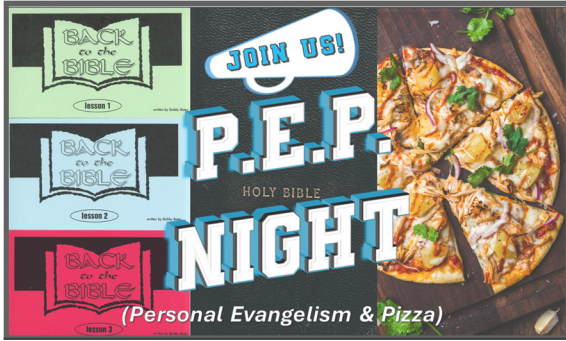
In Christian Love, Brother Lee



SWEETHEART BANQUET

Join us for a night of fellowship & fun at the Sweetheart Banquet for couples & singles tonight, February 13th, from 5-7 pm, in the fellowship hall. We are meeting for a little fancier dinner than normal where the men will serve the women. Preselected couples will play the "Not So Newlywed Game" so come & enjoy this time of fellowship together!





Join us for our P.E.P Night (Personal Evangelism & Pizza) on February 18th, at 6:00 pm, in the fellowship hall, to discuss our personal evangelism efforts. If you would like to donate money for the pizza, please see Phil McIntosh.



Join us at the Youth Devotional on February 20th, at 5:00 pm, in the fellowship hall. Please bring finger foods. If you would like to host the Youth Devotional at your home, please see Phil McIntosh or Gaylen Williams.

FEBRUARY CLEANING CALENDAR

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

THANK YOU!

6-TEAM PHIL
Michelle
Beverly
Donna
Josephine
Yvonne

13-TEAM LEE
Lee
Natalie
Rufus
Derek
Ken

20-TEAM ZACK
Zack
Amanda
Diedre
Paul
Ruby

27-TEAM ROGER
Patrick
Brenda
Roger
Linda

March 6-TEAM JAMES S.
Kim-Marie
Xavier
Jaden
Kingsford
Tim

ORDER OF SERVICE

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2022:

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- ◆ **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** ANDRÉ PETTAWAY
- ◆ **SONG:** REGGIE BASS
- ◆ **1ST PRAYER:** DERREL HEGINBOTHAM
- ◆ **SCRIPTURE READING:** KINGSFORD ASARE
- ◆ **SONG:** REGGIE BASS
- ◆ **SERMON:** PHIL MCINTOSH
- ◆ **INVITATION SONG:** REGGIE BASS
- ◆ **SONG BEFORE COMMUNION:** REGGIE BASS
- ◆ **COMMUNION:**
PAUL PORTLEY & GIANNI GRIFFITH
- ◆ **SONG:** REGGIE BASS
- ◆ **OFFERING:**
PAUL PORTLEY & GIANNI GRIFFITH
- ◆ **CLOSING SONG:** REGGIE BASS
- ◆ **CLOSING PRAYER:** PATRICK SELLERS
- ◆ **AUDIO/VISUAL:** PATRICK SELLERS
- ◆ **SECURITY:** BRUCE BROWN & ROGER DEEM

Scripture Reading

Battling Temptation

1 Peter 5:6-9

“⁶ *Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:*
⁷ *Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.*
⁸ *Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:*
⁹ *Whom resist steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.”*”

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR MILITARY & CIVILIANS IN YOUR PRAYERS: Michael Rogers is in ALC school in Georgia and his wife, Jessica, is in Kuwait.

-Tracy Wilson's son, Zane Wilson, is in Warrant Officer Cadet School in Ft. Rucker, Alabama.

-Derek Cole is training soldiers in Ohio until February 24th.

PLEASE KEEP THESE MEMBERS AND LOVED ONES IN YOUR PRAYERS: Ollie Jones' health has deteriorated rapidly & is now awaiting Hospice care in the hospital.

-Beverly Williams' aunt, Dorothy Sauls, fell twice last week.

-Donna Hines' niece, April, is midway through chemo. She isn't feeling well & has a severe rash.

-James Seay's surgery follow-up is scheduled for February 15th.

-James Garner's wife, Tammy, is awaiting treatment on a cyst that is located on a bulging disc.

-Meraiah Johnson's sister, Hannah, is scheduled for gallstone surgery on March 2nd.

-Adam Zak will have a dermatology procedure on February 14th.

-Brenda Sellers' mother is home and recovering well from her gall bladder procedure.

-Josephine Spear is requesting prayers on her behalf.

-Martha Chafin is out of quarantine, and is continuing to rehabilitate at the Killeen Nursing and Rehabilitation.

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & HOMEBOUND:

Ken Sellers, Tim Matter's brother (Michael), Jim Dukes, James Garner & his wife (Tammy), Josephine Spear's sister (Rose) & friend (Iris), Linda Deem's nephew, Tanja & Tiffany Arch, Julia Jones' cousin (Larry Sanford), Amanda Petties' brother (Anthony Allen) & sister (Jewel), Rufus Brown, Marcella Williams' brother-in-law (Johnnie Milford), Shirl Foster, Martha Bell's sister, Julie Odum & her mother (Sharon Schmidt), Garnie & Nada Miller, Lois Brown, Cheryl Flores' brother-in-law (Raymond Flores), Charles Culver, Billye Hughes, Mary McAnally's son, & sister (Ann Ahrens), Esther Cox, Gladys Driver, Willard Dunn, Archie & Jessie Turner, and Linda Walts. Please keep these members & loved ones in your prayers as they battle health problems.

SYMPATHY: We wish to extend our sympathy to the family of Amanda Petties on the loss of her niece, Monya Williams, last Thursday after being struck by a car in her wheelchair. Please keep this family in your prayers, especially her daughter who is nine months pregnant.

-Please remember André Pettaway's family on the loss of his nephew.

-Barbara Robinson's visitation will be Wednesday, February 16th, here at the building from 12:00-1:00 pm, with the service following at 1:00 pm. Please keep her family in your prayers.

-Angela Thomas' burial will be Friday, February 18th, at 11:00 am, at the Texas Veterans' Cemetery, in Killeen. Please keep her family in your prayers.

-Jean Basco's visitation and service will be February 23rd, starting at 8:00-9:00 am for the visitation, then 9:00 am for her service at Crawford-Bowers Funeral Home, in Killeen. Please keep her family in your prayers. We are needing singers for congregational singing.

SINGING CLASS: Join us for singing class this Wednesday, February 16th, at 6:00 pm, in the auditorium.

PEP NIGHT: Join us for P.E.P Night (Personal Evangelism & Pizza) on February 18th, at 6:00 pm, in the fellowship hall, to discuss our personal evangelism efforts. If you would like to donate money for the pizza, please see Phil McIntosh.

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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 leave it in the pew 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—Thanks for being with us today, and please come again!

☞ FEBRUARY CALENDAR ☞

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16-Barbara Robinson's visitation & service here at the building, starting at 12:00 pm.

16-Singing Class at 6:00 pm, in the auditorium.

18-Angela Thomas' burial at the Texas Veterans' Cemetery, at 11:00 am.

18-P.E.P Night at 6:00 pm, in the fellowship hall.

20-Youth Devotional at 5:00 pm, in the fellowship hall.

21-Presidents' Day: The office will be closed.

23-Jean Basco's visitation & service at Crawford Bowers Funeral Home, starting at 8:00 am.

☞ MARCH CALENDAR ☞

5-Mens' breakfast & Bible study at 8:30 am, in the fellowship hall.

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