

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

Do You Have a Church Buddy?

By Phil McIntosh

Have you seen any of the recent Geico commercials? There's one where the gecko looks deeply into the camera and talks about having a "moment" with you; the one where he hits a hole-in-one on a miniature golf course and talks about it being a "par 5"; and the one I'm talking about, where he sits in a diner booth across from a lady who said she took an online quiz and found out she's an introvert. An introvert is an individual who is "typically reserved or quiet" and generally "enjoys spending time alone" (Merriam-Webster). There is nothing wrong with being an introvert, but it could potentially keep you from a world of love and compassion you might otherwise be blessed with experiencing. While it might take some effort, sometimes one must be purposefully outgoing to find a buddy. Having a buddy is great. We all need buddies. Even if we don't think we do, we all need a buddy. The scriptures speak of the negativity of living in loneliness in a variety of texts (Adam without Eve, Elijah against Ahab & Jezebel, Jeremiah in the mire, Jesus in the garden, etc.).

A buddy is a friend who is a different kind of friend that most. It's someone with whom you have a special relationship. It's someone who usually finds you funny, teaches you things about yourself and life, almost always makes you feel better, and one whose company you never tire of experiencing. Perhaps you have a group of people that you spend a great deal of time with (one might refer to them by words like friends, crew, peeps, posse, or a variety of other culturally evolving terms). That's great! Going through life with no support system can be lonely, depressing, and difficult. There is a reason the Bible speaks of the value of a friend. Perhaps one could even find nuggets that could be implemented in the acquiring of and keeping friends in the "golden rule" we read in scripture (*Matt. 7:12; Lk. 6:31*).

Many people might have buddies in the world, but what about buddies in the church? Someone they can be close to, someone they can rely on, someone they can call with a problem, someone they can laugh with, someone they can cry with, someone they can go to for comfort and support. The Lord's church is the best place to find a "buddy" like that. Paul wrote to the church in Corinth of the love that members should have for one another. In fact, Paul wrote in a multiplicity of epistles regarding the love the church should-and did-express toward each other (*Phil. 2:1-4; Phil. 4-7; Rom. 13:8-10; 2 Cor. 8:7; Gal. 5:13*-just to name a few.). You should never feel alone in the church. If you do, let someone know.

America is going through a severe emotional crisis. I can only offer a couple of halfway educated off-hand guesses as to what caused it. Perhaps it is not the fault of, but has been exacerbated by, the digital age we enjoy- where everybody has virtually their whole life in the palm of their hand within their personal electronic device. I would caution that we don't blame covid, because the pandemic of personal contact and care existed in our country prior to 2020. Maybe it's because we are so busy. Maybe it's because we've invited too many distractions into our lives that we simply don't make time for people anymore. Maybe we like ourselves more than we like other people. Whatever the reason, the result is that too many people are alone. Some people may appear healthy on the outside, but inside they're struggling in ways unbeknownst and imperceptible to others. While we cannot solve the world's problems by friendship, we can absolutely try to prevent or erase the existence of this issue in the Lord's church. Nobody who is a part of the Lord's body should feel as if they don't have a friend in this life. Christians have been called out of the world by the gospel (2 Cor. 6:17; 2 Thess. 2:14), but not to live in isolation. Paul spoke of the family that was named from Christ (Eph. 3:14-15). Within your local church family- seek out, engage with, and work toward establishing a relationship with a church buddy or being a church buddy to someone who is in need. If you are struggling, reach out to someone as you need help. Remember these words from Solomon as you continue through life and don't live in isolation when you have family who loves you:

"Two are better than one, Because they have a good reward for their labor. ¹⁰ For if they fall, one will lift up his companion. But woe to him who is alone when he falls, For he has no one to help him up. ¹¹ Again, if two lie down together, they will keep warm; But how can one be warm alone? ¹² Though one may be overpowered by another, two can withstand him. And a threefold cord is not quickly broken." (Ecclesiastes 4:9-12)

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The Specific Parts of The Temptation

Shepherds Notes by Zack Petties

A person has not shown true obedience if he or she has never had an opportunity to disobey. We read in Deuteronomy 8:2,3 that God led Israel into the wilderness to be humble and test them. God wanted to see whether or not his people would really obey him. We too, will be tested, it will come, and we should be on alert and ready for it. True convictions are only strong if they hold up under pressure!

We read in Matthew 4:1-11, the devil, also called Satan, tempted Eve in the Garden of Eden (Gen. 3:1-7), and here he tempted Jesus in the wilderness. This temptation by the devil shows us that Jesus was human, and it gave Jesus the opportunity to reaffirm God's plan for his ministry. Satan tried to force his hand and get Jesus to declare his kingship prematurely. If Jesus had given in to Satan's devices, his mission on earth to die for our sins and give us the opportunity to have eternal life would have been lost. The devil's temptations focused on three crucial areas: (1) physical needs and desires, (2) possessions and power and (3) pride which corresponds with 1 John 2:15,16. Jesus met each temptation as a man, and quoted scripture each time (Deut. 8:3; 6:16; 10:20). Jesus had fasted forty days and forty nights, which shows his remarkable feat of human endurance indicating his physical strength. While the three major tests trailed this period, his physical hunger serves as the setting for the first temptation by Satan. (1st) temptation: the temper presents a questioning aspersion if thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. Correspond with 1 John 2: 16 (the lust of the flesh the craving for physical pleasure and physical desires) and Satan may tempt us to doubt Christ's true identity, and he knows that once we begin to question whether or not Jesus is God, it's far easier to get us to do what he wants. The natural result of Jesus using His divine power in this regard would certainly have led to the desire to eat the bread. One mistake would have led to another, and Jesus refused to use His divine prerogative to benefit Himself and quotes Deuteronomy 8:3. (2nd) temptation: it took place in the holy city Jerusalem on the pinnacle of the Temple, which towered above the Kidron Valley. This time the devil quoted Scripture but out of context (Psalm 91:11,12) to get Him to sin and ultimately shake His faith in the Word. This attempt corresponds with (lust of the eyes the craving for everything we see-covet and materialism). Again, Jesus replied with quoting Scripture (Deut. 6:13; 10:20) that He was not to tempt God by such a presumptuous action. (3rd) temptation: it takes place on an exceeding high mountain, Satan showed Him all the kingdom of the world. Which he promised to give Jesus if, He would acknowledge and worship Satan as the prince of

the world. This attempt corresponds with (pride of life-craving achievements and possessions). Satan, though the god of this world (2 Cor 4:4), is never depicted in scripture as actually controlling or possessing any real power the kingdom of the world. Like many of Satan's temptation he offers something which in reality he cannot deliver. Here, the devil quotes and misinterpreted scripture Psalm 91:11,12 urging Jesus to cast thyself down. The intention of Psalm 91 is to show God's protection of his people, not to incite them to use God's power for sensational of foolish displays. Again, Jesus quotes Scripture (Deut. 6:16); we can resist temptations the same way Jesus did. If you find yourself craving something that the world offers, quote Jesus words, "You must worship the Lord your God and serve only Him."

When temptations seem especially strong and enticing, or when you are thinking you can rationalize giving in. Consider whether Satan maybe trying to block God's purposes for your life or for someone else's life! Jesus overcame the tempter, showing that He is the One who enables us to overcome temptation as well. Resist the devil and he will flee from you (James 4:7).

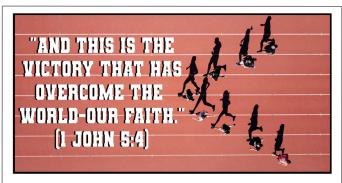
In Love.

Brother Petties



Scheduled Speakers

- •Sunday, June 19, 9:30 A.M. "Reinforce My Foundation" Cody Westbrook
- 10:30 A.M. "Restore My Spirit" Cody Westbrook
- •Monday, June 20, 7:00 P.M. "There's Nothing Wrong With My Church"- John Haffner
- •Tuesday, June 21, 7:00 P.M. "What Is Truth" Al Washington
- •Wednesday, June 22, 7:00 P.M. "Blueprint for Church Growth" Patrick Hammack



JOIN US FOR OUR 2022 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

Save the dates of July 31st - August 3rd and join us for Vacation Bible School!

- ⇒ TIMES 6:00-7:30 PM
- ⇒ THERE WILL BE SINGING
- ⇒ CLASSES WITH ACTIVITIES
 - ⇒ REFRESHMENTS



June Cleaning Calendar

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

29-TEAM LEE 19-TEAM ROGER Lee Patrick Natalie Brenda

Natalie Brenda Rufus Roger Derek Linda

Rubye

Tim 26-TEAM JAMES S.

June 5-TEAM LEE Kim-Marie
Lee Xavier
Jaden

Lee Xavier
Natalie Jaden
Rufus Kingsford
Derek
July 3-TEAM PHIL

 Ken
 July 3-1EAW F

 Tim
 Michelle

 Beverly
 Beverly

 12-TEAM ZACK
 Donna

 Zack
 Josephine

 Amanda
 Yvonne

 Diedre
 Lois

 Paul
 Marcella

ORDER OF SERVICE SUNDAY, MAY 29, 2022:

• ANNOUNCEMENTS: TIM MATTER

• 1ST PRAYER: LEE FISHER

• **SONG:** REGGIE BASS

• SCRIPTURE READING: BILL RAWLINGS

• **SONG:** REGGIE BASS

• SERMON: PHIL MCINTOSH

• INVITATION SONG: REGGIE BASS

• SONG BEFORE COMMUNION: REGGIE BASS

• COMMUNION:

GAYLEN WILLIAMS & KINGSFORD ASARE

• **SONG:** REGGIE BASS

• OFFERING:

GAYLEN WILLIAMS & KINGSFORD ASARE

• CLOSING SONG: REGGIE BASS

• CLOSING PRAYER: XAVIER SEAY

• AUDIO/VISUAL: PATRICK SELLERS

• SECURITY: RUFUS BROWN & ROGER DEEM

SCRIPTURE READING

"The Value of Life" Genesis 2:7; Ecclesiastes 12:6-7

Genesis 2:7 "And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul."

Ecclesiastes 12:6-7 " Or ever the silver cord be loosed, or the golden bowl be broken, or the pitcher be broken at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern.

⁷ Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it."

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR MILITARY & D.O.D. CIVILIANS IN YOUR PRAYERS: Michael Rogers is away for training.

- -Jessica Rogers is currently deployed to Kuwait.
- -Derek Cole is away for business travel.
- -Tracy Wilson's son, Zane, has finished Warrant Officer Candidate School, and is now in the class portion of flight school.
- -Iheanyichukwu Sunday is in Kansas City on military duty and asks for prayers.

PLEASE KEEP THESE MEMBERS & LOVED ONES IN YOUR PRAYERS: Joyce Brown's sister, Janet Simmons, fell Thursday morning & fractured her rib and femur.

- -Rodney Carter's mother-in-law, Betty Martin, is recovering from a stroke.
- -Tim Matter is scheduled for an MRI on June 1st to see if he needs surgery for a pinched nerve in his hip.
- -Martha Bell has traveled to be with her sister. She is requesting prayers for her sister's spiritual & physical health.
- -Donna Hines is rescheduled for surgery on July 21st. She has been following up with her endocrinologist for her blood sugar levels.
- -Willard Jack Dunn is having difficulty hearing and other health problems.
- -Josephine Spear is recovering from a recent migraine, however, she continues to have constant head pain and equilibrium problems.
- -Ken Sellers saw his doctor Tuesday; it is believed he had an allergic reaction & was put on allergy meds.
- -Katelyn Bowles' husband, Grayson, is recovering from a virus.
- -Donna Hines' niece, April, is recovering from surgery last Wednesday.
- -Beverly Williams' neighbor, Nina Rudnick is recovering well from her surgeries. She and her husband are thankful for our prayers.
- -Mary Lou Daines is requesting prayers for her niece, who is having a hip replacement on June 1st, and her brother, who will have back surgery (LRA) on June 13th.

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & HOMEBOUND:

Yvonne Hardiman's husband (Ray), Marcella Williams, Julie Odum, Wayne Ellis, David Hamrick, Brenda Sellers' mother, Tracy Wilson's mother (Ruth Hyde), Adam Zak, Temesha Lawal's mother (Cassandra Watson) & step-mother (Stephanie), Jim Dukes & his niece's husband, Joyce Brown's nephew (Jon-Jon Simmons), James Seay, Martha Chafin, Beverly Williams' aunt (Dorothy Sauls), Tim Matter's brother (Michael), James Garner & his wife (Tammy) & family, Josephine Spear & her sister (Rose) & friend (Iris), Linda Deem's nephew, Tanja & Tiffany Arch, Julia Jones' cousin (Larry Sanford) & daughter (Judy Seales), Amanda Petties' brother (Anthony Allen) & sister (Jewel), Rufus Brown, Marcella Williams' brother-in-law (Johnnie Milford), Shirl Foster, Martha Bell's sister, Julie Odum's mother (Sharon Schmidt), Nada Miller, Lois Brown, Cheryl Flores' brother-in-law (Raymond Flores), Billye Hughes, Mary McAnally's sister (Ann Ahrens), Esther Cox, Gladys Driver, Willard Jack 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 former member, Connie Cruz, whose brother's wife lost her grand-daughter in Tuesday's shooting in Uvalde. Please keep them & all the families in Uvalde in your prayers.

MEN'S BREAKFAST & BIBLE STUDY: There will be a men's breakfast & quarterly Bible study on Saturday, June 4th, at 8:30 am, in the fellowship hall. Please sign up in the foyer with the breakfast item you will bring.

Our Speaker Today 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!

BIBLE STUDIES AND COUNSELING OFFERED

- ⇒ Bible Studies With Our Preacher Or Elders
- ⇒ Free Bible Correspondence
- ⇒ Free Marriage And Family Counseling

To our visitors—Thank you for being with us today, and please come again!

CSMAY CALENDARCS

29-Golden Fiesta today, at 5:00 pm, in the fellowship hall.

29-Sunny Glen Children's Home drive begins.

30-Office closed for Memorial Day observance.

CSJUNE CALENDARCS

4-Men's Breakfast & Quarterly Bible Study at 8:30 am in the fellowship hall.

5-Fellowship Luncheon following morning service in the fellowship hall. Kitchen group #4 (the teens) will have kitchen duties (Phil, Michelle, Lex, & Ivan McIntosh, Briana, Gianni, & Brittni Griffith, Juelz Gaither, & Corey Culver).

12-Youth Devo at 5:00 pm in the fellowship hall.

15-Singing Practice in the auditorium at 6:00 pm.

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

18-Men's bowling at 12:00 pm, at the Hallmark Lanes.

19th-22nd: Summer Gospel Meeting

19-School Supply Collection drive begins.

25-Ladies Breakfast & Workday at 9:30 am, in the fellowship hall. (We will be making Ikebana floral arrangements with Joyce Brown)

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