



# 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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Children's Home  
San Benito, TX*

### **SERVICE SCHEDULE**

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS - 9:30 AM

SUNDAY AM WORSHIP - 10:30 AM

WEDNESDAY - 7:00 PM

## Learning to See Like God

By Phil McIntosh



Paul told the Christians who comprised the Lord's church in Corinth to imitate him. What qualified the apostle who once persecuted the Lord's church to be worthy of instructing others to follow him? Was it not this apostle who rebuked the same group of Christians earlier in his letter because their allegiances were divided between Jesus and mere men? For starters, the apostle Paul was an effective preacher and servant for the Lord (*1 Cor. 15:10*). He had endured a litany of harmful circumstances and acts of violence toward his person (*2 Cor. 11:23-27*). The apostle was even a wonderful model of humility; refusing to accept money from the Corinthians (*2 Cor. 11:8*). He even told Timothy that he was "chief" among sinners (*1 Tim. 1:15*). However, none of these commendable Christian attributes and fruits ordain him as worthy to be followed. He was a good man, but still just a man. When we open our Bible and read the *entire* quote, things begin to clear up. Paul wrote to those Christians as follows:

"Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. <sup>28</sup>Give no offense, either to the Jews or to the Greeks or to the church of God, <sup>29</sup>just as I also please all men in all things, not seeking my own profit, but the profit of many, that they may be saved. <sup>30</sup>Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ."

-1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

So the qualifications of worthiness to be followed or *imitated* did not rest on the authenticity of Paul's faith or the perfection of his spiritual endeavors; rather, it rested on the perfection of Christ and the steps of the Lord in which Paul was walking. Jesus is our ultimate goal. When someone obeys the gospel, their soul is safe in the hand of God and their name is written in that Book of Life. The journey, though, is only beginning. There is an initial salvation, but also the final salvation, when the fate of the Christian has been forever established on the day when their name is read out of that Book, and they are granted entrance into the Divine dwelling place of God (*1 Pet. 1:5; Rev. 20:11-15*). The guiding Light that will get us from initial salvation to the Day we are judged by the Lord is the Lord Himself, along with the instructions God has given us through His Spirit (*Psa. 119:105; Heb. 12:1-2*). Then, since the Lord is our guiding Light and the Lord is our Judge, He is the model to which we strive to follow and after which we mold our lives. Additionally, the Bible teaches us frequently and powerfully that Jesus was (and is) God (*Rom. 9:5; Jn. 1:1-3*). Jesus Himself told us that we should be like our Heavenly Father (*Matt. 5:48*), and the Spirit inspired the words that we should be holy "as He who called you *is* holy" (*1 Pet. 1:15*). Peter mentioned in that verse that we should copy/imitate God in all of our conduct or activities in life. Paul and Peter were excellent servants of the Lord, but the Lord is our bar for ultimate holiness.

In our brief space this week, I ask you to turn your attention to your estimation of others. For better or worse, we seem to almost attribute value innately to others in a vast array of settings based on what we *see* in those people. As a father, I want to impress upon my sons that good first impressions are important. They need to know that the way people *see* you the first time physically see you matters; regardless of whether it should or not. People in our everyday lives (grocery store, traffic, school, etc.) are likely to judge us and attribute a value to us based on a multiplicity of factors. We can control some of these factors, while others are permanent and uncontrollable (i.e. age, color of our skin, accent, height, gender, etc.). The reality is that people perceive something about us upon first sight that might never change. Perception can be reality, or it can be a mirage.

Yes, our world can be an unfair place to live sometimes. Christians are not the world, nor should they think or act like the world. We are *in* the world, but we are not *of* the world (*Jn. 17:6, 16*). Consequently, we should act and think like God as often as we can (*Phil. 2:5*).

One way to alter our activities and create further separation between our values and the values of the world is to modify the way we view/estimate/value (i.e. “see”) other people. But how does God “see” people? God’s measurement of a person consists little of the external adornment of a person (although we can adorn our physical appearances in an ungodly way), but rather the internal appearance of the heart, mind, and spirit. The Almighty told Samuel this exact thing about 3,000 years ago. God had dispatched Samuel to anoint a new king. Saul, the first king of Israel, had forsaken God and ignored His commands, and God was about to transfer the future of the kingdom to another man. Here’s what the Bible says:

“Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons, and invited them to the sacrifice. “So it was, when they came, that he looked at Eliab and said, “Surely the LORD’s anointed is before Him!” ’But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not look at his appearance or at his physical stature, because I have refused him. For the LORD does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.”

-1 Samuel 16:5-7

Whether it is as a friend, a companion to accompany you in some work of the church, a visitor who walks in the front door of the church building, a passerby in your daily life, a fellow member present in the worship service, or any other human being with whom we come into contact- estimate those around you based on the qualifications and measurements that God would utilize, and not the environmental and cultural methods we are taught by the world around us. See how God sees, and your life (and the lives of others) might just change in ways you never imagined (*Gal. 6:10*).

**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

## Sheep Keepers

### What is the Sheep Keepers' Program?



“And let us watch out for one another to provoke love and good works.”  
-Hebrews 10:24

- The elders will place members in groups of four (we can have unlimited groups).
- Elders select group leaders.
- Groups will visit members with option to call (no cards).

#### Visiting Categories

- Visitors
- Delinquent members
- Widows/Widowers
- New converts

#### Work To Be Performed

- Make contact
- Invite Delinquent members to come back to Church
- Encourage new converts- (take to lunch, bowling)

#### Attend Shepherds Meeting

- Report to Elders details on visits or contact made.
- If you are unable to attend pass information to group leader.

We need to be looking for opportunities to lovingly give them the gift of our time, a listening ear, and a supportive spirit, as well as an encouraging and compassionate shoulder to cry on when called for – all in addition to trying to take care of whatever legitimate physical needs we possibly can. All this being said we cannot do this alone we need all members to make the Sheep Keepers program a success, please sign up!



*We rejoice in the Lord for Marina Scott, who was baptized into Christ on February 18th.*



# YOUTH DEVOTIONAL

Join us March 12th following the evening worship in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring finger foods.

## 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: ANDRÉ PETTAWAY
- 1ST PRAYER: ROGER DEEM
- SONG: REGGIE BASS
- SCRIPTURE READING: SEAN MALDONADO
- SONG: REGGIE BASS
- SERMON: PHIL MCINTOSH
- INVITATION SONG: REGGIE BASS
- SONG BEFORE COMMUNION: REGGIE BASS
- COMMUNION:  
GAYLEN WILLIAMS & JAMES SEAY
- SONG: REGGIE BASS
- OFFERING:  
GAYLEN WILLIAMS & JAMES SEAY
- CLOSING SONG: REGGIE BASS
- CLOSING PRAYER: KEITH RUMMEL
- AUDIO/VISUAL: PATRICK SELLERS
- SECURITY: TIM MATTER & ROGER DEEM
- NURSERY:  
GAYLE WILSON & VICTORIA POLANCO

### SCRIPTURE READING

“The Christian’s Mind & the Lord’s Supper”  
Matthew 26:36-42

*“<sup>36</sup> Then cometh Jesus with them unto a place called Gethsemane, and saith unto the disciples, Sit ye here, while I go and pray yonder. <sup>37</sup> And he took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be sorrowful and very heavy. <sup>38</sup> Then saith he unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with me. <sup>39</sup> And he went a little farther, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt. <sup>40</sup> And he cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Peter, What, could ye not watch with me one hour? <sup>41</sup> Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak. <sup>42</sup> He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done.”*

## NEWS FROM THE PEWS

### PLEASE REMEMBER OUR MILITARY & D.O.D. CIVILIANS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- Tracy Wilson's son, Zane, is in the final phase of flight school and is training to be a pilot on a Blackhawk.
- Sara Rummel's son, Bryan Johns, is in Marine boot camp.

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

- Jim Dukes is recovering from a heart issue he experienced while he was in Jacksonville, Florida for his brother-in-law's funeral.
- Adam Zak is recovering from surgery last Thursday.
- Derrel Heginbotham is recovering from a fall last Saturday.
- Creta Bales is battling a cold and she is susceptible to pneumonia.
- Ivan McIntosh is recovering from Covid.
- Delphine Hopkins will have some nerves frozen in her knee on Thursday.
- Ken Sellers followed up with his doctor to determine if he needs a biopsy or surgery.
- Zack Petties' co-worker's mother needs open heart surgery.
- Gaylen Williams has a co-worker whose father recently passed away.
- Victoria Polanco's nephew, Christopher, was informed that his kidneys are only functioning at 20 %. He will be needing dialysis or a transplant.
- The McIntosh's family friend, and member of the church, Bryan Christmas, received recent news that his cancer has returned.

**CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & HOME BOUND:** Shirley Wooten; Phil McIntosh's father (Pat); visiting member (Opal Jones); Alexis Gaither's father & friends (John & Marion Slaughter); Lesa Crockett; Sara Rummel's brother, and her friend's father (Jose Gonzalez), & best friend's father (Mike Romeo); Ivan McIntosh's friend (Brandon); Creta Bales' cousin (Terry Jackson); Brenda Sellers' mother; Cheryl Flores' aunt (Joy); David Hamrick; Martha Bell's sister; James Garner, his wife (Tammy), & mother; Donna Hines' stepmother (Darla), & niece (April Miller); Bill Rawlings' mother; Beverly Williams' sister-in-law (Cindy Fisher); Jim Dukes & his family; former members (David Chapman), (Connie Cruz), and (Bobbie Knight); Michelle McIntosh's cousin (Nikki); Gary & Shirl Foster; Joyce Brown's nephew (Jon-Jon Simmons); Willard Jack Dunn; Tracy Wilson's mother (Ruth Hyde); Tim Matter's wife (Elda) & brother (Michael); Josephine Spear, her sisters (Rose & Patricia), & friend (Iris); Linda Deem's nephew; Tanja, Natasha, & Tiffany Arch & Tanja's aunt; Amanda Petties' sister (Jewel), nieces (Carrington & Moneisha Williams), & sister-in-law; Rufus Brown; Marcella Williams & brother-in-law (Johnnie Milford); Julie Odum's mother (Sharon Schmidt); Nada Miller; Billye Hughes; Gladys Driver; Jessie Turner; & Linda Walts.

## 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 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!*

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## ☞ MARCH CALENDAR ☞

- 1-Singing Night
- 1,8,15,22,29-Ladies Bible class at 10:00 am in the fellowship hall.
- 4-Men's Breakfast & Bible Study at 8:30 am in the fellowship hall.
- 5-Fellowship Luncheon following the morning worship. Kitchen Group #4 will have kitchen duty.
- 5-Evening worship will resume at 5:00 pm.**
- 11-Ladies breakfast & workday at 9:30 am in the fellowship hall.
- 12-Youth Devotional following the evening worship in the fellowship hall.
- 13-Daylight savings time begins (one hour forward).
- 31-Ladies activity at the home of Creta Bales at 6:00 pm.