



# 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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San Benito, TX*

### **SERVICE SCHEDULE**

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS - 9:30 AM  
SUNDAY AM WORSHIP - 10:30 AM  
SUNDAY PM WORSHIP - 5:00 PM  
WEDNESDAY - 7:00 PM

## What really does God require of us?

Shepherds Notes

The story of Nadab and Abihu, has always been on my mind, to me it reveals what God truly requires of us, the fact that they were chosen Levi priests plus was family of Aaron and Moses did not matter one bit! The truth of the matter is God demands Obedience, no matter who we are, even members of our family or Christians, God demands Obedience. In this story what can so easily be overlooked is what happened when the tabernacle was completed and for the first-time priests prepared to enter the holy place to burn incense. Then next we read about *"And Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, took either of them his censer, and put fire therein, and put incense thereon, and offered strange fire before the Lord, which he commanded not. And there went out fire from the Lord, and devoured them, and they died before the Lord. Then Moses said unto Aaron, 'This is it that the Lord spoke, saying, 'I will be sanctified in them that come nigh me, and before all the people I will be glorified.'"* And Aaron held his peace" (Lev. 10:1-3).

The book of Leviticus shows us a description of the consecration (make Holy, or Pure) of Aaron and his sons. The expression "as the Lord commanded" (in some form or another) is found another sixteen times or more! Whether intentional or not, Nadab and Abihu disobeyed and treated God in a profane and dishonorable manner. This is repeated throughout the entire Bible. Paul wrote in his letter to Rome, *"For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope"* (Romans 15:4). Learn from Nadab and Abihu's example of disobedience!

Many people today despise following God's commands, even some within the body of Christ. They feel as if God provided His commandments as mere suggestions, to be used as guidelines, bendable depending on the situation. Those who want to follow God's word, as it is written, sometimes find themselves victims of mockery and shaming by others. A favorite and misused phrase in which others apply to them is they think they are the only ones going to Heaven. That is so far from the truth, however we do believe you will not make it to Paradise without strict adherence to Gods word (Rev 2:7). When Peter and the other apostles stood before the Sanhedrin, they declared obedience to God rather than to men (Acts 5:29). Why would they do so if obedience to God's commands was not demanded?

God gave us His word, and nothing was to be changed in it. It was not that God had specifically forbidden taking fire from any place other than the golden altar. God did not need to tell them not to do it. He specifically gave them what to do. That was enough to follow it or come under His judgment. We also have a pattern in the New Testament and cannot change it. We do not need a specific command that says, "Thou shall not," when God has specifically said, "Thou shalt." Just do what He says! Again, the story of Nadab and Abihu has always been on my mind and will continue to always be.

Bro Lee



## PICTURES



**PICTURE DAY:** If you need your picture taken for the picture board, or want to update an older picture, please go to the library following morning worship today.

## DON'T BE GLOOMY

By Phil McIntosh

Are you a gloomy person? Are your emotions easily altered so that you can quickly become gloomy? There is a noticeable difference (one that can almost be felt) when one opens their front door and walks out to a bright morning with birds chirping and the crisp wind whistling versus opening that same door to see the sky painted with various shades of grey. I don't begin to know how any of it works and I don't want to encourage gloominess because of grey skies, because we need rain and should thank God when we get that liquid life into the ground. However, it seems as if there is more optimism, energy, and excitement to a day when the sun is out, and the skies are welcoming.

Grey skies aren't the only thing that cause a veil of gloom to descend upon people. Sometimes people can do that. Sometimes fear can do that. Sometimes uncertainty can do that. For instance, after Joshua had dispatched men to sneak into Jericho, there was a woman who welcomed them and told them the impact their reputation (and the reputation of their God) had on the inhabitants of the city. Rahab said, "...as soon as we heard these things, our hearts melted; neither did there remain any more courage in anyone because of you, for the LORD your God, He is God in heaven above and on earth beneath" (**Josh 2:11-12**). Obviously, this woman was not implying that their hearts were actually melting; she was clearly speaking hyperbolically and symbolically of the fear that had gripped the people because of the Israelites and their God. Such handwringing was not reserved for only pagan communities, because the Bible tells us in the same book that the Israelites' hearts "melted and became like water" (**Josh 7:5**).

Perhaps gloominess, fear of uncertainty, and pessimism is merely a flaw of mankind's life in which he chooses to allow external forces to control his internal impulses. Perhaps gloominess is merely a weakness of mankind which must be overcome with hope, faith, and perseverance. There are legitimate weights which can be lifted by us or placed on our shoulders by others that can weary anyone. Our attention, energy, resolve, and time can only be stretched so thin before cracks begin to form within our person. Living the Christian life can sometimes take a toll on a person as we strive to fight a fight in which we often fail and sometimes allow ourselves to be beaten back by weakness and external frustration. The love of God through faith and His word empowers us to overcome; but the fight still remains to be fought. For such reasons, the apostle Paul encouraged the Corinthian church to "not lose heart" (**2 Cor 4:1**) but rather to "be steadfast and immovable" (**1 Cor 15:58**). Why should we be aware of the possibility of gloom? Why should we be concerned for the potential for disillusionment with fighting the fight?

We should care because Jesus said that sometimes the world was bad enough that some people would be overcome by it and leave the faith. As Jesus was instructing His disciples regarding their future at the hands of the Jewish leaders and warning of the impending tribulations, He mentioned something in regard to the possibility of gloominess:

"Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name's sake. <sup>10</sup>And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another. <sup>11</sup>Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many. <sup>12</sup>And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold. <sup>13</sup>But he who endures to the end shall be saved. <sup>14</sup>And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come." -**Matthew 24:9-14**

Jesus here seems to have indicated that the wickedness surrounding them would grow to a point where some would be overcome by gloominess (frustration, disillusionment, hopelessness, etc.) and they would lose their love and zeal. Love and zeal are two of the most basic elements which must be present in the lighthouse of the heart of the faithful Christian, so that the light keeps shining and rotating for others to see.

Surely, you can draw comparisons out of this to our modern world. We are approximately 2,000 years removed from the day Jesus made that statement. Our world has been flooded with violence and wickedness since that time. We have fought wars over money, land, racism, freedom, and religion. We have hated, betrayed, and slaughtered each other. While all of that is true, it also seems impossible to ignore the fear that our current climate has been inundated with an influx and rapid acceleration of danger, fear, harm, bitterness, hatred, and perhaps worst of all, self-centeredness. People don't seem to care for one another. People seem more angry than they have been in recent generations. Our country as a whole seems like a minefield of emotions, dangers, and troubling to navigate. Almost every time we turn on the television, open a news app, or read a news-related website, there is some new shooting wherein someone mercilessly takes the lives of others who were simply going about their own business. Our youth are availing themselves of jumped-up marijuana at increasingly higher rates, and, as a result, they are falling prey to addiction and negative health effects are afflicting them. A recent news article stated that marijuana was being made more and more potent, leading to dependency. Children and young people are seeking out intravenous or oral drugs and, if that were not bad enough, they are suffering worse fates since many of them are being laced with fentanyl, resulting in loss of lives. Cars are driving into Apple stores and through facilities where others are being housed. On and on we could go.

The reality is that our world is not visually improving. It seems as if it is devolving into more apathy, anger, and aggression. You and I can stem the tide ever so slightly by inviting people to know God and have their hearts and minds changed (**Matt 5:14-16; 28:19-20**). Short of changing others' minds regarding how they view their neighbor (**Lk 10:37**), what can we really do? We can work on our own hearts and ensure that our love does not grow cold. We can fortify our walls of hope and faith so that we do not let gloominess overtake our hearts. God is in charge and always will be. One day the danger and decay will all be burned away, and our future will be spent living constantly in the light of the Lamb (**Rev 21:23**). Don't let the world make you gloomy.

# YOUTH DEVOTIONAL

Join us Sunday, May 21st, following evening worship, in the fellowship hall! Please bring finger foods.

## SHEEP KEEPER ASSIGNMENTS FOR MAY

- ♦ **Group # 1-DELINQUENT MEMBERS**  
Team Leader Paul Portley
- ♦ **Group #2-WIDOWS**  
Team Leader Roger Deem
- ♦ **Group #3-NEW CONVERTS**  
Team Leader Gaylen Williams
- ♦ **Group #4-VISTORS**  
Team Leader Phil McIntosh

ELDERS will meet with the following teams down front after worship service. (For visits conducted in April)

- Group#1 Paul Portley - May 14th
- Group#2 Roger Deem - May 21th
- Group#3 Gaylen Williams - May 28th
- Group#4 Phil McIntosh - June 4th

Note: if team members are unavailable, leave your information with your Group Leader.

## May Nursery Schedule

- 7-Brenda & Gayle
- 14-Victoria & Josephine
- 21-Natalie & Brittni
- 28-Nichole & Briana
- June 4-Amanda & Victoria

*\*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!*

## May Cleaning Calendar

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

7-TEAM LEE Natalie Derek Ken	21-TEAM ZACK Amanda Diedre Paul Ruby	6/4-TEAM PHIL Michelle Beverly Josephine Yvonne Lois Marcella
14-TEAM ROGER Patrick Brenda Linda	28-TEAM JAMES Kim-Marie Xavier Jaden Kingsford Barbara	

## ORDER OF SERVICE SUNDAY, MAY 14, 2023:

- ♦ **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** GAYLEN WILLIAMS
- ♦ **1ST PRAYER:** LEE FISHER
- ♦ **SONG:** GIANNI GRIFFITH
- ♦ **SCRIPTURE READING:** SEAN MALDONADO
- ♦ **SONG:** GIANNI GRIFFITH
- ♦ **SERMON:** PHIL MCINTOSH
- ♦ **INVITATION SONG:** GIANNI GRIFFITH
- ♦ **SONG BEFORE COMMUNION:** GIANNI GRIFFITH
- COMMUNION:**  
MICHAEL ROGERS & IVAN MCINTOSH
- ♦ **SONG:** GIANNI GRIFFITH
- ♦ **OFFERING:** MICHAEL ROGERS & IVAN MCINTOSH
- ♦ **CLOSING SONG:** GIANNI GRIFFITH
- ♦ **CLOSING PRAYER:** ZACK PETTIES
- ♦ **AUDIO/VISUAL:** PATRICK SELLERS
- ♦ **SECURITY:** ROGER DEEM & RUFUS BROWN
- ♦ **NURSERY:**  
VICTORIA POLANCO & JOSEPHINE SPEAR

## Scripture Readings

**Sunday AM: "Pillars of Calvinism 5"**  
**Romans 11:19-22**

- <sup>19</sup> *Thou wilt say then, The branches were broken off, that I might be grafted in.*
- <sup>20</sup> *Well; because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by faith. Be not highminded, but fear:*
- <sup>21</sup> *For if God spared not the natural branches, take heed lest he also spare not thee.*
- <sup>22</sup> *Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in his goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off."*

**Sunday PM: "Jehoram's Plague"**  
**Matthew 23:25-28**

- <sup>25</sup> *Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess.*
- <sup>26</sup> *Thou blind Pharisee, cleanse first that which is within the cup and platter, that the outside of them may be clean also.*
- <sup>27</sup> *Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness.*
- <sup>28</sup> *Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity."*

## NEWS FROM THE PEWS

**PLEASE REMEMBER OUR MILITARY & CIVILIANS IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Tracy Wilson's son, Zane, is in the final phase of flight school and is training to be a Blackhawk pilot.  
-Sara Rummel's son, Bryan Johns, is in Marine boot camp.  
-Tim Matter is contracting in Bogota, Columbia.

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

-Zach Petties' brother's son, Darius, who is in 6th grade, has expressed a desire to commit suicide and says he hears voices. Please pray for this young man and his family.  
-Tim Matter's 86 year-old-aunt, Vivian, is recovering from a fall, and Tim's sister's husband, Christopher, has cancer.  
-Buck Chafin is recovering from high blood pressure issues.  
-Gladys Driver's daughter, Vicky, is recovering from a lumpectomy. She is scheduled to begin chemotherapy in June.  
-Adam Zak is scheduled to have his throat scoped on May 23rd.

**CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & HOME BOUND:**

James Garner, wife (Tammy), & his mother; Michelle McIntosh, aunt (Christy Noey), & cousin (Nikki); Barbara Hughart; Gladys Driver; Lois Brown; Gary Foster's mother; Jim Dukes & family; Toni Mendez's son (Brad Deshoutel), & children; Shirley Wooten; Ken Sellers; Josephine Spear, cousin, sisters (Rose & Patricia), brother-in-law (Kent), neighbor (Clinton) & friend (Iris); The McIntosh's family friend (Bryan Christmas); Alexis Gaither's father & friends (John & Marion Slaughter); Lesa Crockett; Sara Rummel's sister-in-law (Isabella Morris), friend's father (Jose Gonzalez), & best friend's father (Mike Romeo); Creta Bales' cousin (Terry Jackson); Cheryl Flores' aunt (Joy); Donna Hines' stepmother (Darla), & niece (April Miller); Bill Rawlings & his mother; Beverly Williams' sister-in-law (Cindy Fisher); former members (Connie Cruz), and (Bobbie Knight); Gary & Shirl Foster; Jon-Jon Simmons, Willard Jack Dunn; Tracy Wilson's mother (Ruth Hyde); Tim Matter's wife (Elda) & brother (Michael); Linda Deem's nephew; Tanja Arch & her family; Amanda Petties' brother (Rex), sister (Jewel), & nieces (Carrington & Moneisha), & sister-in-law; Rufus Brown; Marcella Williams & brother-in-law (Johnnie Milford); Julie Odum's mother (Sharon Schmidt); Nada Miller; Billye Hughes; Jessie Turner; & Linda Walts.

**SHEEP KEEPERS:** The elders will meet with Group #1 (Paul Portley) after Sunday morning worship service, for visits conducted in April.

**SAVE THE DATE:** Join us for our 2023 Summer Gospel Meeting, June 25 - June 28. Our speaker will be Matthew Gibson.

**CONGRATULATIONS!** We wish to congratulate Kingsford & Evelyn Asare on Kingsford's recent commission to 2nd Lieutenant!



## 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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### ☪MAY CALENDAR☪

- 17, 24, 31-Ladies Bible Class at 10:00 am, in the fellowship hall.
- 20-Ladies Breakfast & Workday at **8:30 am**, in the fellowship hall. Parsonage clean-up following.
- 21-Youth Devotional following the evening service, in the fellowship hall.
- 28-Killeen Food Care Center Drive begins.
- 29-Office closed for Memorial Day.

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**IMPORTANT LADIES BREAKFAST & WORKDAY:**

Our next Ladies Breakfast & Workday will be Saturday, May 20th, at 8:30 am, in the fellowship hall. Ladies Day committees will be discussed, followed by a parsonage clean-up. We will also discuss a June field trip to the Mayborn Planetarium and Space Theater. Please try to make it!