

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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Cherokee Home For Children Cherokee, TX

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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 - 7:00 PM

Your Most Valuable Blessing

By Phil McIntosh

The earth has virtually always housed the groups of "haves" and the "have nots." From the time there were more than a few family members of the same clan on this globe, there have been those with little and those with much. Some people possessed a great number of servants, camels, cattle, sheep, and various other livestock (*Gen 13:1* -7). Some controlled large swaths of land and even ruled over cities. Some had a meager existence and merely got along (*Lk 16:20*). It is simply a logical likelihood drawn from our experiences of how life works that such have almost always existed.

In one of our recent sermons we heard about the Occupy Wallstreet movement that ignited in 2011. While there has seemingly always been some sort of protest for something in our country's history, this one was somewhat unique in that it targeted corporate corruption and hysteria based on fears of a community headed for financial dystopia. It was around this time that we heard about the "one percent"- that group of the uber-rich who really didn't act as if they were a part of the same country as the "little people." Perhaps the existence of such an elite echelon of citizens upsets you personally, but the reality is there have always been those who "had it all" while others scraped an existence off the land, only barely making ends meet.

What if you were a part of the "one percenter" population? Would you feel blessed? Would you constantly thank God for what you have and always tell others about the wonderful freedom you experienced by such a boon? This article's job is to inform you that if you've obeyed the gospel, you are a part of *the* truest one percent. Not the financial one percent who have billions of dollars to their name; rather the one percent who are blessed to be living in the penthouse of human spiritual existence.

If your mind rushed to the salvation that exists through Jesus and the precious blood of the perfect Savior, then you are correct. We were not (and could not be) redeemed by gold, silver, titanium, diamonds, pearls, or any other valuable material this earth produces (1 Pet 1:18-21). All the gold nuggets in 19th century California could not procure a single saved soul. The Almighty God and our Father planned before the world was made that He would send a part of Himself to redeem us from our sin and weakness (Eph 1:4). As was mentioned this past Sunday, we all have worked enough to receive the deathly paycheck for our sins (Rom 3:23; 6:23). It was Jesus who stood up in court before the Judge and volunteered to take our place at the gallows (Rom 5:8). By shedding His blood, Jesus secured an avenue for the sins of the world to be removed from off of them and by which they could enter into a covenant relationship with God (Heb 9:26-28).

As amazing and powerful as it was, Jesus' sacrifice was not the first step toward our spiritual freedom and richness. The shedding of His blood was majestic, perfect, inspired, promised, predicted, and Divinely ordained. It was also only made a reality because of something that previously existed, something that predates the sacrifice and first opened the door to our spiritual wealth. What is that? Let the Spirit, through Paul, tell you:

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"But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, ⁶ even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), ⁶ and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷ that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. 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." -Ephesians 2:4-9

We Christians been invited to that live in that exclusive house where the rich are because of God's grace (Heb 2:9). We couldn't buy our way in that door, we couldn't barter our way into that home, and we could not be granted access to that spiritual penthouse only because of special attribute of ourselves. The grace of the Almighty (that afforded to us favor we did not work for, could not earn, and did not deserve) stands as the guardian of that door to richness. It was the grace of God which planned to offer us access into the eternal realm with God, knowing that we would sin and not be able to redeem ourselves. This is why Rom 3:26 has been mentioned so frequently from the pulpit, as it bears the plain truth to us that God's justice was met by God, on our behalf. We are a part of the "one percent" not because of work we have done, but because God has offered it to us and paid the way. We have been merely asked to hear Him, believe Him, and follow Him.

As you value all that God has given you, surely you could compile a fascinating list of material blessings. Many have at least one house, at least one bank account, multiple cars, a closet full of clothing/shoes/accessories, televisions, tools, and a myriad of other things we usually forget we own. We might gather a list of all of our blessings and tabulate them to be in the tens of thousands or hundreds of thousands of dollars, if not more. However, the greatest blessing you have is that you are a recipient of the grace of the Almighty God and have been

afforded access and security in His house (1 Tim 3:15). Your most valuable blessing is God's gracedon't take it for granted, don't forget about it, don't abuse it, and don't leave it (Heb 10:29).

JOIN US!

For Own 2023

SUMMER GOSPEL MEETING

June 25 - June 28

With Own Guest Speaker

Matthew Gibson

*Invite your family, neighbors, friends,

co-workers! Flyers are in the foyer.

*Please like & share the event on

Facebook!

SUNNY GLEN Children's Home SNCE

SUNNY GLEN CHILDREN'S HOME DRIVE



We are collecting the following items through July 9th: Pine Sol, Mr. Clean, Fabuloso, Huggies Diapers (sizes 5 & 6), and sweet cereals. The items may be placed in the foyer.







PICTURES

YOU DON'T HAVE TO WAIT!

If you need your picture taken for the picture board, or want to update an older picture, please see any of the elders, deacons, or secretary, following worship,



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 May)

- Group#1 Paul Portley June 4th
- Group#2 Roger Deem June 11th
- Group#3 Gaylen Williams June 18th
- Group#4 Phil McIntosh June 25th

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

June Nursery Schedule

4-Amanda & Victoria 11-Brenda & Gayle 18-Victoria & Carolyn W. 25-Natalie & Brittni 7/2-Nichole & Briana

*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!

June Cleaning Calendar

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

4-TEAM PHIL Michelle Beverly Josephine Yvonne Lois Marcella

Patrick Brenda Linda

25-TEAM ZACK

18-TEAM ROGER 7/2-TEAM JAMES Kim-Marie Xavier Jaden Kingsford Barbara

Amanda Diedre Paul 11-TEAM LEE

Natalie Derek Ken

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ORDER OF SERVICE **SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 2023:**

• ANNOUNCEMENTS: REGGIE BASS

•1ST PRAYER: PAUL PORTLEY

•SONG: IVAN MCINTOSH

•SCRIPTURE READING: KINGSFORD ASARE

•SONG: IVAN MCINTOSH

SERMON: PHIL MCINTOSH

•INVITATION SONG: IVAN MCINTOSH

•SONG BEFORE COMMUNION: IVAN MCINTOSH

•COMMUNION:

ROGER DEEM & MICHAEL ROGERS

SONG: IVAN MCINTOSH

•OFFERING: ROGER DEEM & MICHAEL ROGERS

CLOSING SONG: IVAN MCINTOSH

•CLOSING PRAYER: TOM HOLUBEC

•AUDIO/VISUAL: PATRICK SELLERS

SECURITY: ROGER DEEM & SCOTT DAVIS

•NURSERY:

AMANDA PETTIES & VICTORIA POLANCO

Scripture Readings

Sunday AM: "Breaking Barriers" (Hebrews 10:19-22)

"19 Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus.

²⁰ By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh;

²¹ And having an high priest over the house of God;

²² Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water."

Sunday PM: "Plucking Truths from the Parables" (Luke 10:30-33)

"³⁰ And Jesus answering said, A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead.

³¹ And by chance there came down a certain priest that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.

³² And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side.

³³ But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him."

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: Alexis Gaither's father is recovering from surgery due to an infection in his leg.

-Buck Chafin was admitted to Scott and White last Friday after having a mild heart attack. Due to inoperable blockages, his medical team is working to treat him with medication.

-Donna Hines' sister, Rhonda, niece, April, and April's husband, Felipe, are recovering from a car accident last Tuesday.

-Josephine Spear received a Botox shot for her migraine issues, her brother-in-law, Kent, is in the hospital, and her sister, Rose, has a cold.

-Shirley Wooten had a biopsy on her kidney last Thursday.

-Lex McIntosh is having dental surgery this Tuesday.

-Michelle Mcintosh will have surgery consult for her thyroid on June 14th.

-James Garner has an upcoming colonoscopy this month.

-Katelyn Bowles will be traveling back next Sunday.

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & HOME BOUND:

Tanja Arch & her family; Jim Dukes & family; Gladys Driver & daughter (Vicky); Buck Chafin; Tim Matter's mother, aunt (Vivian), & sister's husband (Christopher); Zack Petties' brother's son (Darius); James Garner, wife (Tammy), & his mother; Michelle McIntosh, aunt (Christy Noey), & cousin (Nikki); Gary Foster's mother; Toni Mendez's son (Brad Deshoutel), & children; Ken Sellers; Josephine Spear, cousin, sisters (Rose & Patricia), brotherin-law (Kent), neighbor (Clinton) & friend (Iris); The McIntosh's family friend (Bryan Christmas); Alexis Gaither's father & friends (John & Marion Slaughter); 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; 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.

LADIES BREAKFAST & WORKDAY: There will be a ladies' breakfast & workday on Saturday, June 10th, at 9:30 am, in the classroom by the library.

LADIES' OUTING: The ladies are invited to attend a showing at the Mayborn Science Center, at the CTC Campus on June 14th, at 10:00 am. Please sign up on the ladies' bulletin board by June 7th, and the cost is \$7. For questions, please contact Lois Brown.

DETECTIVE FELLOWSHIP: Please join us on Friday, June 16th, at 7:00 pm, for some good old-fashioned detective fun! Bring snacks to share, and let's fellowship by solving a mystery! Please sign up in the foyer and Gaylen Williams for details.

MEN'S BOWLING: There will be Men's Bowling on Saturday, June 17th, 12:00 pm, at Hallmark Lanes Bowling Alley.

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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CSJUNE CALENDARCS

7-Singing Night

10-Ladies breakfast & workday at 9:30 am, in the building.

11-Youth Devotional following evening worship.

14-Ladies Outing at 10:00 am.

16-Detective Fellowship at 6:00 pm.

17-Men's Bowling at 12:00 pm.

19-Office Closed for Juneteenth Federal Holiday.

21-Singing Practice at 6:00 pm.

25-Fellowship Luncheon following morning worship. Kitchen Group #2 will have kitchen duties (Judy Wall, Creta Bales, Linda Deem, Cheryl Flores, Yvonne Hardiman, & Josephine Spear).

25-28 Summer Gospel Meeting

4TH OF JULY FELLOWSHIP & POTLUCK: The elders would like to have the 4th of July fellowship on Saturday, July 1st. With this being a holiday weekend, we want to ensure that we will have a good number in attendance. We ask that if you plan to attend, please sign up on the sheet in the fover before June 25th.