



Welcome To The Killeen Church of Christ!

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SERVICE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS - 9:30 AM

SUNDAY AM WORSHIP - 10:30 AM

SUNDAY PM WORSHIP - 5:00 PM

WEDNESDAY - 7:00 PM

SHEPHERDS NOTES

SO MANY DECISIONS!



In life, we make thousands of decisions each year, but when I think back on my past life and the decisions that I have made. Realistically There is only one decision that was the most important. The decision to believe and obey the Gospel and live a committed Christian life before God! Jeremiah said, "O Jehovah, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps." (ch 10:23). The decision to live as a Christian should be made early in life, yet some do not make that decision until they have created a wreck of their life. The Bible is full of examples that show God's people have made wrong choices in history. I am so Thankful that God has added to the body our young people recently. As mentioned above this is one of the most important decisions that we can make, the decision to believe and obey God early in life. It is my belief whenever a young person becomes a Christian early in life, they are less likely to become involved in sinful practices and to visit sinful places where they may be tempted to become involve in a sinful lifestyle.

Many people I have known over the years have been faced with biblical decisions, such as, should I get baptized, is assembling with the saints necessary, my Faith is good enough, marriage, divorce, adultery, fornication, drinking, smoking, and the list goes on and on. I have seen brethren get annoyed as they listened to Biblical teaching on what the bible says about these subjects. You must decide now to follow Christ or not, it will save you a whole lot of heartache. Not being committed to one side or the other only leads to confusion, depression, internal sickness, and sin. The ability to make choices that we have is often a great burden, most of the time we make the right decisions but those other times when outside influences and close ties are at stake such as family ties or some other pressure that was just too great, we may stumble while making the choice between truth and error.

Often, we are forced to make decisions that affect ourselves as well as those around us (family, friends, brethren in the congregation). Whenever we come to the place in our lives where we must make life-changing or spiritual decisions we must be incredibly careful that those decisions are in the best interest of our Hope of eternal life. Remember this; whenever we make the decision to live without God's direction we will fall. "And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell" (Matt 10:28).

Decision making can range from easy to painful at times. And, sometimes the right course of action will hurt us in some way, and it is during these tough times is where we need grace and mercy the most. Because as a Christian we are not exempt from suffering "Therefore, since Christ suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same mind, for he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin" (1 Pet. 4:1). So, seek God in your decisions. "Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths." (Prov. 3:5-6).

In Christian Love Bro. Lee

Watch Where You're Going

By Phil McIntosh

Have you ever stumbled into someone because you were distracted, and they told you to “look out” or “watch where you’re going”? I can only imagine in this day and age, where even some of our country’s senior citizens seem to be incapable of going through the day without their smartphone, how many accidents are caused by being distracted. It was not long ago the state of Texas passed a law making it illegal to be looking at and operating one’s cell phone whilst driving. If you ever wonder why people sit at a light after it has turned green, I have my suspicions it’s because they’re on their phone while stopped. Such laws might seem like government overreach or indicative of a “nanny state,” but the reality is people sometimes need laws to coerce them to do what common sense will not. People have died because they were struck by a car (either as pedestrians or traveling in a vehicle themselves) whose driver was distracted by something. People have walked into objects, fallen from great heights, or even walked into traffic because they simply were not paying attention to where they were going. Keep your eyes up and be alert.

While such examples might justifiably cause us to reflect on our own actions and motivate us to think twice the next time we’re walking or driving somewhere, the fullest application is in the most important facet of life: our spiritual journey. Everybody is (spiritually) going somewhere. Even those who do not want to know who God is or read His Book, are still going somewhere. Those who choose to stay at home and neglect the worship of the local church are still going somewhere. In like case, the individuals who are fighting against the “wiles of the devil” (*Eph 6:10-18*) are also going somewhere. Listen to the words of the Apostle Paul as he instructed a 1st Century congregation in regard to their activity:

“See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, ¹⁶redeeming the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, ²⁰giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹submitting to one another in the fear of God.”

-*Ephesians 5:15-21*

Is it quite impossible to reach one’s intended destination without looking in that direction. You don’t back up a car without looking behind you (even if it’s just the reverse camera), you don’t walk through a doorway without looking ahead, you probably don’t even eat without looking at your food. While there are certainly

some things we do in life without having to actually move our eyes toward the object (think about hitting that alarm clock with your eyes still closed or finding the restroom in the middle of the night because you’ve done it so many times you know exactly where it is), the majority of activity is accomplished by *looking* toward our destination. The same is true biblically. If you want to get to the eternal Kingdom, you have to look toward it (*Matt 6:33*). If you want to be like Christ, you have to look toward Christ (*Col 3:1-10*). If you want to go to Heaven, you have to direct your eyes to Heaven (*2 Pet 3:13*). There is a little kids song that says, “Oh be careful little eyes what you see” and “Oh be careful little feet where you go.” Why does that matter? What is that important to teach children? Because where your eyes go, your feet go; and where your feet go, you go. I once saw a show on the Discovery Channel where the hosts of a popular show did a test to see whether or not you could actually walk in a straight blindfolded. It doesn’t sound too hard, just put one foot in front of another. The results were powerful. Neither one could walk a straight line blindfolded. In fact, it wasn’t even close. They walked in circles and were completely lost, even though they *thought* they were doing ok and going straight ahead. Keep your eyes open, keep them in the word of God, and watch where you’re going. Because you control your ultimate eternal destination. God has given you the map, you just have to follow it without getting distracted and lost (*Psa 119:105*).

Scripture Readings

Sunday AM: “God, Answer My Prayer”

Philippians 4:6-7

“⁶ Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”

Sunday PM: “Choose the Good Part”

Ecclesiastes 12:10-13

“¹⁰ The preacher sought to find out acceptable words: and that which was written was upright, even words of truth. ¹¹ The words of the wise are as goads, and as nails fastened by the masters of assemblies, which are given from one shepherd. ¹² And further, by these, my son, be admonished: of making many books there is no end; and much study is a weariness of the flesh. ¹³ Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.”

2023 VBS

JULY 23 - JULY 26

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM



**"Put on Your Whole Armor of God"
-Ephesians 6:10-18.**

Join us for VBS beginning July 23rd – July 26th. Classes for all ages. Please sign-up on the board to teach and help. If you wish to donate, please see Zack Petties or Lee Fisher.

- ♦ *Sunday: Paul & the Belt of Truth & the Helmet of Salvation (Ephesians 6:11)*
 - ♦ *Monday: Noah & the Breastplate of Righteousness (Genesis 7:1)*
 - ♦ *Tuesday: Joshua & the Sword of the Spirit (Joshua 1:6-9)*
 - ♦ *Wednesday: Gideon & the Shield of Faith & the Shoes of the Gospel of Peace (Judges 6-7)*
- Daily Schedule:*
- 6:00 – 6:15 p.m. *SINGING*
 - 6:15 – 7:15 p.m. *LESSON & CRAFT*
 - 7:15 – 7:30 p.m. *REFRESHMENTS*

SHEEP KEEPER ASSIGNMENTS FOR JUNE

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

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

- Group#1 Paul Portley - (Sun.) June 18th
- Group#2 Roger Deem - (Sun.) July 2nd
- Group#3 Gaylen Williams - (Sun.) July 9th
- Group#4 Phil McIntosh - (Wed.) July 12th

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

ORDER OF SERVICE *SUNDAY, JULY 16, 2023:*

- ♦ ANNOUNCEMENTS: GAYLEN WILLIAMS
- ♦ 1ST PRAYER: LEE FISHER
- ♦ SONG: REGGIE BASS
- ♦ SCRIPTURE READING: JONATHAN SMITH
- ♦ 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: BILL RAWLINGS
- ♦ AUDIO/VISUAL: PATRICK SELLERS
- ♦ SECURITY: ROGER DEEM & SCOTT DAVIS
- ♦ NURSERY: VICTORIA POLANCO

July Cleaning Calendar

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

2-TEAM JAMES Kim-Marie Xavier Jaden Kingsford Barbara	16-TEAM LEE Natalie Derek Ken 23-TEAM ROGER Patrick Brenda Linda	30-TEAM ZACK Amanda Diedre Paul Ruby
9-TEAM PHIL Michelle Beverly Josephine Yvonne Lois Marcella		

July Nursery Schedule

- 2-Natalie & Nichole
- 9-Amanda & Victoria
- 16-Victoria
- 23-Victoria & Carolyn W.
- 30-Briana & Brittni

*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!

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR MILITARY & CIVILIANS IN YOUR PRAYERS: Kingsford Asare is training at Fort Sam Houston until October.

-Tim Matter is contracting in Bogota, Columbia.

PLEASE KEEP THESE MEMBERS & LOVED ONES IN YOUR PRAYERS: Martha Bell is recovering from gallbladder surgery last Wednesday and pancreatitis.

-Beverly Williams' sister, Patsy, is recovering well from her spine surgery and may be able to go home tomorrow.

-Michelle McIntosh's thyroid surgery was moved to August 1st.

-Donna Hines has an orthopedic consult on the 25th.

-Phil McIntosh's father's kidney stone surgery was moved to September.

-Gladys Driver's daughter, Vicky, has a rare form of breast cancer that will not respond to chemotherapy. She will be able to be treated with radiation and medication.

-Visiting member, Chaplain Sunday's wife, delivered her baby girl prematurely, last April, and was in the NICU until recently. She is now home and doing well.

-Please remember members who are traveling (Delphine Hopkins, Josephine Spear, & James Garner).

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & HOME BOUND: Visiting member, Opal Jones; Julie Odum & mother (Sharon Schmidt); Adam Zak; Bill Rawlings & his mother; Katelyn Bowles' cousin (Brittany); Tanja Arch & her family; Jim Dukes & family; Gladys Driver & daughter (Vicky); Tim Matter's wife (Elda), brother (Michael), mother, aunt (Vivian), & sister's husband (Christopher); Zack Petties' brother's son (Darius); James Garner, wife (Tammy), sister, & his mother; Michelle McIntosh, aunt (Christy Noey), & cousin (Nikki); Gary & Shirl Foster, Gary's mother; Toni Mendez's son (Brad Deshoutel), & children; Ken Sellers; Josephine Spear, cousin, sisters (Rose & Patricia), neighbor (Clinton) & friend (Iris); The McIntosh's family friend (Bryan Christmas); Alexis Gaither's father & friends (John & Marion Slaughter); Creta Bales' cousin (Terry Jackson); Cheryl Flores' aunt (Joy); Donna Hines' stepmother (Darla), & niece (April Miller); Beverly Williams' sister-in-law (Cindy Fisher); former members (Connie Cruz), and (Bobbie Knight); Jon-Jon Simmons, Willard Jack Dunn; Tracy Wilson's mother (Ruth Hyde); 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); Nada Miller; Billye Hughes; Jessie Turner; & Linda Walts.

SYMPATHY: We wish to extend our sympathy and prayers to Martha Chafin and her family on the passing of her husband, Buck, early Thursday morning. His visitation & service is at Crawford-Bowers, Killeen, Wednesday, July 19th. Visitation is 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm, and the service is at 2:30 pm, with a graveside following.

BABY SHOWER: Ladies, please join us for a baby shower honoring Hannah Fane, today, at 3:00 to 4:30 pm, in the fellowship hall. Hannah is having a girl and is requesting baby clothes, blankets, socks, diapers (size 1 or 2) & wipes.

BACK TO SCHOOL FUN DAY: Join us for a Back-to-School Fun Day with games, hamburgers, & hotdogs at the campground on Friday, Aug. 4th, from 6:00 pm-8:00 pm.

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE: We are collecting school supplies through August 6th. These items can be placed in the foyer.

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!

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☪ JULY CALENDAR ☪

19-Singing class & practice at 6:00 pm
22-Church Bowling, 12:00 pm, at Hallmark Lanes
23-26th VBS

☪ AUGUST CALENDAR ☪

4-Back-to-School Fun Day at the campground, 6:00 pm-8:00 pm
6-Fellowship Luncheon following morning worship.
(Kitchen Group #3 will have kitchen duty: Carla Heginbotham, Janet Bass, Joyce Brown, Natalie Fisher, Toni Mendez Beverly Williams, and Marcella Williams).

JULY BIRTHDAYS

1 - LETTY BURGOS

4 - LINDA DEEM

21 - SEAN MALDONADO

23 - MARCELLA WILLIAMS

24 - LEE FISHER