



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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SERVICE SCHEDULE

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

Saturate Your Sponge

By Phil McIntosh



Imagine what a sponge full of water feels like.

That is the feeling of heaviness as a result of the porous material being saturated to its maximum capacity. To use this as an illustration for the point, that is what our brains are like. We are inundated with words (both visually and auditorily), suggestions, ideas, and stimulants on a daily basis. A full sponge can either be used to clean something or to soak up something yucky, thus needing to be cleaned. It is a blank slate into which the operator injects material. Are you aware of the material with which you are filling your sponge (*1 Jn 2:15-17*)?

Our minds grow at an incredible pace early in life. A parenting website from Australia had this to say regarding the development of a child's brain:

“ ‘Development’ means changes in your child’s physical growth. It’s also the changes in your child’s social, emotional, behaviour, thinking and communication skills. All of these areas of development are linked, and each depends on and influences the others. In the first 5 years of life, positive experiences and warm, responsive relationships stimulate children’s development, creating millions of connections in their brains. In fact, **children’s brains develop connections faster in the first 5 years** than at any other time in their lives. This is the time when the foundations for learning, health and behaviour throughout life are laid down.”

The article went on mention something interesting related to learned behavior from observation:

“Through warm, responsive relationships, **your child learns vital information about themselves and their world.** For example, your child learns that they’re loved, safe and secure. They also learn about what happens when they do things like cry, laugh or ask questions. Your child also learns by seeing relationships among other people – for example, by seeing how you behave with other family members or friends. This learning is the foundation for the development of your child’s communication, behaviour, social and other skills.”

Taken together, these two paragraphs mean that young children learn at an incredible rate and learn a substantial portion of their total knowledge from watching others. Thus there is a magnificent sense of responsibility on the part of parents to be cognizant of the methods and purpose with which they train their children, as well as the body of knowledge relayed by their own actions (*Deut 6:7-9; Eph 6:4*).

God understands the sensitivity which with our minds operate and took great care to instruct us to attend to teaching and learning at the earliest possibility in life.

“Rejoice, O young man, in your youth,
And let your heart cheer you in the days of
your youth;
Walk in the ways of your heart,
And in the sight of your eyes;
But know that for all these
God will bring you into judgment.

¹⁰Therefore remove sorrow from your heart,
And put away evil from your flesh,
For childhood and youth are vanity.

Remember now your Creator in the days of
your youth,
Before the difficult days come,
And the years draw near when you say,
“I have no pleasure in them”:

-Ecclesiastes 11:9-12:1

Since the infant (and likewise the toddler and youth) possesses neither the awareness nor the ability to train itself in the way of God at such an impressionable age, the responsibility is on the parents to attend to, model, and instill such training. Such a function of parental expectation and responsibility from God was expressed by Moses in the well-known passage of *Deuteronomy 6:4-9*. It was important for Moses to instruct that specific generation (though the application extends unfailingly and perfectly to every successive generation) because they were the first generation to enter the Promised Land and they had seen their forbears fail as a result of unbelief (*Num 14:26-38; Heb 3:18-19*). The Bible not only provides the instruction of the shaping of a young mind, but the result when that instruction is ignored- “...another generation arose after them who did not know the Lord nor the work which He had done for Israel” (*Jdg 2:10b*).

Today marks the beginning of our 2023 Vacation Bible School. There will be opportunities for all ages (from babies to boomers) to be influenced by the words of God. I encourage you to take advantage of the Bible studies that are scheduled to take place this week and to “soak up” the Bible while the time and occasion are possible (*Phil 4:8-9*).

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



JULY BIRTHDAYS

1 - LETTY BURGOS
4 - LINDA DEEM
21 - SEAN MALDONADO
23 - MARCELLA WILLIAMS
24 - LEE FISHER

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!
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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		

SHEEP KEEPER ASSIGNMENTS FOR JULY

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

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

- Group#1 Paul Portley - (Sun.) July 23rd
- Group#2 Roger Deem - (Sun.) July 30th
- Group#3 Gaylen Williams - (Wed.) Aug. 2nd
- Group#4 Phil McIntosh - (Wed.) Aug. 9th

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

ORDER OF SERVICE
SUNDAY, JULY 23, 2023:

- ANNOUNCEMENTS:** ANDRÉ PETTAWAY
- 1ST PRAYER:** TOM HOLUBEC
- SONG:** SEAN MALDONADO
- SCRIPTURE READING:** IVAN MCINTOSH
- SONG:** SEAN MALDONADO
- SERMON:** PHIL MCINTOSH
- INVITATION SONG:** SEAN MALDONADO
- SONG BEFORE COMMUNION:**
SEAN MALDONADO
- COMMUNION:**
GIANNI GRIFFITH & JONATHAN SMITH
- SONG:** SEAN MALDONADO
- OFFERING:**
GIANNI GRIFFITH & JONATHAN SMITH
- CLOSING SONG:** SEAN MALDONADO
- CLOSING PRAYER:** PAUL PORTLEY
- AUDIO/VISUAL:** PATRICK SELLERS
- SECURITY:** ROGER DEEM & SCOTT DAVIS
- NURSERY:**
VICTORIA POLANCO & CAROLYN WILLIAMS

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday AM: “Did James Contradict Paul?”
(Eph 2:8-10)

“⁸ For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:
⁹ Not of works, lest any man should boast.
¹⁰ For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.”

Sunday PM: VBS- Paul and the Belt of Truth and Helmet of Salvation (Eph 6:13-14)

“¹³ Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.
¹⁴ Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;”

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 home recovering from pancreatitis and gallbladder surgery.

-Donna Hines has an orthopedic consult on Tuesday. Her husband, Les, is battling diverticulitis.

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

-Prayers have been requested for Alberto Mendoza, a soldier who suffered a heat stroke that made his heart swell.

-Please remember members who are traveling (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.

MEN'S SERVICE NEEDED: Andre Pettaway has been studying with Eddy Gandy and he is scheduled to be baptized on August 5th @ 3pm. He is paralyzed and we are asking for men to volunteer to be here at the building at that time to assist and everyone to come and support him.

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 ☪

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).

9-Singing Night