

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



Do You Have Two Coins to Spare?

By Phil McIntosh



If you drive around almost any American city long enough, be it a large metropolitan region or a small town, you will find someone with a sign that is asking for money. Whether you have been approached in a gas station parking lot, called on the phone, or merely seen such people from afar, you have been witness to people who would ask you to "spare a little change." Whether you decide it is within your budget and also in the best interest of your stewardship of God's money to hand out money to an individual is certainly a personal decision. There have virtually always been needy people, and they could certainly use a little of what we have. On the other side of that coin is that there is caution that should be wisely exercised before simply handing over cash which might be used in unwise, unseemly, and otherwise ungodly ways. Then again, what is a few dollars?

A few dollars might be a lot to some people. Not everyone is employed in a salaried position, and many do not work in an industry with substantial or even possible benefits and retirement. To some people, money can be scarce and security scarcer. For the person making minimum wage (or less if they work in a restaurant sort of establishment) a few dollars are noticeable. To most people though a few dollars is merely something they lose and don't worry about. What can you actually buy in 2023 in America that doesn't cost a few dollars? You could buy a small burrito at Taco Bell or a small coke at McDonalds for less than that; but we live in a time when even gum is expensive compared to the bygone days of "way back when." Such an outlook on money might cause us to undervalue money itself and to think of a few dollars as a pittance.

There once lived a woman who lived on a pittance. Perhaps most would not have recognized this woman other than to ignore her or rush past her on their way to their journey's end. This woman was a widow and was bound up in poverty. In fact, the Bible tells us she possessed very little on which to live. What she did have she used in a way that is modeled as sacrificial and it prompted the Lord Jesus to comment and draw attention to her. Read the passage:

"Now Jesus sat opposite the treasury and saw how the people put money into the treasury. And many who were rich put in much. "Then one poor widow came and threw in two mites, which make a quadrans. "So He called His disciples to Himself and said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you that this poor widow has put in more than all those who have given to the treasury; "for they all put in out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all that she had, her whole livelihood." -Mark 12:41-44

If my research was correct, the *mite/lepta* was the smallest coin the Jews used and the *quadrans* was the smallest copper Roman coin. If the calculations of money were to be made to other known quantities, we could say this woman possessed 1/32nd of a day's wage. Now if one were to modify that to fit within American standards we could say,

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based off of an eight-hour shift and minimum wage, she possessed \$1.82. Look here, the amount of money it would take to buy a 20 oz. soda from the local 7-Eleven doesn't seem like much for someone to be casting into these pots. In the area of the court of women there were thirteen pots for the treasury and the rich dominated the attention as they poured in what we can imagine to be a big bag of money (Mk12:41). Just think about how much noise hundreds of rattling coins would make! If you've ever seen a toddler putting a few coins in the collection plate you have a taste of that noise. Yet here is this little widow comes, putting in her two tiny coins. What are they among so much?

Jesus commented on the widow's generosity and sacrifice, not because she gave a large amount, but she gave a large amount relative to what she possessed (Mk. 12:44). God does not expect someone to reach into their pocketbook and write a check for an amount they do not possess. God does not ask us to live above our means in relation to what we give back to Him on Sundays. The apostle Paul told the Corinthian Christians that God understands what a person has and the ability that same person does or does not possess to contribute (2 Cor 8:10-12). Jesus knew when that poor widow threw in her \$1.82, she threw in an amount that was large for her. God knew her situation, as He does yours.

Since God knows our situation, along with our heart and our willingness to let go of money, then we should be aware that He is watching what we decide to give and is weighing it. God is not going to give us a minimum that we must put in the plate in order to be pleasing to Him; however He is aware of whether our "two mites" is paltry, appropriate, or an abundance of character and sacrifice. We are tasked to give as we "purpose in our heart" (2 Cor 9:7)- meaning, we should be thinking, reasoning, and planning what we give back to God. Knowing that "two mites" might be a very different amount for different people and that Jesus praised this woman in her giving, let us be both grateful for our blessings from God and willing to release them back into His care for the benefit of the church and of others.

JULY 23 - JULY 26 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

- 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





Ladies please join us for a

honoring

Nannah Fane

Sunday, July 16th 3:00 to 4:30 pm in the fellowship hall



Hannah is requesting baby clothes, blankets, socks, diapers (size 1 or 2) & wipes.

Scripture Readings

Sunday AM: "The Battle for the Rainbow" Genesis 2:20-24

"20 And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him.

²¹ And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof;

²² And the rib, which the Lord God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.

²³ And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.

²⁴ Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh."

Sunday PM: "An Impossible Debt" **Matthew 6:8-13**

"8 Be not ve therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him. ⁹ After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

¹⁰ Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

¹¹ Give us this day our daily bread.

¹² And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. ¹³ And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen."

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 2, 2023:

• ANNOUNCEMENTS: PAUL PORTLEY

•1ST PRAYER: ANDRÉ PETTAWAY

•SONG: GIANNI GRIFFITH

•SCRIPTURE READING: SEAN MALDONADO

•SONG: GIANNI GRIFFITH **SERMON: PHIL MCINTOSH**

• INVITATION SONG: GIANNI GRIFFITH

•SONG BEFORE COMMUNION: GIANNI GRIFFITH

•COMMUNION:

IVAN MCINTOSH & JONATHAN SMITH

•SONG: GIANNI GRIFFITH

•OFFERING: IVAN MCINTOSH & JONATHAN SMITH

CLOSING SONG: GIANNI GRIFFITH

•CLOSING PRAYER: PATRICK SELLERS

•AUDIO/VISUAL: PATRICK SELLERS

SECURITY: ROGER DEEM & SCOTT DAVIS

• NURSERY: NATALIE FISHER & NICHOLE WILLIAMS

July Cleaning Calendar

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

23-TEAM ROGER

2-TEAM JAMES Kim-Marie Xavier Jaden Kingsford

16-TEAM LEE Natalie Derek Ken

Patrick

Brenda

Linda

30-TEAM ZACK Amanda Diedre Paul Rubye

Barbara 9-TEAM PHIL Michelle Beverly Josephine

Lois

Yvonne Marcella

July Nursery Schedule

2-Natalie & Nichole

9-Amanda & Victoria

16-Brenda & Gayle

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: Tracy Wilson's son, Zane, is in the final phase of flight school and is training to be a Blackhawk pilot. -Tim Matter has returned to Bogota, Columbia, for his job.

PLEASE KEEP THESE MEMBERS & LOVED ONES IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- -Buck Chafin is at home, but he must be on oxygen and is not feeling well.
- -Josephine Spear's brother-in-law, Kent, is in the ICU, and on a ventilator.
- -Delphine Hopkins, Monica McClean and her son, Derrick, have traveled this week.

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & HOME **BOUND:** Adam Zak: Phil McIntosh's father (Pat): Bill Rawlings & his mother; Katelyn Grayson's cousin (Brittany); Buck Chafin; Tanja Arch & her family; Jim Dukes & family; Gladys Driver & daughter (Vicky); 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), 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); 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 OUTING: The ladies outing for the planetarium has been rescheduled tentatively for July 12th. The cost is \$7. For more information, please see Lois Brown.

LADIES T-SHIRTS: Ladies, if you did not order a t-shirt on the last order, no worries, please give your size to Alfreda Pettaway and we will place another order during their next sale.

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



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.







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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CSJULY CALENDARCS

5-Singing Night

9-Youth Devotional following evening worship

12-Ladies Outing at the planetarium

16-Baby Shower Honoring Hannah Fane at 3:00 pm

19-Singing class & practice at 6:00 pm

22-Church Bowling, 12:00 pm, at Hallmark Lanes 23-26th VBS

RECORD OF JUNE 25, 2023

BIBLE CLASS ______65
AM ATTENDANCE:____100
PM ATTENDANCE:____76
CONTRIBUTION: \$4,937.78

MONDAY, JUNE 26, 2023 ATTENDANCE: 60

TUESDAY, JUNE 27, 2023
ATTENDANCE: 60

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28, 2023
ATTENDANCE:_ 60

