



# 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, TX*

*Christian Homes &  
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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

## **Our Youth! Shepherds Notes**



When the announcements were read this past Wednesday night, concerning those who were sick and ill or having upcoming surgeries and Prayer requests for members who have lost loved ones. It felt like there are many things in the lives of our brothers and sisters that can make you feel a little depressed. But No matter, what we are going through at the time, we have a Savior who is there by our side. *"What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?"* (Romans 8:31,32). Yes, in the mist of our most difficult times of life there is still so much to be Thankful for! For example, I am thankful that we continue to have many souls give their lives to Christ, and that God continues to increase the body here at W.S. Young, especially with the young people that were Baptized this year. Investing in today's youth is necessary in growing the body of Christ. Teaching young people in the church to grow in their relationship with the Lord prepares them to serve Christ in all they do now and in the future. As a result, this stimulates the congregation and edifies the church.

In the book of 2 Chronicles, Josiah was a leader in the kingdom. He was just eight years old when he became king of Judah. His father and grandfather, both kings before him, were evil kings. However, *"he did that which was right in the sight of the Lord, and walked in the ways of David his father, and "he did not turn aside to the right hand, nor to the left"* (34:2). When he was sixteen, he began to seek the Lord faithfully. When he was twenty, he began to exterminate idolatry that had plagued the country for many years. When he was twenty-six, he began to repair the temple of God. During the construction, the Law of Moses was found. He began to read the law of God, even doing so before the elders of the country. He did what was right spiritually, and he turned the kingdom of God around with a spirited reformation. He is an example for youth to search for the truth and put it into practice, even as a young person in the church today. Although adults have the responsibility of leading, young people can be leaders, we ought never to forget that young people can shine as leaders in the church of today. For example, if you take the world's mentality of waiting until you are older, then several things are likely to happen:

- you will become cold and unconcerned.
- you will waste several years that you could have reached lost souls.
- you will help support this false notion that only older people can bear fruit for Christ.
- you will lose sight of the importance living by faith and the impact Christ should have in your life!

Don't wait. *"whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away"* (James 4:14). Young people continue to look for ways to serve Him and don't let anyone tell you that you can't! Ecclesiastes 12:1 – *"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."* The Bible is full of wise men, who knew of the benefits of early commitment to God, I think that is the key. God can use the strength and enthusiasm of the young, youth is the most expedient time in life for the individual to commit to God's service. Dedication to the principles of righteousness early in one's life does not guarantee you will not make mistakes, but being young you are adaptable, susceptible to change, humble enough to admit mistakes and willing to learn. The willingness of the young to learn will surely enable many to mature in soundness and obedience to faith.

Thank God for our Youth! Brother Lee.

## Greet With a Holy Kiss

By Phil McIntosh

Perhaps some of us would be a little uncomfortable if we were to attend a worship service of the Lord's church in New Testament times. We might not immediately be "right at home" with some of the ceremonial or cultural differences regarding the manner or order in which various elements of the worship were performed (*1 Cor 14:26-33*). We certainly might not be accustomed to the frequency with which they would meet and spend time together (*Acts 2:42; 46*). However, the doctrinal truths would be the same since the foundation and the authority for teaching are the same (*2 Tim 3:16*). The largest difference might not be the experience as you were seated, but rather the experience as you were greeted. How would you respond in the moment if, as you approached the home where the church met, you were greeted with outstretched arms that held your face and kissed one cheek and then the other (*1 Thess 5:26*)? Would you reciprocate? Would you pull back? Admittedly, it would be quite strange for anybody steeped in American culture.

While America might not practice kissing as a greeting (at least in large part), that is not the same around the world. There are still cultures that practice a kiss as a greeting even to this day. In fact, I found one place that even divided the countries up who greet others with either one, two, or three kisses per cheek (according to one source, in Russia one gets three kisses, followed by a bear hug). One scholar said the Jews viewed a kiss as friendship. If you'll remember, Judas identified Jesus with a kiss after saying "Greetings, Rabbi" (*Matt 26:48*). Be that as it may, Americans don't usually greet each other that way. No, in America we extend our right hands, clasp them together, and squeeze a little. The handshake is a ubiquitous (everywhere and commonly known) sign of friendship and a kind, peaceful greeting. Handshakes have struggled some in our country over the past few years. The pandemic threw a wrench into the well-oiled machinery of the common American greeting. Some individuals still don't feel comfortable with touching others, and we should allow them their personal thoughts and respect their wishes, showing them a form of love and compassion in doing so. For those who don't mind clasping hands or hugging someone else, let me encourage you to follow the example Jesus set one day with a poor man in need.

After Jesus delivered His well-known "Sermon on the Mount" He descended from the mountain to go about His ministry. As He did, a man met Him and made a request. The man asked to be made clean. There were a variety of things that could cause a person living under the Law to be unclean. What made this man special in

this circumstance was that he was a leper. Those afflicted with leprosy were to stand apart from others and announce "unclean" whilst also living alone, separated from society (*Lev 13:45-46*). Jesus then did something interesting. Jesus of course cleansed the man, but for us who believe in Jesus that is not surprising. What was surprising was *how* Jesus cleansed him:

"And, behold, there came a leper and worshipped him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. <sup>8</sup> And Jesus put forth his hand, and touched him, saying, I will; be thou clean. And immediately his leprosy was cleansed. <sup>4</sup> And Jesus saith unto him, See thou tell no man; but go thy way, shew thyself to the priest, and offer the gift that Moses commanded, for a testimony unto them." -**Matthew 8:2-4**

What makes this interesting is that Jesus could have healed the man by simply speaking the affliction gone; there is evidence of Jesus doing just that elsewhere in the Bible (*John 4:47-50*). So why did Jesus touch him? I don't know. I cannot make you any guarantees, nor will I assume the intentions or thoughts of our Lord without His implication to or admission of such. However, does it not seem wonderful that Jesus took a man who had been a literal outcast, had been separated from society, and likely had not received a touch in quite some time, and He touched him? Sometimes people need to a loving, friendly touch like a handshake, a pat on the back, or even a hug when things aren't going well. There is still value to the human touch manifesting a greeting of friendship, camaraderie, or even comfort. If you're inclined to do so and the other party is willing and comfortable, greet each other with "our" version of the holy kiss and embrace them in a kind touch (*Rom 16:16*).

### AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

2-DERREL HEGINBOTHAM  
5-JANET BASS  
8-KINGSFORD ASARE  
8-CHASE CULVER (11)  
10-JIM DUKES  
15-RUBY PORTLEY  
18-LEX MCINTOSH  
20-MICHELLE PETTIES  
25-KEYSHAWN DAY (12)  
29-JAMES GARNER  
30-JULIE ODUM

HAPPY 37TH ANNIVERSARY  
TO BRUCE & JOYCE BROWN  
ON AUGUST 16TH!

## Church Bowling

There will be a Church Bowling on Saturday, August 19th, 12:00 pm, at Hallmark Lanes Bowling Alley. (Everyone is invited)

## August Nursery Schedule

6-Natalie & Nichole  
 13-Amanda & Carolyn W.  
 20-Victoria & Brenda  
 27-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!

## August Cleaning Calendar

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

6-TEAM JAMES Kim-Marie Xavier Jaden Kingsford Barbara	20-TEAM LEE Natalie Derek Ken	9/3-TEAM ZACK Amanda Diedre Paul Ruby
13-TEAM PHIL Michelle Beverly Josephine Yvonne Lois Marcella	27-TEAM ROGER Patrick Brenda Linda	

## ORDER OF SERVICE

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, 2023:

- ANNOUNCEMENTS: REGGIE BASS
- 1ST PRAYER: GAYLEN WILLIAMS
- SONG: IVAN MCINTOSH
- SCRIPTURE READING: XAVIER ESTAVILLO
- SONG: AM-IVAN MCINTOSH
- SERMON: AM-PHIL MCINTOSH  
PM-ANDRÉ PETTAWAY
- INVITATION SONG: IVAN MCINTOSH
- SONG BEFORE COMMUNION:  
IVAN MCINTOSH
- COMMUNION:  
PAUL PORTLEY & JONATHAN SMITH
- SONG: IVAN MCINTOSH
- OFFERING:  
PAUL PORTLEY & JONATHAN SMITH
- CLOSING SONG: IVAN MCINTOSH
- CLOSING PRAYER: PATRICK SELLERS
- AUDIO/VISUAL: PATRICK SELLERS
- SECURITY: ROGER DEEM & SCOTT DAVIS
- NURSERY:  
AMANDA PETTIES & CAROLYN WILLIAMS

## SCRIPTURE READING

Sunday AM: "Following Orders"  
 Luke 17:7-10

- <sup>7</sup> But which of you, having a servant plowing or feeding cattle, will say unto him by and by, when he is come from the field, Go and sit down to meat?
- <sup>8</sup> And will not rather say unto him, Make ready wherewith I may sup, and gird thyself, and serve me, till I have eaten and drunken; and afterward thou shalt eat and drink?
- <sup>9</sup> Doth he thank that servant because he did the things that were commanded him? I trow not.
- <sup>10</sup> So likewise ye, when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do.

Sunday PM: 1 John 3:4

<sup>4</sup> Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law."

**REJOICE:** Eddie Gandy, a resident at Rosewood Rehab, was baptized into Christ last Saturday afternoon. Please keep him in your prayers.



## NEWS FROM THE PEWS

**PLEASE REMEMBER OUR MILITARY & CIVILIANS IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Michael Rogers and Grayson Bowles are at NTC.

- Kingsford Asare is training at Fort Sam Houston.
- Tim Matter is contracting in Bogota, Columbia.

**PLEASE KEEP THESE MEMBERS & LOVED ONES IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Gladys Driver suffered a stroke on Wednesday and is unable to eat, drink, or swallow.

- Alexis Gaither has been experiencing asthma problems.
- Roger Deem is recovering from hand surgery.
- Shirley Wooten has been having breathing problems.
- Tom Holubec had a spot removed near his eye and is waiting for the results.
- Yolanda Wright and her mother; visiting member, Opal Jones; and Gladys Driver's daughter, Vicky, are battling breast cancer.
- Glenda Boudreaux's daughter's father, Marshall Stevens, has been diagnosed with cancer of his liver.
- Nada Miller has been experiencing fractures due to her health condition and medication.
- Bill Rawlings' mother is having serious health issues.
- James Garner's wife, Tammy, needs back surgery and has multiple health issues.
- Please keep the Fishers, McIntoshes, and Beverly Williams in prayers as they travel to Tennessee for PTP.

**CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & HOME BOUND:** Martha Bell; Julie Odum & mother (Sharon Schmidt); Katelyn Bowles' cousin (Brittany); Tanja Arch & her family; Jim Dukes & family; Tim Matter's wife (Elda), brother (Michael), mother, aunt (Vivian), & sister's husband (Christopher); Zack Petties' brother's son (Darius); James Garner, & sister; Michelle McIntosh, 's aunt (Christy Noey), & cousin (Nikki); Gary & Shirl Foster, Gary's mother; Ken Sellers; Josephine Spear, cousin, sisters (Rose & Patricia), neighbor (Clinton) & friend (Iris); The McIntosh's family friend (Bryan Christmas); Alexis Gaither's father, aunt, & friends (John & Marion Slaughter); Creta Bales' cousin (Terry Jackson); Cheryl Flores' aunt (Joy); Donna Hines' stepmother (Darla), & niece (April Miller); 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); Billye Hughes; Jessie Turner; & Linda Walts.

**SYMPATHY:** We wish to extend our sympathy and prayers to James Garner & his family on the passing of his mother early Wednesday morning.

**NEW BABY:** We are delighted to announce Hannah Fane had her baby girl, Penelope, weighing 7lbs., 4oz., on August 4th.

**YOUTH DEVOTIONAL:** Join us today, following evening worship, in the fellowship hall for a Youth Devotional. Gaylen Williams will be giving the lesson.

*Our Speakers Today are*

*Phil McIntosh & André Pettaway*



*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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### **☞AUGUST CALENDAR☞**

19-Church Bowling, 12:00 pm, at Hallmark Lanes  
30-Ladies Bible Class resumes, 10:00 am, in the fellowship hall

### **☞SEPTEMBER CALENDAR☞**

2-Men's Breakfast & Bible Study, 8:30 am, in the fellowship hall  
3-Fellowship Luncheon following morning worship (Kitchen Group #3 will have kitchen duties)  
4-Office closed for the Labor Day holiday  
6,13,20,27-Ladies Bible Class, 10:00 am, in the fellowship hall  
10-Teacher meeting following the morning service for the fall quarter beginning in October