



# 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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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

## Never Give Up

By Travis Main



Dating all the way back to elementary school, I have loved sports and competition. The mind set has always been “We can win this!”, regardless of who the opponent was. The score may have been lopsided, but my motto was “Never Give Up!” My brain always told me that there was some key or action that would counteract anything the other team could do. The issue was figuring out what that key was and working together to win. To win may mean doing something completely out of character, position, tradition, orthodoxy, etc. To accomplish this meant communication, trust, resilience, and despite the belief that a win could be had, humility.

We have not seen the final victory of God over this world. God has communicated that it will happen. “Death is swallowed up in victory”. He has throughout the Old Testament demonstrated His power to deliver and conquer despite seemingly overwhelming odds from a human point of view. God provides a clear path in scripture of how to overcome the world and by the hands of angels, judges, prophets, Jesus, and apostles communicated this frequently.

God never fails those whose ears and heart are open to His direction. A statement like this implies that the recipient of communication trusts the giver of the message and engages in the course of action provided. Someone who simply says, “I believe” or “I have faith” or “I trust” and does nothing, really did not have trust. This is the sentiment provided in the second chapter of the book of James. Do you trust God? Then engage in His plan for victory.

There are times in scripture, where God has tested the faithful. They did not see victory instantly. They lost battles. They were scattered. They failed momentarily. They were allowed to engage in the foolishness of sin. Yet, in resilience, Israel finally marched away from Egypt, the walls of Jericho came tumbling down, and the people of AI fell to Israel. Of the men of Judah in the days of Nehemiah as they tried to rebuild the city wall it was said, “The strength of those who bear the burdens is failing. There is too much rubble. By ourselves we will not be able to rebuild the wall.” Yet, they continued and finished the wall despite harm threatening from all sides. David in his foolishness, committed adultery and was guilty of the murder of Bathsheba’s husband Uriah. Upon the confrontation of his sin through Nathan, David could have given up. Yet, David was resilient in repentance. He did not give up. He acknowledged his failure, and continued His walk with God.

Communication, trust, resilience, all of these are fine attributes to have within a team and a relationship with God. However, these falter if not joined with humility.

The Pharisees had put themselves in the seat of Moses. They saw themselves as guides to the blind. They shared the communication of God with the people. There was an appearance of trust in the many works that they observed and commanded. Truly, there was resilience in holding to the commandments of the Old Law even when the teachings and signs of Jesus and the apostles confronted them. A blameless Pharisee zealous for the Law of God named Saul persecuted the Christians vigorously. Did He know the communication of God? Yes. Did he trust God? Yes. Was he a resilient man? Yes! Yet, until Saul humbled himself before God, there was nothing he could have done to see the victory over this world. It is the poor in spirit to whom belongs the kingdom of God.

There is a similarity in the book of Esther to scriptures in Revelation. The Jews of Esther's time were subject to an edict initiated by Haman an official of the king of the Persian Empire. The Persians controlled most of the known world and the edict called for the elimination of all the Jews in the kingdom. Why not give up and renounce God? It appeared the end of the people of God was at hand. Similarly, in Revelation 20, Satan and the nations of the world emerge immanently positioned to destroy the Church of God. In Esther, the Jews are given victory by the hand of God. The same occurs in Revelation 20 despite what appeared to be overwhelming forces. The world menaces wickedly as a Goliath in comparison to the small shepherd boy of the faithful, yet, for those that hear the Word of God, trust in it, endure in their obedient faith, and submit themselves to the Almighty God, the band of believers which compose the Church will be victorious.

Main, T. (n.d.). *Never give up*. Church of Christ Articles. <https://churchofchristarticles.com/never-give-up/>

**SUNDAY/WEDNESDAY  
QUARTERLY  
TEACHER SIGN-UP SHEET  
LOCATED IN THE FOYER.**



If you wish to teach or assist with Bible classes, please sign up in the foyer. There will be a meeting on Sunday, September 10th, following morning worship for any member interested.

**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!

LADIES, PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

**Baby Shower**



HONORING

**Jessica Rogers**

SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY

**24**

AT 3:30 PM

IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

JESSICA IS HAVING A BOY AND  
IS REGISTERED ON AMAZON

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**Sunday AM: “Faithful and Evil Servant”  
Matthew 24:45-51**

*“<sup>45</sup> Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season?  
<sup>46</sup> Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.  
<sup>47</sup> Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods.  
<sup>48</sup> But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming;  
<sup>49</sup> And shall begin to smite his fellowservants, and to eat and drink with the drunken;  
<sup>50</sup> The lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for him, and in an hour that he is not aware of,  
<sup>51</sup> And shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”*

**Sunday PM: “James 3”  
James 3:1-5**

*“<sup>3</sup> My brethren, be not many masters, knowing that we shall receive the greater condemnation.  
<sup>2</sup> For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body.  
<sup>3</sup> Behold, we put bits in the horses' mouths, that they may obey us; and we turn about their whole body.  
<sup>4</sup> Behold also the ships, which though they be so great, and are driven of fierce winds, yet are they turned about with a very small helm, whithersoever the governor listeth.  
<sup>5</sup> Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth!”*

**August Nursery Schedule**

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

*\*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!*

***ORDER OF SERVICE***

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 2023:**

- ♦**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** PAUL PORTLEY
- ♦**1ST PRAYER:** ANDRÉ PETTAWAY
- ♦**SONG:** GAYLEN WILLIAMS
- ♦**SCRIPTURE READING:** SCOTT DAVIS
- ♦**SONG:** GAYLEN WILLIAMS
- ♦**SERMON:** BRANDON AGUILAR
- ♦**INVITATION SONG:** GAYLEN WILLIAMS
- ♦**SONG BEFORE COMMUNION:**  
GAYLEN WILLIAMS
- ♦**COMMUNION:**  
ROGER DEEM & JONATHAN SMITH
- ♦**SONG:** GAYLEN WILLIAMS
- ♦**OFFERING:**  
ROGER DEEM & JONATHAN SMITH
- ♦**CLOSING SONG:** GAYLEN WILLIAMS
- ♦**CLOSING PRAYER:** BILL RAWLINGS
- ♦**AUDIO/VISUAL:** PATRICK SELLERS
- ♦**SECURITY:** ROGER DEEM & SCOTT DAVIS
- ♦**NURSERY:**  
BRENDA SELLERS & VICTORIA POLANCO

**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  27-TEAM ROGER Patrick Brenda Linda	9/3-TEAM ZACK Amanda Diedre Paul Ruby
13-TEAM PHIL Michelle Beverly Josephine Yvonne Lois Marcella		



## 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:** Al Wilson had two appointments last week with oncology.

- Monica Bembridge-McClean's sister and brother-in-law, Janeth & Neville Grey, are having health problems.
- Adam Zak will have his throat scoped on September 8th.
- New Christian, Eddie Gandy, is battling Covid.
- Donna Hines was approved for shoulder surgery. Her first one is scheduled for September 1st.
- Please keep the Fishers, McIntoshes, and Beverly Williams in prayers as they travel to Tennessee for PTP.
- Diedre Jones traveled to Chicago to help with her aunt.

### CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & HOME

**BOUND:** Gladys Driver, her son (Duane), & daughter, Vicky); Bill Rawlings & mother; Nada Miller; Tom Holubec; 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, his wife (Tammy), & 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.

**LADIES INFORMATION:** Sign-up sheets are on the ladies' information board for the Ladies Day program volunteers, food, and the upcoming Southwest Ladies Day on September 23rd.

-If you have not paid for your T-shirt, please do so before September 9th. For any questions about the T-shirts, please see Alfreda Pettaway.

-Ladies Bible Class resumes on Wednesday, August 30th, at 10:00 am. We are in month 8 in the study.

**CHRISTIAN HOMES & FAMILY SERVICES CHANGE CAN DRIVE:** Our annual change can drive is underway. The change cans are in the foyer and the date to have the cans returned is October 15th.

## *Our Speaker Today is Brandon Aguilar*

*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☞

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