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*"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

## God Gives You Wings

By Phil McIntosh



Allow me to go out on a limb and assume that you are familiar with some pretty big names in the community of human civilization (big in importance, not length). Your age and generation might alter somewhat the content of those names because not all young people will have studied enough history to know the names of influential characters of yesteryear (*'those ancient relics and their outdated ways'*) and not all mature people will have cared to keep up with the goings-on of today's culture (*'these kids and their whiz-bangs and newfangled ways'*). However, the point remains, you know some big names. Maybe the scope of the names you know are as wide as the cultures which have dotted the landscape of our world: Methusaleh, Abraham, Confucius, Alexander, Antiochus Epiphanes, Vespasian, Augustine, Mohammed, Napoleon, Isabella, Ferdinand, Elizabeth, Oppenheimer, Eisenhower, Churchill, Nixon, Gorbachev, Bush, Clinton, Putin, or Musk. But do you know Dietrich Mateschitz? I didn't until I started to write this article. You might not know 'ol Dietrich, but you know his product. According to research, in the mid-1980s he created a formula of beverage inspired by a drink in the Far East. The name of this drink is emblazoned on the side of professional racing vehicles, out front of your local gas station, and even on the drink menu at the local Sonic Drive-In. We know his product as Red Bull. The world-famous slogan of Red Bull promise that is "gives you wings" (maybe you've seen their somewhat caricatured commercials). Just drink a Red Bull and you'll fly away either to something good or away from something bad.

The "wings" discussed, even by the beverage's slogan, are clearly not literal; rather they are metaphoric, implying a lift of some sort to your mind or body, such as energy or focus. While Red Bull can definitely give you a little "pick me up" (especially if you're sensitive to caffeine or choose an option with sugar), the effect is superficial and temporary. The wings that God provides far outpace and outmatch any sort of lift that can be given to you by materials of this world or her contents. Such as the "peace that surpasses all understanding" (*Phil 4:7*), the impact of God in our lives and the force with which He can uplift, motivate, and encourage us is impossible to be measured by worldly standards and certainly cannot be met by them.

One question an inquisitive person might ponder is, "In what way does God uplift me?" Space does not allow to enumerate all of the passages or facets of life in which God offers potential impact and improvement. God, quite literally, blesses us with exaltation and gifts in dozens of aspects of life. The easy answer might be that He does so through His word, for His power has given us everything necessary to engage in life and meet all of its unique challenges (*2 Pet 1:3*). God's word is truth (*Jn 17:17*) and truth can release us from that to which we have been and can still be bound (*Jn 8:32*).

However, to say that God's word is what gives us wings, while accurate, is somewhat of a generalization and incomplete. God's word, which was Divinely inspired (*2 Tim 3:16; 2 Pet 1:21*), is not all that God has done for us. It affords for us a place to read of God's power, but it was not the totality of God's power. The Scripture from God is our authoritative guide and encapsulates what is needful to know God, but, if I may expand on the real point of this paragraph, it is that there was a particular activity and work, premeditated and executed by God, which provides us the uplifting His word

revealed to us. We find a well-known preface to this activity in the book of Isaiah:

“Comfort, yes, comfort My people!” Says your God. <sup>2</sup>“Speak comfort to Jerusalem, and cry out to her, That her warfare is ended, That her iniquity is pardoned; For she has received from the LORD’s hand Double for all her sins.”  
<sup>3</sup>The voice of one crying in the wilderness: “Prepare the way of the LORD; Make straight in the desert A highway for our God. <sup>4</sup>Every valley shall be exalted And every mountain and hill brought low; The crooked places shall be made straight And the rough places smooth; <sup>5</sup>The glory of the LORD shall be revealed, And all flesh shall see *it* together; For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”  
 -Isaiah 40:1-5

These verses very clearly relate to the coming of John the Baptist, who would be the inaugural herald of the arrival of the person of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ. This connection is established in Scripture by Matthew, Mark, Luke, John the Baptist, and Jesus. There is no question that John was the promised herald prophesied of by Isaiah. And what was going to be his mission? To proclaim the imminent kingdom and the Messiah who would establish it. This he did and encouraged his followers to follow Jesus (*Jn 1:29-35; 3:29-31*).

Interestingly enough, did you know that the passage used frequently about the “wings” God can offer us comes from the same book as the prophecy about John? But wait, there’s more. The passage regarding God giving us wings is found not only in the same book, but even in the same chapter. At the end of the same section of text in Isaiah we read:

“Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the LORD, The Creator of the ends of the earth, Neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable.  
<sup>29</sup>He gives power to the weak, And to those who have no might He increases strength.  
<sup>30</sup>Even the youths shall faint and be weary, And the young men shall utterly fall, <sup>31</sup>But

those who wait on the LORD Shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint.”

-Isaiah 40:28-31

So then, can we not connect the two ends of the chapter and conclude that the primary source of God providing His creation “wings” to soar above their problems, to something good and from something bad, is through the message that John the Baptist preached? That message was the Messiah, the Lord who would save the world from their sins. Through the preaching of Jesus and the invitation to enter His kingdom and the promise that He would be “with” (*Matt 28:20*) His disciples, God truly gives us wings.

## YOUTH DEVOTIONAL

Join us Sunday, August 13th, following evening worship, in the fellowship hall. Gaylen Williams will be giving the devotional. Please bring finger foods.

### 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 19TH ANNIVERSARY  
 TO PHIL & MICHELLE MCINTOSH  
 ON AUGUST 7TH!

## Church Bowling

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

## 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, AUGUST 6, 2023:

- ANNOUNCEMENTS: REGGIE BASS
- 1ST PRAYER: LEE FISHER
- SONG: IVAN MCINTOSH
- SCRIPTURE READING: ADAM ZAK
- SONG: IVAN MCINTOSH
- SERMON: PHIL MCINTOSH
- INVITATION SONG: IVAN MCINTOSH
- SONG BEFORE COMMUNION:  
IVAN MCINTOSH
- COMMUNION:  
GAYLEN WILLIAMS & GIANNI GRIFFITH
- SONG: IVAN MCINTOSH
- OFFERING:  
GAYLEN WILLIAMS & GIANNI GRIFFITH
- CLOSING SONG: IVAN MCINTOSH
- CLOSING PRAYER: JIM DUKES
- AUDIO/VISUAL: PATRICK SELLERS
- SECURITY: ROGER DEEM & SCOTT DAVIS
- NURSERY:  
NATILIE FISHER & NICHOLE WILLIAMS

## SCRIPTURE READING

Sunday AM: "Work for Your Food"  
 2 Thessalonians 3:10-12

<sup>10</sup>For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat.  
<sup>11</sup>For we hear that there are some which walk among you disorderly, working not at all, but are busybodies.  
<sup>12</sup>Now them that are such we command and exhort by our Lord Jesus Christ, that with quietness they work, and eat their own bread."

Sunday PM: "Parables of Jesus"  
 Luke 16:19-21

<sup>19</sup>There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day:  
<sup>20</sup>And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores,  
<sup>21</sup>And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores."

## NEWS FROM THE PEWS

**PLEASE REMEMBER OUR MILITARY & CIVILIANS IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Michael Rogers and Grayson Bowles will be leaving for training this week.

-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:**

-Michelle McIntosh is recovering well from thyroid surgery.  
-Shirley Wooten may have an infection and a problem with her lower left lung. She will need an MRI for further evaluation.  
-Tom Holubec had a spot removed near his eye.  
-Visiting member, Opal Jones, is having difficulties battling her breast cancer.  
-Gladys Driver's daughter, Vicky, will begin radiation treatments to battle her breast cancer.  
-One of Gaylen Williams' co-workers, is having health problems.  
-Phil McIntosh's father, Pat, is battling another kidney stone, and is still waiting for surgery on the other one.

**CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & HOME BOUND:** Martha Bell; Hannah Fane; 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, 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); Nada Miller; Billye Hughes; Jessie Turner; & Linda Walts.

**SYMPATHY:** We wish to extend our sympathy and prayers to Jim Dukes and his family on the passing of his sister last Wednesday. He is planning to travel, please keep him and his family in your prayers.

**CONGRATULATIONS!** We wish to congratulate Tracy Wilson on the birth of her first grandson, Tripp Thomas Wilson, born on June 25th, to Zane & Alisabeth Wilson, weighing 6lbs, 15oz, and 20in long. Zane Wilson graduated from Flight School and will be stationed at Fort Campbell, KY.

**BAPTISTRY TOWELS:** Thank you for the great response in donating towels for the baptistry. We are now restocked with new towels for baptisms.

## 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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### **☞AUGUST CALENDAR☞**

- 12-Ladies Breakfast & Workday, 9:30 am, in the fellowship hall
- 13-Youth Devotional following evening worship, in the fellowship hall
- 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 in the fellowship hall (Kitchen Group #3)
- 4-Office closed for the Labor Day holiday