



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

Don't Be a Church Mouse

By Phil McIntosh



It's interesting how certain animals are spoken of by God. One of the most overlooked and disliked common animals in this world is probably the ant which, interestingly enough, is an animal about which the Bible speaks highly (*Prov 6:6-11*). Animals are spoken of in the Bible in such a way that certain attributes are expressed through them; like the swiftness of an eagle (*Deut 28:49*), the strength of a lion (*2 Sam 1:23*), the speed of a gazelle (*1 Chron 12:8*), the strength of horses (*Jer 12:5*), the restlessness of a bird (*Prov 23:5*), and the harmlessness of a dove (*Matt 10:16*). Surely more examples exist, but these are a strong enough representation of how God attributes various abilities of an animal to something experienced in the world.

Additionally, it's interesting how certain animals are utilized by mankind. We use elephants to represent good and incredibly long memories, a large uncomfortable subject that cannot be avoided, and as one of the main political parties of our country. While there are a variety of other animals we could discuss, along with properties delineated which we copy from them, turn your mind to the animal that can alter the path of an elephant- the mouse. Mice are not everyone's favorite animal. You might be one of those people who would rather not see a live mouse again in life; and you certainly don't want it running across your foot in the middle of the night. Mice are often associated with quietness and timidity. Have you ever heard someone describe a woman as being 'mousy'? They aren't insinuating that she is furry or likes cheese. The mouse has carried the connotation for many years as being equal to timidity or quietness. When you read the title of this article did you think of the word 'quiet' (e.g. someone being "as quiet as a church mouse")? I don't know if I've seen a mouse in our church building, but nevertheless, the phrase abides.

There are times in life when we need to be quiet. Frequently in life there are times for a variety of opposing actions (*Ecc 3:1-8*). For instance, Paul urged those who were being too free with their tongues and engaging in unwise activity to "work in quietness" (*2 Thess 3:11-12*). You and I are also encouraged by the Bible to pray for the leaders of our country so that we might continue to exist and worship in peace and quietness (*1 Tim 2:2*). There is something to be said for quietness in life, if for nothing else to notice God and experience the world He created while we meditate on His word (*Psa 46:10; 1:2*).

Not every facet of life requires quietness. In fact, there is one avenue of the life of a Christian where quietness is forbade. When someone asks you why you're a Christian, or for some reason as to why you possess the mindset of optimism and faith which you make manifest in your mannerisms and way of life, the apostle Peter said to give an answer (*1 Pet 3:15*). Let me suggest, in this same vein of life, a time in which we are not quiet, but bold. When someone asks about the Bible, when they question right and wrong, when they express any curiosity in your belief in a precept of God's word, or when you are presented with an opportunity to draw a distinct line between what is right and wrong- do not be a church mouse. Be bold. The early church was bold and even prayed for boldness in the face of opposition (*Acts 4:24-30*). Why should we be bold? Not because we are antagonistic in our natural or learned personality, but because we're right. While I admit that might sound arrogant, it is a fact. Those who speak from God's word, are speaking as taught by God. Jesus told His early disciples they would be mistreated and brought before the leaders of their age. He told them when that happened, they would be given words to speak:

"¹⁹But when they deliver you up, do not worry about how or what you should speak. For it will be given to you in that hour what you should speak; ²⁰for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father who speaks in you." -Matthew 10:19-20

I encourage you to speak when questioned about right and wrong because, *if you speak from the word of God*, you are expressing to the world the Holy Spirit's teaching. Since we have the words of God and can know what He wants the world to know, let us have the boldness to speak. When it comes to truth versus error, do not be a church mouse (*Acts 4:20*).



Foster's Home
for
Children

We are collecting the following
items for Foster's Home for
Children through October 29th:

- ⇒ Cans of Beans (Pinto, Refried Beans, Black Beans, Ranch Style, Baked Beans, etc...) (No Green Beans please!)
- ⇒ Cake Mixes, Frosting, and other Dessert type baking items. (Flour is not needed)
- ⇒ Ranch Dressing bottles and packet mix
 - ⇒ Seasoning and Spices

These items may be placed in the foyer.

YOUTH DEVOTIONAL

Join us today, following evening worship, for a Youth Devotional. Please bring snacks & finger food.



SINGING CLASS PRACTICE

Join us for singing practice Wednesday, September 20th, at 6:00 pm.

Youth Vs. Older Bowling Fellowship

There will be a Youth Vs. Older Bowling Fellowship on Saturday, September 23rd, 12:00 pm, at the Hallmark Lanes.

Parsonage Open House

On Friday, September 29th, the McIntoshes welcome you to an Open House from 2pm-8pm. There will be food, fellowship, games, and cake. We'd like you to come see your house and see the work that was done in the renovation. You are welcome to come and go as you please throughout the day.



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



Join Us for Our
2023 Ladies Day
October 14th, 2023

Bountiful Blessings

"A man's heart plans his way, But the LORD directs his steps." -Proverbs 16:9

With Our Guest Speaker: Lori Hanson

9:00 am ~ 1:30 pm

Registration begins at 8:00 am

.Enjoy a light breakfast during registration until 8:45.

.Lunch will be served following the lessons.

.Childcare will be provided for ages one to five during the lessons.



Please call or email us for a headcount by Thursday, October 12th

SCRIPTURE READING

Sunday AM: "What Are Sundays For"

Psalm 95:6-7

"⁶ O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our maker.

⁷ For he is our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. To day if ye will hear his voice,"

Sunday PM: "Parables of Jesus"

Matthew 13:24-27

"²⁴ Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field:

²⁵ But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way.

²⁶ But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also.

²⁷ So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares?"

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1-CAROLYN WILLIAMS

6-SCOTT DAVIS

9-REGGIE BASS

14-CLAY CULVER

14-KENNETH SELLERS

27-CRETA BALES

28-VICTORIA POLANCO

30-LESA CROCKETT

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY
TO BILLY & ALEXIS GAITHER ON
SEPTEMBER 17TH!

September Nursery Schedule

3-Natalie & Amanda

10- Nichole & Carolyn W.

17-Victoria & Brenda

24-Josephine & Briana

***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, SEPTEMBER 10, 2023:

•**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** ANDRÉ PETTAWAY

•**1ST PRAYER:** LEE FISHER

•**SONG:** GIANNI GRIFFITH

•**SCRIPTURE READING:** SEAN MALDONADO

•**SONG:** GIANNI GRIFFITH

•**SERMON:** PHIL MCINTOSH

•**INVITATION SONG:** GIANNI GRIFFITH

•**SONG BEFORE COMMUNION:**

GIANNI GRIFFITH

•**COMMUNION:**

PAUL PORTLEY & GAYLEN WILLIAMS

•**SONG:** GIANNI GRIFFITH

•**OFFERING:**

PAUL PORTLEY & GAYLEN WILLIAMS

•**CLOSING SONG:** GIANNI GRIFFITH

•**CLOSING PRAYER:** PATRICK SELLERS

•**AUDIO/VISUAL:** PATRICK SELLERS

•**SECURITY:** SCOTT DAVIS

•**NURSERY:**

NICHOLE WILLIAMS & CAROLYN WILLIAMS

September Cleaning Calendar

•May be done any time before the next Sunday.

•Please consult with your team leader for further questions.

8/27-TEAM ROGER Patrick Brenda Linda	10-TEAM JAMES Kim-Marie Xavier Jaden Kingsford Barbara	24-TEAM LEE Natalie Derek Ken
3-TEAM ZACK Amanda Diedre Paul Rubye	17-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 back from NTC.

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

PLEASE KEEP THESE MEMBERS & LOVED ONES IN YOUR PRAYERS: Donna Hines is recovering from shoulder replacement surgery.

- Al Wilson's PET scan came back clean but has further appointments for testing.
- Tash Poole's grandmother's body is not responding to the chemo treatment and they're stopping treatment. Please pray for her health and a possible open door for the Gospel while she has time left. Tash's mother, Yolanda Wright, is having side effects from her cancer treatment.
- Adam Zak is waiting for his throat scope results.
- Rodney Carter has a former soldier of his, Wade, who is having mental health issues.
- Phil McIntosh's father is recovering from a kidney stone procedure. His nephew has an upcoming tonsillectomy.
- Shirley Wooten has upcoming procedures.
- Amelia Lara asks for prayers for her health.
- Mary Lou Daines asks for prayers for her cousin, who fell and had to have a hip replacement.
- Eddie Gandy may have visitors again. He's at Rosewood, room #203.
- Gaylen Williams has a co-worker who recently lost his brother.

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & HOME BOUND: Ralph & Barbara Hughart; Lois Brown; Judy Wall's husband, (James); Opal Jones; Tom Holubec; Al Wilson; Eddie Gandy; Alfreda Pettaway; Monica McClean's sister & brother-in-law (Janeth & Neville Grey); Gladys Driver's 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); 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.

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

GUEST SPEAKER: On Sunday, September 17th, our evening worship service will include a presentation by Caleb Griffith, from the Brown Trail School of Preaching. It will include information on the school and most likely a request for support.

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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SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

- 10-Teacher meeting following the morning worship for the fall quarter beginning in October
- 10-Youth Devotional following evening worship
- 10-Foster's Home for Children Drive begins
- 13,20,27-Ladies Bible Class, 10:00 am, in the building
- 20-Singing Practice at 6:00 pm
- 23-Southwest Church of Christ Ladies Day
- 23-Church Bowling (Younger vs. Older) 12:00 pm, at Hallmark Lanes
- 24-Baby Shower honoring Jessica Rogers at 3:30 pm, in the fellowship hall
- 29-Parsonage Open House 2:00 pm –8:00 pm