



# 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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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

## **Be Careful With Your Bible**

By Phil McIntosh



Saying that we live in a fast-paced, ever-changing world is an understatement. I read an article recently that McDonalds is planning to do away with all of their self-service soda machines in their restaurants by 2032 because the pandemic initiated a seismic shift in the habits of consumers. Apparently, people do not go *inside* as many food establishments as much as they used to; instead opting for drive-thru, delivery, or take away services (e.g. Door Dash, Favor, Grub Hub, etc.). Companies like Amazon have, likely forever, changed how consumers and distributors alike do business. Many stores like Wal-Mart, Best Buy, and any number of other established brick-and-mortar stores have changed their policies so as to deliver products you can simply either pick up at a specific area of the store without waiting in line or have them delivered to your home in a few days. Our Bibles have received this same 21<sup>st</sup> Century treatment.

In "the good old days" everybody would walk into services with a Bible in hand. Kids would have covers on their Bible and perhaps a little notebook and some colors, the mom might have straps on her Bible cover with some painted flowers on the cover or an imprinting of a particular popular scripture, and the dad would carry his uncovered Bible in his arms etched at the bottom right of the front with his name in cursive font. That doesn't always happen anymore. Many of us have a multiplicity of Bibles on the electronic device that we do not allow to escape more than three feet from our person. Just as we would open that device and click on the Chase app to see how much money was in the bank, or click on the Dominos app to order dinner, we likewise click on the app emblazoned with a picture of a Bible and, *voila*, we open up the digital library consisting of essentially any English translation of the Bible we wish. This doesn't have to be a negative. In fact, it is a tremendous blessing that people have such unfettered and cost-effective access to God's word. Almost everyone has a phone of some sort that can download apps. How amazing is the advancement of technology that God's word, once inspired through the Spirit to be written on a piece of papyrus or parchment, could be so easily accessed by anybody, anywhere, and at any time. And that, on a device that we *never* let out of our sight. You almost can't lose your Bible!

However, you do need to still be careful with your Bible. Surely some people still need to be careful with their physical Bible and where they leave it and how they treat it. Bibles are easy things to forget where you left them and can be damaged beyond saving. The care we show for our Bible that is being addressed herein is not only speaking of the physical way in which we hold, carry, or touch our Bibles- though surely, we should care for them in that sense too; they are, after all, the most important book in the entire world. The pinnacle of care that you should consider giving your Bible is *the way you use it*. Your manner of use is not restricted to the physical treatment of it. The Christian should be cautious how he or she utilizes the Bible in their lives, conversation, discussions, and teaching. We know the Word of God is powerful:

"For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." -**Hebrews 4:12**

"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, "that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work." - **2 Timothy 3:16-17**

However, it is not a weapon or a tool that should be used carelessly. An ax is powerful too, but if you use it without proper respect, care, or skill you can seriously injure yourself or someone else.

Perhaps one of the great weaknesses humanity exhibits with the Bible (other than not reading or believing it) is wielding it inappropriately. It can be easy to take the way we view the world and read that into the Bible (that's called eisegesis). What God wants us to do is to take His word and get His intended teaching from what's written (that's called exegesis) and use that on our soul and the souls of others. There are wide, many, and varied ways in which people have taken a scripture or whole passages out of context. Just recently I heard someone try to use Jesus calling Lazarus out of the grave as a metaphor for LGBT people coming out of the closet. While many twistings of the text aren't that blatant, they still can be twisting Holy Word altogether. The Bible is not a collection of witty sayings we are free to use as we see fit; it is a divinely inspired message of totality that is designed to tell us who God is, what He has done for us, and what we can do to live where He is when our entrance into eternity begins. The Bible is a book designed to save souls, not win arguments, or make people act like we want them to. When you use your Bible, do so carefully, ensuring that you know what the phrase or verse means that you're about to use and that you are going to use it in a manner that is pleasing to God and in accordance with the appropriate context of His divine message (2 Tim 2:15).



**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.**

## Parsonage Open House

On Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, 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 12<sup>th</sup>



**CONGRATULATIONS!**

We wish to congratulate Jonathan Smith on his recent national recognition by the College Board Recognitions Program!

**Youth Vs. Older Bowling Fellowship**

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

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**Sunday AM: "What Can I Expect in Heaven?"**

**Revelation 22:1-5**

*"22 And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.*

*<sup>2</sup> In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.*

*<sup>3</sup> And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him:*

*<sup>4</sup> And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads.*

*<sup>5</sup> And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever."*

**ORDER OF SERVICE**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2023:**

- ♦ **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** REGGIE BASS
- ♦ **1ST PRAYER:** GAYLEN WILLIAMS
- ♦ **SONG:** IVAN MCINTOSH
- ♦ **SCRIPTURE READING:** XAVIER ESTAVILLO
- ♦ **SONG:** IVAN MCINTOSH
- ♦ **SERMON:**  
AM-PHIL MCINTOSH PM-CALEB GRIFFITH
- ♦ **INVITATION SONG:** IVAN MCINTOSH
- ♦ **SONG BEFORE COMMUNION:** IVAN MCINTOSH
- ♦ **COMMUNION:**  
JONATHAN SMITH & SEAN MALDONADO
- ♦ **SONG:** IVAN MCINTOSH
- ♦ **OFFERING:**  
JONATHAN SMITH & LEX MCINTOSH
- ♦ **CLOSING SONG:** IVAN MCINTOSH
- ♦ **CLOSING PRAYER:** GRAYSON BOWLES
- ♦ **AUDIO/VISUAL:** PATRICK SELLERS
- ♦ **SECURITY:** SCOTT DAVIS & GARY FOSTER
- ♦ **NURSERY:**  
VICTORIA POLANCO & BRENDA SELLERS

**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!*

**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 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	17-TEAM PHIL Michelle Beverly Josephine Yvonne Lois Marcella
3-TEAM ZACK Amanda Diedre Paul Ruby		24-TEAM LEE Natalie Ken

## NEWS FROM THE PEWS

### PLEASE REMEMBER OUR MILITARY & CIVILIANS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

-Kingsford Asare is training at Fort Sam Houston.  
-Roman Polanco is now at Fort Moore, GA, for basic training.

### PLEASE KEEP THESE MEMBERS & LOVED ONES IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Creta Bales, and Gary & Shirl Foster are battling Covid.  
-James Garner is having back pain. His wife Tammy needs back surgery and is waiting on Medicaid approval.  
-Tasha Arch has been having health issues.  
-Josephine Spear has been having headache problems. She asks for prayers for her sister, Rose, who is having health problems.  
-Shirley Wooten has been ill with sinus problems that affect her balance.

-Tom Holubec is having a lot of pain from his work accident.  
-Glenda Boudreaux was released from her job on September 8th. She requests prayers that she may find another quickly. Any assistance to help with her job search is greatly appreciated.  
-Tim Matter has applied for a job with the State Department. It would bring him back home to the States, but it would require him to move his family to Florida. He requests your prayers for God's guidance as he tries to make this difficult decision.

-Alexis Gaither requests prayers that she might change professions and be able to spend more time at home caring for her family.

-Adam Zak is requesting prayers for his friend, Dina, who recently lost her sister.

### CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & HOME BOUND:

Lois Brown; Donna Hines; Adam Zak; Yolanda Wright & her mother; Al Wilson; Ralph & Barbara Hughart; Lois Brown; Judy Wall's husband, (James); Opal Jones; Eddie Gandy; Alfreda Pettaway; Monica McClean's sister & brother-in-law (Janeth & Neville Grey); Bill Rawlings & mother; Nada Miller; 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); Michelle McIntosh's aunt (Christy Noey), & cousin (Nikki); Shirl Foster; 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:

Our annual change can drive is underway. The change cans are located in the foyer and the date to have the cans returned is October 15th.

**GUEST SPEAKER:** 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 Speakers Today are

*AM-Phil McIntosh & PM-Caleb Griffith*



*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

- 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

### OCTOBER CALENDAR

- 1-Fellowship Luncheon following morning worship (Kitchen Group #3 will have kitchen duty: Carla Heginbotham, Janet Bass, Joyce Brown, Natalie Fisher, Toni Mendez, Beverly Williams, and Marcella Williams).
- 4-Singing Night
- 4,11,18,25-Ladies Bible Class, 10:00 am, in the building