

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 Home For Children Cherokee, TX

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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

Thank God

By Phil McIntosh

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It saddens me that as the title of this week's article came into my head, I hesitated to keep it. I hesitated because, for most people, the phrase "thank God" means something different than it does here. It is almost depressing that God's name is such a casual part of American conversation. God's name is preceded by words and phrases constantly which very rarely attribute to Him the praise and reverence He deserves. We categorize all such occasions as "taking the Lord's name in vain" and we point to the Law of Moses. The respect for God's name should go beyond the writings of Moses though. As the psalmist said in *Psalm 111:9*, "He has sent a ransom to His people, He has commanded forever His covenant; holy and awe-inspiring is His name" (translation mine). That last word in the KJV of that verse is "reverend" and should not be uttered without due and careful consideration of to Whom it is attributed in the Bible.

It should go without saying that God deserves a name above all. It should go without saying that God's name should not be spoken in jest or with a cavalier tongue. However, since many around us (and even some of us occasionally) do not seem to regard it with enough respect, let me remind you of the Almighty's words to Moses and Aaron after the unrighteous acts of Nadab and Abihu:

"And fire came out from the presence of the LORD and consumed them, and they died before the LORD. Then Moses said to Aaron, 'It is what the LORD spoke, saying,

"By those who come near Me I will be treated as holy, And before all the people I will be honored."

So Aaron, therefore, kept silent." -Leviticus 10:2-3

Look carefully and soberly at what the Lord said. We might look at it such as that whoever comes near *will* treat Him as holy and *will* honor Him- or else. If God demands reverence to Him (which necessarily includes His name), His creation should guard their tongues in all forms of speech.

Accordingly, we thus aim to use the name of the Lord God correctly, with reverence. Having established there is a *wrong* way to use God's name, let us examine a *right* way. The psalms God recorded for us are many and varied. Their content includes, for a small example, such things as: hope, dedication, despair, tears, joy, and praise. It is on this last expression of the pen and the mind that we're focused this week. In Psalm 100, the psalmist exhorts us to "thank God":

"Make a joyful shout to the LORD, all you lands! Serve the LORD with gladness; Come before His presence with singing. Know that the LORD, He is God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.

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⁴Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, And into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name. For the LORD is good; His mercy is everlasting, And His truth endures to all generations."

This psalm reminds us, among other things, who we are and whose we are. Powerful men and women have come and gone on this earth, rich nations have risen and fallen, tyrants and benevolent rulers alike have reigned and departed the throne. Yet all of them, and the little ones of us who would never fit into any such category by the world's standards, are the same in this way: the Lord is the maker of us all (*Prov 22:2*). All the blessings enjoyed by mankind the world through descend from the Father (*Matt 5:45*; *Jms 1:17*). However, not everyone says, "Thank God" for them. As you enter into the periods of worship today (or personal study and prayer if you're not reading this on Sunday), repeat the sentiments of the psalmist and "come before (Him) with singing" and "be thankful to Him." Truly, we can begin and end each day with a hearty and genuine "Thank God" (*Col 4:2*).



oster's Home 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

Please purchase regular sized cans. These items may be placed in the foyer. Thank you!



CHRISTIAN HOMES & FAMILY SERVICES CHANGE CAN DRIVE

Our annual change can drive has ended, please bring your cans in as soon as possible.



JOIN US FOR A BABY SHOWER HONORING

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22ND 3:30 TO 4:30 PM IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL



ROBIN IS REQUESTING SIZE 2 DIAPERS, WIPES, & SIMILAC ADVANCE



SHEEP KEEPER ASSIGNMENTS FOR OCTOBER

Group # 1-WIDOWS

Team Leader: Paul Portley

◆Group #2-DELINQUENT MEMBERS/NEW CONVERTS

Team Leader: Roger Deem & Team Leader Phil McIntosh

◆Group #3-VISITORS

Team Leader: Gaylen Williams

The elders will meet with each team in front of the auditorium following Sunday morning worship service. (For visits conducted in October)

Group#1 Paul Portley - Nov. 5

Group#2 Roger Deem - Nov. 12

Group#3 Gaylen Williams - Nov. 19

Group#4 Phil McIntosh - Nov. 26

Note: if team members are unavailable, leave your information with your group leader.

SHEEP KEEPERS:

There will be a meeting today, following morning worship, for Sheep Keeper Groups #2 & #4. Please stay after this morning for a meeting if you are in one of these groups.



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1-CHERYL FLORES 3-HANNAH FANE 12-HEATHER HEILMAN 18-MERAIAH JOHNSON 20-KIM-MARIE SEAY 23-KEN RICHARDS 24-ASHER WILLIAMS (4)

ORDER OF SERVICE **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2023:**

•ANNOUNCEMENTS: ANDRÉ PETTAWAY

•1ST PRAYER: ZACK PETTIES

•SONG: REGGIE BASS

•SCRIPTURE READING: JONATHAN SMITH

•SONG: REGGIE BASS

SERMON: PHIL MCINTOSH

•INVITATION SONG: REGGIE BASS

•SONG BEFORE COMMUNION: REGGIE BASS

COMMUNION:

KINGSFORD ASARE & GIANNI GRIFFITH

•SONG: REGGIE BASS

•OFFERING:

KINGSFORD ASARE & GIANNI GRIFFITH

•CLOSING SONG: REGGIE BASS

•CLOSING PRAYER: LEE FISHER

•AUDIO/VISUAL: PATRICK SELLERS

SECURITY:

BILLY GAITHER & GRAYSON BOWLES

• NURSERY:

AMANDA PETTIES & VICTORIA POLANCO

October Nursery Schedule

26-MILLIE SIMCOX

1-Nichole & Brittni 8-Natalie & Josephine 15-Amanda & Victoria 22-Briana & Brenda 29-Victoria & Carolyn W. *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!

October Cleaning Calendar

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

9/24-TEAM LEE Natalie Ken

8-TEAM ZACK Amanda Diedre

22-TEAM PHIL Michelle Beverly Josephine Lois

Marcella

Paul 1-TEAM ROGER Rubye

Patrick Brenda Linda

15-TEAM JAMES Kim-Marie Xavier

29-TEAM LEE Natalie Ken

Kingsford Barbara

Jaden

SCRIPTURE READING

Sunday AM: "What Does My Offering Do For Me?" 1 Corinthians 16:1-2

"16 Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given order to the churches of Galatia, even so do ye. 2 Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come."

Sunday PM: "The Time God Prepared a Meal" **Ezekiel 24:1-3a**

"24 Again in the ninth year, in the tenth month, in the tenth day of the month, the word of the Lord came unto me, saying,

² Son of man, write thee the name of the day, even of this same day: the king of Babylon set himself against Jerusalem this same day.

³ And utter a parable unto the rebellious house, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God;"

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR MILITARY & CIVILIANS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- -Roman Polanco is at Fort Moore, GA, for basic training.
- -Tim Matter is contracting in Bogota, Columbia.

PLEASE KEEP THESE MEMBERS & LOVED ONES IN YOUR PRAYERS: Al Wilson is having surgery tomorrow for a concerning spot under his arm.

- -Creta Bales is recovering from eye surgery last Wednesday.
- -Rubye Portley had an MRI yesterday.
- -Jessica Rogers' grandfather is in the ICU.
- -Yvonne Hardiman's sister, Michelle, has been diagnosed with breast cancer.
- -James Garner is suffering from back pain.
- -Judy Wall's husband James, Scott Davis, Adam Zak, and Phil McIntosh's father, Pat, are battling Covid right now.
- -Beverly Williams' friend's son, Stephen Jackson, is in the ICU.

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & HOME

BOUND: James Garner's wife (Tammy); Shirley Wooten; Tom Holubec; Gary & Shirl Foster; Lois Brown; Donna Hines; Yolanda Wright & her mother; Ralph & Barbara Hughart; Judy Wall's husband, (James); Opal Jones; Eddie Gandy; 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);); Michelle McIntosh's aunt (Christy Noey), & cousin (Nikki); Ken Sellers; Josephine Spear, cousin, sister (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), & (Bobbie Knight); Jon-Jon Simmons; Willard Jack Dunn; Tracy Wilson's mother (Ruth Hyde); Linda Deem's nephew; Zack & Amanda Petties' granddaughter (Kyemara), Amanda's brother (Rex), sister (Jewel), nieces (Carrington & Moneisha), sister-in-law, & Zack's brother's son (Darius); Rufus Brown; Marcella Williams & brother-in-law (Johnnie Milford); Billye Hughes; Jessie Turner; & Linda Walts.

YOUTH GATHERING: Gaylen & Nichole Williams are hosting a youth gathering at their home on Thursday, October 19th, at 7:00 pm.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: This month's Men's Breakfast will be held on Saturday, October 21st at 8:30am, in the fellowship hall.

GUEST SPEAKER: Our guest speaker for Sunday, October 29th will be Tavaris Armstrong.

FELLOWSHIP MEAL: Join us for a fellowship luncheon following morning worship on Sunday, October 29th. Please bring meats, casseroles, side dishes, & desserts (Kitchen Group #3 will have kitchen duty: Carla Heginbotham, Janet Bass, Joyce Brown, Natalie Fisher, Toni Mendez, Beverly Williams, and Marcella Williams).

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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15-Meeting following morning worship for Sheep Keeper groups #2 & #4

18, 25-Ladies Bible Class, at 10:00 am, in the fellowship hall

- 15-Change Can Drive ends
- 18-Singing Practice at 6:00 pm
- 19-Youth gathering at the home of Gaylen & Nichole Williams, at 7:00 pm
- 21-Men's Breakfast, 8:30 am, in the fellowship hall
- 22-Baby Shower honoring Beverly Williams' daughter, Robin Moseley
- 29-Guest speaker, Tavaris Armstrong
- 29-Fellowship Luncheon
- 29-Foster's Home for Children drive ends