



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

But Lord, He Stinks

By Phil McIntosh



The title of our article this week is a slight adaptation to what you read in the pages of the Bible; it is a modern paraphrase if you will. Perhaps you know who the originator of this quote is. Maybe you know the location in the Bible where it was stated and the context behind it. If not, the person who spoke these words was a lady named Martha. She uttered them to Jesus (an obvious conclusion since it's addressed to 'Lord'). These words are encapsulated in the text of John's gospel account (**11:39**). She said this as Jesus was about to unleash the awesome power of God by resurrecting her brother, Lazarus.

I love Scriptures like this because they display the weakness, simpleness, obliviousness, worldliness, and really, the bare reality of human nature. It is texts like this that make me appreciate the fact that God did not only inspire for us a book of law and love, but also, a real picture of the world as it was. We can associate with a smorgasbord of characters in the Bible. It contains a wonderful collection of human personalities, emotions, and habits (both good and bad).

In the text chosen, Martha had recently lost her brother (to what disease or ailment we do not know). Jesus had recently learned of Lazarus' sickness (**11:3**) and had quickly made plans for what was to happen. Jesus was going to travel to Bethany at the perfect time in order to display the power of God for all to see and at which to be in awe. Jesus met with Martha and then her sister, Mary. Jesus then went to the tomb of Lazarus with a group of people, and He commands them to remove the stone blocking the entrance to the tomb. It is here where Martha interrupted Him and said that her brother stinks. It is difficult, if not impossible, for us to imagine standing in Martha's sandals for a few moments. Jesus was about to speak and **raise her brother from the dead**, and she's worried about how he smells!

There is, however, truth in Martha's statement. The body of her brother has been separated from the breath of life; his spirit has traveled somewhere else (**Jms 2:26**). Once a person dies, their body (the fleshly tent they used to inhabit) begins to decay and, eventually, rot. If you've ever smelled the inside of a recently dead animal, or the smell of any part of an animal that's been dead for a while you'd understand immediately (who of us hasn't driven by a skunk or something on the side of the road and smelled it even though the car's a/c was set to 'inside air'). Physical death is not the only death which we can discuss though. Christians should remind ourselves that we have experienced a death too and that dead things reek.

All who have obeyed the gospel (heard the word, believed it, repented of sin, confessed Jesus, and were baptized) have "died to sin" and been "baptized into (Jesus') death" according to the apostle Paul (**Rom 6:2-3**). The way the Bible speaks of a person's life regarding salvation is that one *dies to sin* and is *raised to righteousness*. That old person is dead and gone; and so should be their deeds (**Col 3:8-10**). Because of this salvation that has been offered through Jesus, the Christian enjoys God's grace providing continual communion with Him and a vehicle through which we can be transported to Heaven- if we continue in it (**Rom 11:22**). That *if* is important. Because we are expected by God to leave the things in the old person's life alone; those things stink. The old habits of the dead life before Christianity stink. Look at a portion of the letter from the apostle Paul to the church in Rome:

“Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord. ¹³ Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts. ¹⁸ And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God. ¹⁴ For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.” -**Romans 6:11-14**

So then, after conversion, and throughout the entirety of our Christian lives in this world, we have a choice to make: will we use our lives to satisfy God or ourselves?

Satisfying ourselves allows us to chase whatever we think is fun or interesting in this life. Our Maker has given us the freedom to choose those activities if we want. However, we are warned that those things aren't good for us, and they don't do anything for us. In fact, in the same portion of the letter, Paul said that those old things (the dead acts and habits that stink) have the sum quality of death in them:

“For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹ What fruit did you have then in the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. ²² But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” -**Romans 6:20-23**

In essence, the apostle Paul, inspired by the Holy Spirit, says that old life stinks and the things that happen in that old life stink; we should leave 'em alone. The life that is lived in respect and obedience to God is always good for us (*1 Cor 15:58*). When we think about former habits and even current temptations which attempt to draw us into the wicked ways of the adversary- remember that those kinds of habits, word, and actions don't belong in a sweet-smelling life of a Christian. We need to think about them in this way: I don't want to do them Lord, because they stink (*Jms 4:8*).



SAY HELLO TO
BABY CHLOE!

JOIN US FOR A BABY SHOWER
HONORING

ROBIN MOSELEY

TODAY
3:30 - 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.



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!

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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

October Nursery Schedule

- 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 Paul Ruby	22-TEAM PHIL Michelle Beverly Josephine Lois Marcella
1-TEAM ROGER Patrick Brenda Linda	15-TEAM JAMES Kim-Marie Xavier Jaden Kingsford Barbara	29-TEAM LEE Natalie Ken

**ORDER OF SERVICE
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2023:**

- ♦ANNOUNCEMENTS: ANDRÉ PETTAWAY
- ♦1ST PRAYER: GAYLEN WILLIAMS
- ♦SONG: SEAN MALDONADO
- ♦SCRIPTURE READING: JONATHAN SMITH
- ♦SONG: SEAN MALDONADO
- ♦SERMON: PHIL MCINTOSH
- ♦INVITATION SONG: SEAN MALDONADO
- ♦SONG BEFORE COMMUNION:
SEAN MALDONADO
- COMMUNION:
PAUL PORTLEY & IVAN MCINTOSH
- ♦SONG: SEAN MALDONADO
- ♦OFFERING:
PAUL PORTLEY & IVAN MCINTOSH
- ♦CLOSING SONG: SEAN MALDONADO
- ♦CLOSING PRAYER: BILL RAWLINGS
- ♦AUDIO/VISUAL: PATRICK SELLERS
- ♦SECURITY: SCOTT DAVIS
- ♦NURSERY:
BRIANA GRIFFITH & BRENDA SELLERS

SCRIPTURE READING

**Sunday AM: "Four Steps to Salvation"
Romans 10:16-17**

*"¹⁶ But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report?
¹⁷ So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."*

**Sunday PM: "A Congregational Examination"
1 Corinthians 14:24-25**

*"²⁴ But if all prophesy, and there come in one that believeth not, or one unlearned, he is convinced of all, he is judged of all:
²⁵ And thus are the secrets of his heart made manifest; and so falling down on his face he will worship God, and report that God is in you of a truth."*

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:

- James Seay is recovering from back surgery last Tuesday. It went well, but he has a long recovery ahead.
- Al Wilson's procedure went well last Monday. They are waiting for test results, but preliminary reports look good.
 - Jaden Seay had a heart ultrasound last Monday and received a heart monitor Tuesday. She has more tests ahead for her heart and other health issues.
 - Donna Hines has a post-operation appointment tomorrow.
 - Jessica Rogers' grandfather is home from the hospital.
 - Please keep Jim Dukes in your prayers for his health problems.
 - Please keep Thomas Mann in your prayers for spiritual strength.
 - Katelyn Bowles is traveling to Washington.

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & HOME BOUND:

Beverly Williams' friend's son (Stephen Jackson); Adam Zak; James Garner & wife (Tammy); Shirley Wooten; Tom Holubec; Gary & Shirl Foster; Lois Brown; 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's 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.

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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☞OCTOBER CALENDAR☞

- 22-Baby Shower honoring Beverly Williams' daughter, Robin Moseley, at 3:30 pm, in the fellowship hall
- 25-Ladies Bible Class, at 10:00 am, in the fellowship hall
- 29-Guest speaker, Tavaris Armstrong
- 29-Fellowship Luncheon
- 29-Foster's Home for Children drive ends



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CHRISTIAN HOMES & FAMILY SERVICES CHANGE CAN DRIVE

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