



# 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, TX*

*Christian Homes &  
Family Services  
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

## Count Your Blessings

By Phil McIntosh



Many are the blessings afforded to one living in America in 2023. While admittedly, there are some of our population who endure difficult times, the overwhelming majority of Americans and those living in America have access to shelter, clothing, money, and transportation of which many in this world can only dream. Many people in the United States deal with what is called "first world problems" like not having a charger for their iPhones and the local Starbucks running out of pumpkin latte right before they get to the counter. This is not to discount the real problems and struggles of life. Violence, sickness, financial ruin, and death are still very real players on the field of life in any country, no matter how advanced. By and large though, we are a magnificently blessed people. Consider your blessings and thank God (***1 Thess 5:18***).

One comfort and ease of life is the environment in which we worship. While a worship service in the church building might not be the first thing that pops into your head when you think "comfortable," remember for a moment what the environment is like at a doctor's office, the DMV, your local grocery store, a car dealer's waiting room, or standing in line for an hour to get on a ride at Six Flags. All of a sudden, the padded pew in the air-conditioned church building looks pretty comfy.

Maybe it shouldn't be. Maybe we shouldn't be so comfortable we can easily fall asleep. Maybe it shouldn't be so easy to drive our SUVs, trucks, luxury sedans, and sports cars to a paved parking lot and sit in a climate-controlled environment to worship God. Could we be too comfortable to be mindful of our purpose in the worship service? Are we so distracted by our surplus that we forget our want? In other countries worship attendees travel either by foot or bus for many miles to sit in buildings ventilated only by window (and maybe a fan) for hours at a time while either standing, sitting on the floor, or sitting on hard wooden pews or folding chairs. In light of that, it would be easy to make the assumption that our worship experience should make it easy to focus on the true reason to be there, because we are as comfortable as we can be. We should have no excuse for not being focused on the gravity of the commemoration and devotion of the hour.

Rather than compare American worship to the Lord's church worshipping around the globe, consider for a moment the biggest change in worship- the changing of the covenant. This benefitted us in ways we might not remember, understand, or even realize. Under the Old Law that God gave to Moses, the children of Israel were involved in many an aspect of worship that would be unfamiliar and perhaps off-putting to us. They had well-defined guidelines and various restrictions which governed their relationship with God through worship. One of the ways in which this can be exemplified is through the sacrificial system of the Old Law. Look at one of the responsibilities of ancient Israel:

"Now the Lord called to Moses, and spoke to him from the tabernacle of meeting, saying, <sup>2</sup> "Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: 'When any one of you brings an offering to the Lord, you shall bring your offering of the livestock—of the herd and of the flock. <sup>3</sup> 'If his offering is a burnt sacrifice of the herd, let him offer a male without blemish; he shall offer it of his own free will at the door of the tabernacle of meeting before the Lord. <sup>4</sup> Then he shall put his hand on the head of the burnt offering, and it will be accepted on his behalf to make atonement for him. <sup>5</sup> He shall kill the bull before the Lord; and the priests, Aaron's sons, shall bring the blood and sprinkle the blood all around on the altar that is by the door of the tabernacle of meeting. <sup>6</sup> And he shall skin the burnt offering and cut it into its pieces. <sup>7</sup> The sons of Aaron the priest shall put fire on the altar, and lay the wood in order on the fire. <sup>8</sup> Then the priests, Aaron's sons, shall lay the parts, the head, and the fat in order on the wood that is on the fire upon the altar; <sup>9</sup> but he shall wash its entrails and its legs with water. And the priest shall burn all on the altar as a burnt sacrifice, an offering made by fire, a sweet aroma to the Lord." -**Leviticus 1:1-9**

I wonder if our attendance numbers on Sunday would be better or worse if we all had to stand in a line in the parking lot, each holding the rope of the animal we brought, waiting to put our hand on the animal's head and cut it's throat. If we had to skin an animal and tear it into two every first day of the week for our sins, would we be comfortable? Would we be at ease? Would we all still show up?

On Sundays we are called by God to worship Him, to praise Him, and to commemorate the feast which reminds us of the sacrifice of Jesus. We do this through a solemn observance of the Lord's Supper. We read a passage or two, say two prayers, and drink some grape juice and eat a piece of unleavened bread. While this feast is one of love, memory, and dedication- it is not a burden for us. It is a celebration of the great weight the Lord bore on the cross for us and a heavy reminder of the fact that He took on Himself what was owed to us (*1 Cor 11:26*). The worship service to God Almighty, offered by His children is an occasion of sadness and joy. Sadness when one is reminded of what had to happen to make this possible; joy because God decided to make it happen for us anyway (*Is 53:10; Heb 12:2*). When we come together, let us realize how blessed we are that our God made eternity in peace possible for us. Let us realize that we are blessed to be able to worship God according to His commands without interference by the government. And let us realize that we are blessed to be able drive cars, sit on soft pews, and feel the air-conditioning which all make us comfortable. Do not allow your blessing of comfort to be an excuse to lose focus, but to strip away any distractions that might keep you from devoting your heart and mind to God as you are gathered together as a part of His body (*Heb 10:24-25*).

### 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.**

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>



## SAY HELLO TO BABY CHLOE!

JOIN US FOR A BABY SHOWER  
HONORING

# ROBIN MOSELEY

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

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






**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.**



**CHRISTIAN HOMES & FAMILY SERVICES CHANGE CAN DRIVE**

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

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

**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 8, 2023:**

- ♦ANNOUNCEMENTS: LEE FISHER
- ♦1ST PRAYER: DERREL HEGINBOTHAM
- ♦SONG: PAUL PORTLEY
- ♦SCRIPTURE READING: XAVIER ESTAVILLO
- ♦SONG: PAUL PORTLEY
- ♦SERMON: PHIL MCINTOSH
- ♦INVITATION SONG: PAUL PORTLEY
- ♦SONG BEFORE COMMUNION:  
PAUL PORTLEY
- ♦COMMUNION:  
IVAN MCINTOSH & LEX MCINTOSH
- ♦SONG: PAUL PORTLEY
- ♦OFFERING:  
IVAN MCINTOSH & LEX MCINTOSH
- ♦CLOSING SONG: PAUL PORTLEY
- ♦CLOSING PRAYER: GAYLEN WILLIAMS
- ♦AUDIO/VISUAL: PATRICK SELLERS
- ♦SECURITY:  
BILLY GAITHER & GRAYSON BOWLES
- ♦NURSERY: NATALIE FISHER & JOSEPHINE SPEAR

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**Sunday AM: "Godly Exercise"**  
**Hebrews 12:1-2**

*"12 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, 2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God."*

**Sunday PM: "Why Did Jesus Cry"**  
**John 11:33-36**

*"33 When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews also weeping which came with her, he groaned in the spirit, and was troubled. 34 And said, Where have ye laid him? They said unto him, Lord, come and see. 35 Jesus wept. 36 Then said the Jews, Behold how he loved him!"*



## 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 has an upcoming surgery to remove a concerning spot under his arm related to his recent oncology appointment.
- Zack & Amanda Petties' new granddaughter, Kyemara, has partial hearing loss. She will have to have medicine to prevent any more damage.
- Creta Bales will have her other eye surgery on Wednesday.
- Barbara Hughart has not been feeling well due to fatigue from a vitamin deficiency.
- Adam Zak is recovering from Covid. His throat scope results came back negative for any problems.
- Judy Wall is recovering from Covid.
- James Garner's wife, Tammy, will have a biopsy soon.
- Josephine Spear's sister, Rose, is home from the hospital. Josephine is still in Alabama helping her.

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

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); Zack Petties' brother's son (Darius); 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), 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.

**BABY CONGRATULATIONS:** We wish to congratulate Michael & Jessica Rogers on the birth of their new son, Michael Jr., born Thursday, weighing in at 7 lbs., 1 oz.

-We wish to congratulate Carolyn Young on the birth of her great grandson, Callahan Jack Jones, weighing 7 lbs., 9 oz. Parents are Caleb & Kyla Jones, and grandparents are Robert & Susan Jones.

**YOUTH DEVOTIONAL:** Our Youth Devotional will be tonight, following the evening service, at the parsonage. No one needs to bring food, but please bring a little money if you are able.

**OFFICE CLOSED:** The office will be closed tomorrow for the Columbus Day federal holiday.

## 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☞

- 8-Youth Devotional following evening worship at the parsonage
- 11, 18, 25-Ladies Bible Class, 10:00 am, in the building
- 14-Ladies Day (see inside bulletin)
- 15-Change Can Drive ends
- 18-Singing Practice at 6:00 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