



# 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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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

## **Do You Own a Salty Christianity?**

By Phil McIntosh



Salt has been used in a variety of ways throughout the existence of human civilization, whether to effect some change, to preserve something, to alter the taste of one's food, or to be used in a metaphorical sort of way. To most of us salt usually refers to something we have sitting in the cabinet or out on the dinner table. For perhaps too many of us, salt is a necessity in our diet. Maybe that's a byproduct of us using salt for an extended period of time; we simply have altered our tastebuds and prefer salty foods. Certain foods just don't taste as good without salt. Growing up my grandmother would almost always have at least one watermelon in her house during the summer. She would bring it out, grab a large knife and cut it down the middle, and then set it on the table to be poked at and devoured by multiple spoons- only *after* it had been salted. For some, salt might be such a staple in their diet that they catch themselves (or someone else does and calls them out on it) salting food before they even taste it. Regardless of our dietary usage of it, the reality is that salt changes things.

Before we reference the Bible verses related to salt (which I hope are familiar to you) allow me to submit a quote by one of the past Presidents of the United States of America. Theodore Roosevelt is credited as having said, "No man is *worth his salt* who is not ready at all times to risk his well-being, to risk his body, to risk his life, in a great cause" (italics are mine to emphasis to our point). There have been many true and manufactured "great causes" in the long history of our world; but none of them rival the great cause of God- the liberation of the souls of mankind from the clutches of the Adversary. In fact, that's one of the reasons Jesus our Lord said that He came to this world (***Lk 19:10; Jn 10:10***). The phrase "worth his salt" in President Roosevelt's phrase is connected to the idea of capability, trustworthiness, and value. Collins Dictionary records that in British English is carries the idea of "efficient" or "worth one's pay." If a soldier (or teacher, first-responder, parent, etc.,) is "worth their salt" it means they are useful, active, and influential.

Could you carry the same idea into your reading of the words of the Savior? Jesus mentioned salt His "Sermon on the Mount" wherein He called His disciples the "salt of the earth" (***Matt 5:13***). In that verse, Jesus said that if the salt "loses its flavor" then it becomes "good for nothing." I suggest the meaning to be gleaned from that is there is a purpose for the disciples of Jesus, and they could ignore and might ultimately ruin that purpose and intended ability. What would that be? The power to effect change. Remember, salt changes things.

In another gospel account salt is again mentioned, conceivably later than the occurrence in the Sermon on the Mount since those events are told eight chapters earlier than this account (***Lk 6***). In the occurrence mentioned by Luke's account of the gospel, Jesus had just finished talking about a potential disciple of the need to "count the cost"

of whether or not they would be willing to give what was required to acquit themselves admirably and steadfastly as His followers (*Lk 14:25-33*). Jesus was telling them that being a disciple of the Lord Jesus was not always going to be easy and, in fact, could come at great cost. While Christians in the 21<sup>st</sup> century are not in a situation similar to those who heard the words of Jesus that day, there is still a cost involved. The message of Jesus should still resonate today—those wanting to be disciples of the Lord must choose between the Lord and the world (*Jms 4:4*). That said, let's look at the words of Jesus penned by Luke:

“So likewise, whoever of you does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple. <sup>34</sup>“Salt is good; but if the salt has lost its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? <sup>35</sup>It is neither fit for the land nor for the dunghill, but men throw it out. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!””  
-*Luke 14:33-35*

If, as we have already seen, salt's purpose is to effect change (whether in the individual's worth or impact on their surroundings or improving the taste of food) then what is to be done with the salt when it lacks those qualities? Jesus said to throw it out. If you had salt in your house that stopped being salty, you'd throw it out; it would be pointless to use salt that wasn't active anymore. The Christian's responsibility in this world is to allow God's word to effect change within their heart and then to go effect change in the world, affecting others with the light of Christ. Jesus warns that salt which stopped being salty has abandoned the very thing that makes it useful. Let us continue to motivate ourselves, both by reverence and responsibility to God, and also by fear that we would not be “worth our salt” when the Lord measures us on that final day, to stay connected to the source of change that can never lose His seasoning (*Jn 8:31*). Ensure by your obedience, faith, maturity, and activity that you are engaged in a salty Christianity, lest the time come that you are ineffective for the Lord and no longer useful for His service (*1 Cor 15:58*).



### SHEEP KEEPER ASSIGNMENTS FOR NOVEMBER

#### ♦ **Group # 1-DELINQUENT MEMBERS**

Team Leader: Paul Portley

#### ♦ **Group #2-WIDOWS**

Team Leader: Roger Deem

#### ♦ **Group #3-NEW CONVERTS**

Team Leader: Gaylen Williams

#### ♦ **Group #4-VISITORS**

Team Leader: Phil McIntosh

**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 (completed)

Group#2 Roger Deem - Nov. 12

Group#3 Gaylen Williams - Nov. 19

Group#4 Phil McIntosh - Nov. 26

**(For visits conducted in **December**)**

Group#1 Paul Portley - Dec. 3

Group#2 Roger Deem - Dec. 10

Group#3 Gaylen Williams - Dec. 17

Group#4 Phil McIntosh - Dec. 31

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

# Holiday Baskets

Please join us as we prepare & distribute holiday baskets on Saturday, December 9th, at 9:30 am, in the Fellowship Hall.

If you would like to donate to this effort, please see Lee or Natalie Fisher.

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

6 - KYEOSHA BATES

9 - AMANDA PETTIES

10 - NICHOLE WILLIAMS

22 - SHIRL FOSTER

22 - JESSICA ROGERS

25 - JUDY WALL

29 - XAVIER SEAY

30 - GREG CULP

## November Nursery Schedule

5-Brenda & Gayle

12-Nichole & Brittini

19-Natalie & Marcella

26-Amanda & 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!

## November Cleaning Calendar

•May be done any time before the next Sunday.

•Please consult with your team leader for further questions.

5-TEAM ROGER  
Patrick  
Brenda  
Linda

19-TEAM JAMES  
Kim-Marie  
Xavier  
Jaden  
Kingsford  
Barbara

26-TEAM PHIL  
Michelle  
Beverly  
Josephine  
Lois  
Marcella

12-TEAM ZACK  
Amanda  
Diedre  
Paul  
Ruby

12/3-TEAM LEE  
Natalie  
Ken

## ORDER OF SERVICE

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2023:

- ♦ANNOUNCEMENTS: LEE FISHER
- ♦1ST PRAYER: DERREL HEGINBOTHAM
- ♦SONG: PAUL PORTLEY
- ♦SCRIPTURE READING: MICHAEL ROGERS
- ♦SONG: PAUL PORTLEY
- ♦SERMON: PHIL MCINTOSH
- ♦INVITATION SONG: PAUL PORTLEY
- ♦SONG BEFORE COMMUNION: PAUL PORTLEY
- ♦COMMUNION:  
GIANNI GRIFFITH & LEX MCINTOSH
- ♦SONG: PAUL PORTLEY
- ♦OFFERING: GIANNI GRIFFITH & LEX MCINTOSH
- ♦CLOSING SONG: PAUL PORTLEY
- ♦CLOSING PRAYER: ZACK PETTIES
- ♦AUDIO/VISUAL: PATRICK SELLERS
- ♦SECURITY: SCOTT DAVIS
- ♦NURSERY:  
NICHOLE WILLIAMS & BRITTONI GRIFFITH

## SCRIPTURE READING

Sunday AM: Language in Life and the Bible  
James 3:2-5

*“<sup>2</sup> For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body. <sup>3</sup> Behold, we put bits in the horses' mouths, that they may obey us; and we turn about their whole body. <sup>4</sup> Behold also the ships, which though they be so great, and are driven of fierce winds, yet are they turned about with a very small helm, whithersoever the governor listeth. <sup>5</sup> Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth!”*

Sunday PM: Paying a Great Price  
Matthew 26:10-13

*“<sup>10</sup> When Jesus understood it, he said unto them, Why trouble ye the woman? for she hath wrought a good work upon me. <sup>11</sup> For ye have the poor always with you; but me ye have not always. <sup>12</sup> For in that she hath poured this ointment on my body, she did it for my burial. <sup>13</sup> Verily I say unto you, Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached in the whole world, there shall also this, that this woman hath done, be told for a memorial of her.”*



## 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:

- Donna Hines is scheduled for her right shoulder replacement on Tuesday. Her stepmother, Darla, has macular degeneration in one eye and was receiving shots, but they were not working.
- Michelle McIntosh's cousin Nikki is starting a new medication along with her chemo. Her aunt Christy was moved to a nursing home in Waco.
- Glenda Boudreaux requests prayers for her mother who is recovering from a fall, and her family.
- Katelyn Bowles' sister-in-law is in her first trimester and her baby may be having difficulties.

### CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & HOME

**BOUND:** Adam Zak; Martha Bell; Jim Dukes & family; Al Wilson & friend (Linda Ray); Gayle Wilson's friend (Sherry Canes); James & Jaden Seay; Amy Cole; 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; Julie Odum & mother (Sharon Schmidt); Katelyn Bowles' cousin (Brittany); Tanja Arch & her family; Tim Matter's wife (Elda), brother (Michael), mother, aunt (Vivian), & sister's husband (Christopher); 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) & brother-in-law (Raymond Flores); Donna Hines' stepmother (Darla), & niece (April Miller); former members (Rey & 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.

**FOUNDATIONS BIBLE STUDY:** Starting January, there will be a Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class taught by Lee Fisher, in the south hallway classroom. Please sign up in the foyer if you plan to attend so we can order enough workbooks.

**YOUTH DEVOTIONAL:** Join us tonight for a Youth Devotional following the evening service at the parsonage. The food will be Frito Pie- please bring bags of Fritos, desserts, or drinks.

**YOUTH GATHERING:** Gaylen & Nichole Williams are hosting a Youth Gathering at their home this Thursday, at 7:00 pm.

## 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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### NOVEMBER CALENDAR

- 12-Youth Devotional following evening worship at the parsonage
- 15, 29-Ladies Bible Class, 10:00 am, in the fellowship hall (no class on November 22nd)
- 16-Youth Gathering, 7:00 pm, at the home of Gaylen & Nichole Williams
- 20-24 Office closed for Thanksgiving
- 21-Mid-week singing devotional (No Wednesday Service)

### DECEMBER CALENDAR

- 2-Men's Breakfast and Meeting, 8:30 am, in the fellowship hall
- 6, 13-Ladies Bible Class, 10:00 am, in the fellowship hall (the ladies will meet again for class on January 10th)
- 9-Holiday Baskets made in the fellowship hall, 9:30 am