

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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MONTHLY SUPPORT:

Cherokee Home For Children 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

The Last Supper

By Phil McIntosh

In the 17th century a day of thanksgiving was held at Plymouth Plantation. Apparently they had been experiencing a drought and had been praying for help. Sweet rain soon came, along with the arrival of news by Captain Miles Standish that a supply ship was on the way. On June 30, 1623, a gathering was held to commemorate these events. Over a period of many decades, these festivals were held at varying times. Nothing official or national had really yet been solidified and certainly not appointed, until October 3, 1789. On that day, President George Washington "proclaimed that the people of the United States observe 'a day of public thanksgiving and prayer' on Thursday, the 26th of November" (Smithsonian History). Though there were national days announced by other Presidents through the years, the day we observe as Thanksgiving did not become a codified, official, national holiday until October 3, 1863, when President Abraham Lincoln stated that on the fourth Thursday of November, America would observe Thanksgiving Day. The rest, as they say, is history. Since that day Americans have been gathering on the fourth Thursday of November annually. What happens on that day has likely morphed throughout the years, and perhaps the real "focus" of the day has been lost. Thanksgiving now seems often like a day to meet with family you love and some you have not seen for most of the year, to eat all of your favorite foods in inordinate amounts, a day to watch as much football as possible (and maybe a parade), and to stand in line to see how cheap you can get that item in the local "Black Friday" sale. I am not aware of the history as to when or why we started making turkey, dressing, and cranberry sauce the national dish of Thanksgiving. I'm not sure when the first pumpkin pie was made (and maybe you are a bigger fan of sweet potato pie anyway). Regardless of the actual meal or what transpires in your house on Thanksgiving Day, it has become an

There is another meal that dwarfs this annual November feast though. This meal was certainly not full of the types of things we enjoy on Thanksgiving (I doubt pecan pie and sweet tea existed 2,000 years ago). This meal was also an annual feast, one commissioned by God by the leader Moses, many centuries prior. This meal was first eaten on the night when darkness crept over the inhabitants of Egypt, the nation who had violently harmed the Hebrew nation. God was bringing His people out of captivity, and they were soon to be free. It has been said the contents of that meal were to help them remember the way in which they had lived and left the boundaries of Egypt; the bitter herbs supposedly representing the bitterness with which they were made to serve (Exod 1:14) and the unleavened bread representing that they would leave in haste, with no time for the bread to rise (Exod 12:11). Perhaps, as one reads how leavening was used in the NT, one might make the conjecture that the unleavenedness of the bread might have had to do with their need to be purely tied to God, with no influence of Egypt involved in the lives of the Hebrew nation (Matt 16:11-12; 1 Cor 5:6-9). One of the notable instructions from Moses was that the people would take the blood from the lamb and wipe it on the doorposts and lintel (Exod 12:7) of the house in which they would be gathered that night. This was a clearly defined, weighty command given by God to His people; one that was to be carried out with great care and compliance. It was this meal that Jesus sat down to eat with His disciples- the meal we refer to as His last supper because it occurred on the evening immediately preceding His arrest, trial, and

entrenched activity in the annual experience of the American.

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death (*Matt 26:17-19*). At this meal Jesus conversed with His followers and the topics of the evening included His betrayal. Finally though, at the end of this meal, Jesus instituted another meal, one we know and refer to as the "Lord's Supper." Matthew wrote:

"And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is My body." "Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. "For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. "But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom." "And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives." -Matthew 26:26-30

At that last supper, He instituted two other elements of a meal, for which He gave thanks. Americans might speak of God and offer some thoughts of gratitude to God for blessings on Thanksgiving Day (though I fear far too many don't even think about God on this day), but Christians don't need to wait for the fourth Thursday in November to engage in thanksgiving. Every first day of every week of every year, the servants and body of Christ enter into a meal of thanksgiving, wherein we remember the incredible and immeasurable offering of God on our behalf. Jesus knew when His last supper would be, we do not. There is no guarantee we will get another "Lord's Supper" to commemorate. So, while I hope everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday with their family and friends, I hope also you will focus today on our true meal of thanksgiving, as we honor the words of the Savior and think of Him (*Lk 22:19*).





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 November)

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 & Brittni

19-Natalie & Victoria

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

12-TEAM ZACK Amanda Diedre

Paul Rubye

19-TEAM JAMES Kim-Marie

Xavier Jaden

Kingsford Barbara

26-TEAM PHIL Michelle Beverly Josephine Lois Marcella

12/3-TEAM LEE Natalie Ken

ORDER OF SERVICE SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2023:

•ANNOUNCEMENTS: LEE FISHER

•1ST PRAYER: GAYLEN WILLIAMS

•SONG: PAUL PORTLEY

•SCRIPTURE READING: XAVIER ESTAVILLO

•SONG: PAUL PORTLEY

•SERMON: PHIL MCINTOSH

•INVITATION SONG: PAUL PORTLEY

•SONG BEFORE COMMUNION: PAUL PORTLEY

COMMUNION:

ROGER DEEM & SEAN MALDONADO

•SONG: PAUL PORTLEY

•OFFERING: ROGER DEEM & SEAN MALDONADO

•CLOSING SONG: PAUL PORTLEY

•CLOSING PRAYER: GRAYSON BOWLES

•AUDIO/VISUAL: PATRICK SELLERS

•SECURITY: SCOTT DAVIS

•NURSERY:

NATALIE FISHER & VICTORIA POLANCO

SCRIPTURE READING

Sunday AM: The Night Egypt Cried **Exodus 12:12-13**

"12 For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the Lord. And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the

houses where ve are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt."

Sunday PM: Parables of Jesus (6) Mark 4:33-34

"33 And with many such parables spake he the word unto them, as they were able to hear it.

³⁴ But without a parable spake he not unto them: and when they were alone, he expounded all things to his disciples."

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 recovering from her right shoulder replacement.

-James Garner's wife, Tammy, had a biopsy on her kidney last Monday, they are waiting on the results.

-Amanda Petties has been battling an upper respiratory infection. -Zack & Amanda Petties' granddaughter, Kyemara, has been on medication to help with her hearing loss, but had to pause for a week due to her low blood count.

-Diedre Jones requested prayers for the family of her cousin, Jackie Fuqua, who passed away unexpectedly from cancer, and Jackie's sister Gwen who is recovering from a kidney transplant. -Former member, Bobbie Knight is recovering from a stroke.

-Please remember all who are traveling this week: Zack & Amanda Petties, Brenda Sellers, and Jim Dukes.

NEW MEMBER: We wish to welcome sister Barbara Anderson, who has placed membership here. Please welcome her to our congregation and she requests prayers for her grandson who has health concerns.

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & HOME BOUND: Glenda Boudreaux & mother; Michelle McIntosh's cousin (Nikki), aunt (Christy); 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), and sister-in-law; 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-inlaw (Raymond Flores); Donna Hines' stepmother (Darla), & niece (April Miller); former members (Rey & Connie Cruz); 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.

OFFICE CLOSED: The office will be closed November 20th-24th for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

MID-WEEK DEVOTIONAL: We will meet on Tuesday instead of Wednesday for a mid-week singing devotional.

MEN'S BREAKFAST & MEETING: We want to encourage all men to attend the Men's Breakfast on Saturday, at 8:30 am, in the fellowship hall with a Men's Meeting following.

FOUNDATIONS BIBLE STUDY: Starting January, there will be a new 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.

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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CSNOVEMBER CALENDARCS

20-24 Office closed for Thanksgiving 21-Mid-week singing devotional (No Wednesday Service)

29-Ladies Bible Class, 10:00 am, in the fellowship hall (no class on November 22nd)

CSDECEMBER CALENDARCS

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 resume class on January 10th)

9-Holiday Baskets made in the fellowship hall, 9:30 am 14-Ladies Holiday Potluck & Ornament Exchange at the home of Creta Bales, 6:00 pm

25-Office closed for Christmas Day