



# 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

## It's Almost Time for Thanksgiving

By Phil McIntosh



The weather outside has begun to provide a reprieve from the intense heat of a southern summer. During the months of June through August in Texas you can pretty much be assured the temperature will begin with a 1 and have three digits. Perhaps this year was hotter than other years; it at least seems as if that is the case, but it's hot in Texas every summer. Regardless, the temperature pendulum has finally begun to swing. This past week our temperatures even dipped into the 30s. I don't know about you, but for me that means comfy clothes and some source of heat. This time of year is my favorite for a variety of reasons. Maybe it's yours too. Many people love the Autumn (and the plethora of pumpkin spice this or that which always accompany it) and the rush to the 'holiday season.'

One thing usually stands out in November. The holiday of Thanksgiving. Our bulletin article is not designed this week to focus on the history of the day or how people observe it, though for many it likely includes some combination of turkey, sweet potatoes, rolls, dressing, and football. The element that should stick out, but might far too often be overlooked, is the gratitude with which we should view a time when we count our blessings and share in time around our loved ones. Let me ask you a question: do you gather for feasts for a reason or because it's just "what you do" when that time of year comes? The people of Israel in antiquity had a multiplicity of feast days and time throughout the year, some instructed by God, and they were to serve various specific purposes. As Christians, our lives are different from those ancient Israelites because our feast is the Lord's Supper which we commemorate and experience every first day of the week. As far as Thanksgiving (or any other seasonal or annual gathering), it is primarily for national and cultural tradition that we gather. Is there not still a purpose though?

Have you ever gone around your table, gathered on Thanksgiving Day (or a day close to it for scheduling reasons), and each person mentions something for which they are thankful? Maybe it's cliché, maybe it might even feel a little sappy, but there is value in voicing that for which we are internally grateful. In fact, being grateful is one of the attitudes which should typify Christians. Gratitude is one of the purest forms of expression by which we offer a piece of ourselves back to God, acknowledging how humble we are and how overwhelmed we continue to be for all of the blessings with which He has poured into our lives. Moses wrote in *Leviticus 22:29*, "when you offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving to the Lord, offer it of your own free will." Gratitude cannot be forced; it should be voluntary and pure.

There are two pieces of Scripture I'd like to present to you this week for your consideration. Perhaps you can use these to guide or modify your life as you live for the Lord (*Rom 14:8*). The passages both come from the apostle Paul's letter to the body of Christ at Corinth. Read these, **Colossians 2:6-10** and **3:14-15** respectively (I bolded the

text for emphasis):

“As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, <sup>7</sup> rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, *abounding in it with thanksgiving*. <sup>8</sup> Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ. <sup>9</sup> For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; <sup>10</sup> and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.”

“But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. <sup>15</sup> And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; *and be thankful*.”

It might be the case that you go around your Thanksgiving table with family and friends, each of you offering some reason why or some blessing for which you are grateful. It might be the case that you think of, pray about, or tell others every day in November some reason for gratitude toward God. Let me submit to you as we begin this month that being grateful on Thanksgiving Day, while commendable, is not enough; being grateful every day in November still falls short of our calling. Christians are encouraged to be thankful to God every day. The blessings which we enjoy, though varied from others around us, surpass what our works deserve. For our works, both good and bad, can provide for us no better standing in the eyes of God without His grace and mercy (*Eph 2:8-9*). Since all that we have, use, spend, live in, drive, wear, see, and any other way we might mention by which we experience God’s blessings, come from God- then let us constantly and continually offer Him the praise of our lips and our hearts. Let us not be grateful on Thanksgiving Day alone or only throughout the entire month of November; let us be grateful every day that He allows us to be a part of being His creation, to experience both the physical and spiritual blessing of being His family (*Eph 3:14-15*).



## VETERANS DAY

HONORING ALL THOSE WHO SERVED

**OFFICE CLOSED:** The office will be closed on Friday, November 10th, in observance of Veterans Day. We wish to thank all our veterans for their service and their families.

### 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.

#### 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.

# YOUTH DEVOTIONAL

There will be a Youth Devotional on Sunday, November 12th, following the evening service at the home of Phil & Michelle McIntosh. 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 on Thursday, November 16th, at 7:00 pm.

## 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 & 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 Rubye		12/3-TEAM LEE Natalie Ken

## ORDER OF SERVICE SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2023:

- ♦ANNOUNCEMENTS: GAYLEN WILLIAMS
- ♦1ST PRAYER: ANDRÉ PETTAWAY
- ♦SONG: REGGIE BASS
- ♦SCRIPTURE READING: XAVIER ESTAVILLO
- ♦SONG: REGGIE BASS
- ♦SERMON: PHIL MCINTOSH
- ♦INVITATION SONG: REGGIE BASS
- ♦SONG BEFORE COMMUNION: REGGIE BASS
- ♦COMMUNION:  
JONATHAN SMITH & SEAN MALDONADO
- ♦SONG: REGGIE BASS
- ♦OFFERING:  
JONATHAN SMITH & SEAN MALDONADO
- ♦CLOSING SONG: REGGIE BASS
- ♦CLOSING PRAYER: SCOTT DAVIS
- ♦AUDIO/VISUAL: PATRICK SELLERS
- ♦SECURITY: SCOTT DAVIS
- ♦NURSERY: BRENDA SELLERS & GAYLE WILSON

### SCRIPTURE READING

**Sunday AM: "Strangers in a Strange Land"**  
**Hebrews 11:13-16**

*"<sup>13</sup> These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.*

*<sup>14</sup> For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country.*

*<sup>15</sup> And truly, if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned.*

*<sup>16</sup> But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city."*

**Sunday PM: "Could You Be Noah?"**  
**Genesis 6:22-7:1**

*"<sup>22</sup> Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he."*

*"<sup>7</sup> And the Lord said unto Noah, Come thou and all thy house into the ark; for thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation."*



## 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:

- Adam Zak has a severe cough and is starting a new medication.
- Josephine Spear and her daughter are battling bronchitis.
- Cheryl Flores' broth-in-law, Raymond Flores, is recovering from a series of strokes that affected his mobility.
- Former members, Michael & Steven Langlitz's son Daniel, is hospitalized with a severe strep infection that has also infected his lymph nodes, tonsils, liver, spleen, & stomach.
- Donna Hines is scheduled for her right shoulder replacement on November 14th.
- Glenda Boudreaux requests prayers for her and her family.
- Tim Matter has requested prayers for his co-worker's wife, Maritza, who is having tests for potential heart issues.
- Beverly Williams' friend's son, Stephen Jackson, will need a liver transplant.
- Mereiah Johnson and Hannah Fane's brother, Elijah Johnson, has been having seizures and recently broke his jaw. Their uncle has been recently diagnosed with prostate cancer.
- Victoria Polanco's nephew, Christopher Polanco, has been waiting for a kidney donor and may have one after further testing. Her brother-in-law, Alex Polanco, is having health problems.

**REJOICE!** We rejoice for Martha Bell's grandson and oldest granddaughter who were baptized on October 28th. Please keep them in your prayers.

### CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & HOME

**BOUND:** Martha Bell; Julie Odum; Michelle McIntosh's cousin (Nikki), aunt (Christy); ); Jim Dukes & family; Al Wilson & friend (Linda Ray); Gayle Wilson's friend (Sherry Canes); James & Jaden Seay; Amy Cole; Beverly Williams' friend's son (Stephen Jackson); 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's 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's 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 (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.

## 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

- 5-Baby Shower honoring Robin Moseley, 3:30 pm, in the fellowship hall
- 8, 15, 29-Ladies Bible Class, 10:00 am, in the fellowship hall
- 10-Office will be closed for Veterans Day**
- 11-Ladies Breakfast & Workday, 9:30 am, in the fellowship hall
- 12-Youth Devotional following evening service, at the home of Phil & Michelle McIntosh
- 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)**