

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

Tis the Holiday Season

By Phil McIntosh

This time of year is wonderful. As you drive around you see Christmas lights strung up on the eaves of homes, on bushes and around trees, and some homes even have elaborate decorations to go along with them. The weather has a chill crispness to it (because it rarely actually gets cold in December in Texas) and fires are lit. People generally seem to be in a friendly, giving mood and there is goodwill among men. Trees are put up in living rooms and stockings are hung. Presents have been bought and are waiting to be wrapped. Holiday movies are on the television and people are looking forward to some time away to enjoy the season. It can be a wonderful time of the year.

It is during this season of the year that families will load up in their SUVs, pickups, or minivans and drive to one of their family members' homes. Some will be driving or flying hundreds of miles, even thousands, traversing the country the last two weeks of December to be with their families. The family unit is one of the grand institutions established by God (*Gen 2:20-24*). The plan God ordained was that one biological man and one biological woman would enter into a permanent union based on mutual love and support, on the blessing of God. Usually it is not long before children arrive, further deepening that family's complexity and blessings (*Psa 127:3*). Children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren are the fruit which inject youthfulness, joy, and richness into the family life (*Psa 127:4-5a*).

Not every family is the same though. We are many thousands of years removed from that first couple; families have morphed and exist in many different forms. Sometimes you have children who are not born into a family, but marry in. Sometimes you have children who have no blood relation but have been absorbed into the family with overwhelming love, nonetheless. Some children marry and don't have any kids, while some have bunches. Each home this holiday season will look different from another, but hopefully love will be there in some shape or measure regardless.

Family passion is a reality in life, we would go to great lengths to protect and provide for our physical families. Children will sometimes pick on their siblings, but they will not allow anybody else to pick on them. Family protects family. This needs to be true for the more important family too. This is our spiritual family. There is a measurement in a sense for how we treat our Christian family, taught us by the Lord Himself:

"While He was still talking to the multitudes, behold, His mother and brothers stood outside, seeking to speak with Him. ⁴⁷Then one said to Him, 'Look, Your mother and Your brothers are standing outside, seeking to speak with You.' ⁴⁸But He answered and said to the one who told Him, 'Who is My mother and who are My brothers?' ⁴And He stretched out His hand toward His disciples and said, 'Here are My mother and My brothers! ⁵⁰For whoever does the will of My Father in heaven is My brother and sister and mother.'" **-Matthew 12:46-50**

Furthermore, the apostle Paul said that as we live out our Christian lives we should do good and show compassion on all, but give preference and special attention to those who are our spiritual family (*Gal 6:10*).

As you gather with your physical family and show them the love and light of Christ by your attitude, actions, and words, remember to pay attention to those in your Christian family who might have a need for company or support this holiday season. Tis the holiday season we gather with our biological family; there is no season we shouldn't gather with and show love to our family in Christ (*Rom 12:10-13*).

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Thanks to all who helped donate, prepare, and distribute this year's holiday baskets!

SHEEP KEEPER ASSIGNMENTS FOR DECEMBER

◆Group # 1-NEW CONVERTS

Team Leader: Paul Portley

◆Group #2-VISITORS

Team Leader: Roger Deem

◆Group #3-DELINQUENT MEMBERS

Team Leader: Gaylen Williams

Group #4-WIDOWS

Team Leader: Phil McIntosh

*All groups will meet for visits in December after morning worship on January 14th.

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

MEN'S BREAKFAST & BIBLE STUDY

The men are invited to attend our Men's Breakfast & Bible Study on Saturday, January 6th, 8:30 am, in the fellowship hall

Topic: Prayer

WEDNESDAY EVENING MEETING TIME CHANGE:

Starting Wednesday, January 3rd, and each Wednesday following, we will meet for Bible classes & devotional at 6:30 pm instead of 7:00 pm.

FOUNDATIONS BIBLE STUDY:

Starting January 7th, 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.

NEW YEARS EVE FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON:

Join us for a New Year's Eve Fellowship Luncheon following morning worship on Sunday, December 31st. Please bring meats, casseroles, side dishes, & desserts. Kitchen Group #4 will have kitchen duties: (Michelle, Lex, & Ivan McIntosh, Alexis & Juelz Gaither, and Briana, Gianni & Brittini Griffith).

NO EVENING WORSHIP ON DECEMBER 31ST:

We will have an afternoon singing devotional instead, following the fellowship luncheon, at 2:00 pm.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2 JESSIE TURNER
- 8 NATALIE FISHER
- 5 TOM HOLUBEC
- 10-JUELZ MCKENZIE
- 11 KATELYN BOWLES
 - 12 MARTHA BELL
- 14 PAUL PORTLEY
- 17 BRENDA SELLERS
- 18 BRITTINI GRIFFITH
- 20 BEVERLY WILLIAMS
- 20 JOSEPHINE SPEAR
 - 20 ZACK PETTIES
- 24 MONICA MCLEAN
- 25 GAYLE WILSON
- 25 ALEXIS GAITHER
- 28 GAYLEN WILLIAMS

December Nursery Schedule

3-Brenda& Gayle 10-Briana & Brittni 17-Natalie & Victoria 24-Amanda & Nichole 31-Victoria & Josephine *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!

December Cleaning Calendar

•May be done any time before the next Sunday.
•Please consult with your team leader for further questions.

3-TEAM LEE 17-TEAM ZACK 31-TEAM PHIL Natalie Amanda Michelle Beverly Diedre Ken Josephine Paul 10-TEAM ROGER Rubye Lois Patrick Marcella 24-TEAM Brenda **KINGSFORD** Linda Kim-Marie

Jaden

Barbara

Gaylen

Nichole

ORDER OF SERVICE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2023

•ANNOUNCEMENTS: PAUL PORTLEY

•1ST PRAYER: ANDRÉ PETTAWAY

•SONG: REGGIE BASS

•SCRIPTURE READING: TIM MATTER

•SONG: REGGIE BASS

SERMON: PHIL MCINTOSH

•INVITATION SONG: REGGIE BASS

•SONG BEFORE COMMUNION: REGGIE BASS

COMMUNION: LEX & IVAN MCINTOSH

•SONG: REGGIE BASS

•OFFERING: LEX & IVAN MCINTOSH

•CLOSING SONG: REGGIE BASS

•CLOSING PRAYER: DERREL HEGINBOTHAM

•AUDIO/VISUAL: PATRICK SELLERS

•SECURITY: BILLY GAITHER & SCOTT DAVIS

•NURSERY:

NATALIE FISHER & VICTORIA POLANCO

SUNDAY AM: "Lord, Teach Us to Pray" Luke 11:1-2

"11 And it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.

² And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth."

Sunday PM: "How Rome Died" Revelation 18:21-24

"21 And a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone, and cast it into the sea, saying, Thus with violence shall that great city Babylon be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all. 22 And the voice of harpers, and musicians, and of pipers, and trumpeters, shall be heard no more at all in thee; and no craftsman, of whatsoever craft he be, shall be found any more in thee; and the sound of a millstone shall be heard no more at all in thee; and the light of a candle shall shine no more at all in thee; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee: for thy merchants were the great men of the earth; for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived. 24 And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth."

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR MILITARY & CIVILIANS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

-Roman Polanco is in Ft. Eustis, VA, for advanced training.

PLEASE KEEP THESE MEMBERS & LOVED ONES IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- -Adam Zak has an appointment with an ENT doctor on Friday.
- -Melanie McConaghy is recovering from foot surgery.
- -Linda Walts is recovering from a heart procedure.
- -Beverly Williams' son-in-law's mother, Jan Moseley, is having a biopsy done to check for breast cancer.
- -Josephine Spear's sister is in the hospital, and she requests prayers for the Collins family.
- -Former member, Bobbie Knight, has moved to Rosewood, room #104.
- -Keep Gaylen Williams' family in your prayers as they await a date for the adoption of Micah.
- -James Garner has traveled to Midland, for his job and is scheduled to come back on the 25th.
- -André Pettaway will be traveling in January to Ft. Carson, Colorado, for job training.
- -Carolyn Williams asks for prayers for herself and her son Kendall, who are having difficult times.

SYMPATHY: We wish to extend our sympathy to the family of Gary Johnston, an elder in Nebraska at Lesa Crockett's former congregation, who passed away last Wednesday.

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & HOME BOUND: Brenda Sellers' neighbor; Eddy Gandy; Tom Holubec; Kenneth Sellers Jr.'s mother-in-law (Darla), former member (Bobbie Knight); Donna Hines; Barbara Anderson's son (Derrick); Glenda Boudreaux & mother; Michelle McIntosh's cousin (Nikki), aunt (Christy); 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; Ralph & Barbara Hughart; Judy Wall's husband, (James); Opal Jones; 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), and sister-in-law; Tanja Arch & her family; Tim Matter's wife (Elda), brother (Michael), mother, aunt (Vivian), & sister's husband (Christopher); Josephine Spear, brother, 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); Jon-Jon Simmons; 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.

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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CSDECEMBER CALENDARCS

21-Youth Gathering at Gaylen & Nichole Williams' home at 7:00 pm

24-Guest Speaker Caleb Griffith

25-Office closed for Christmas Day

27-Singing devotional

31-Fellowship Luncheon followed by a Singing Devotional (no evening service)

CSJANUARY CALENDARCS

1-Office closed for New Year's Day

3-Wednesday Night Singing Devotional at 6:30 pm 6-Men's Breakfast & Bible Study, 8:30 am, in the fellowship hall

13-Ladies Breakfast & Workday, 9:30 am, in the fellowship hall

14-Youth Devotional following evening worship

15-Office closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day