



# 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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*Foster's Home  
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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. <sup>47</sup>Then one said to Him, 'Look, Your mother and Your brothers are standing outside, seeking to speak with You.' <sup>48</sup>But He answered and said to the one who told Him, 'Who is My mother and who are My brothers?' <sup>49</sup>And He stretched out His hand toward His disciples and said, 'Here are My mother and My brothers! <sup>50</sup>For 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*).

# 2023 Holiday Baskets



*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 31<sup>st</sup>. 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 & Brittini  
 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.

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| 3-TEAM LEE<br>Natalie<br>Ken                | 17-TEAM ZACK<br>Amanda<br>Diedre<br>Paul<br>Rubye                       | 31-TEAM PHIL<br>Michelle<br>Beverly<br>Josephine<br>Lois<br>Marcella |
| 10-TEAM ROGER<br>Patrick<br>Brenda<br>Linda | 24-TEAM KINGSFORD<br>Kim-Marie<br>Jaden<br>Barbara<br>Gaylen<br>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

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**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; 23 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."*

