



# 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

## With One Voice

By Phil McIntosh



Why is the American political system so divided? That's a big question, huh. Let's not deal with the myriad of intricacies for why our system and our populace is how it is. There is an easier answer; one that is not unique to our country. That answer is people. When almost any number of people are gathered, consensus is hard to find. For example: ask any group of 3-5 people where the group is going to eat dinner. Back to politics, people vote for different reasons. Each individual's outlook on the country and their estimation of what is the more important issues facing the country vary wildly. The reality is that you aren't going to get millions of people to agree on much of anything. We might agree on lower taxes, but even then we'll argue about who needs to be paying more taxes so we can pay less. People are messy. It's just a fact of life.

Since the messiness of humanity is a reality, it has been clearly included in the Bible. God's wisdom has provided us in Holy Writ not only the divine instructions for obtaining salvation through grace and obedience, but also a window into the world for which Jesus died. The Bible shows flaws of mankind, sometimes in spades. Even the righteous figures of history who are included in the Bible have glaring holes in the fabric of their person, truly exhibiting for us what the Spirit said, when the Psalmist wrote:

"The LORD looks down from heaven upon the children of men, To see if there are any who understand, who seek God. <sup>3</sup>They have all turned aside, They have together become corrupt; There is none who does good, No, not one." -**Psalm 14:2-3**

While God shows great grace and mercy and commends those who strive for a sound relationship with Him, He does not shy away from showing us all the of warts of humanity. Some of those warts are indecisiveness and an inability to agree on much of anything.

Another reason why perhaps people are difficult and messy is because they are uninformed. Everybody is entitled to their own opinion, even if it is one that has been formed with incorrect information or no real information at all. An uninformed opinion or knowledge doesn't prevent someone from talking and engaging in a movement. Take as an example the crowd who gathered in Ephesus after Demetrius riled up the craftsman and tried to set them against Paul and the Christians. If you'll remember a mob quickly manifested and things were so nutty the Bible says that "the assembly was confused, and most of them did not know why they had come together" (**Acts 19:32b**). A group of people is dangerous. A group of people who lack information and unity can be deadly.

The Lord's church should never be like that. The Lord's church should never be uninformed or disunified. God has given us His word and He expects us to collectively and individually read and study it (**2 Tim 2:15**). There should be no excuse for a lack of knowing what we should know, provided we have time to learn it (**Heb 5:12-14**). When it comes to unity, we are naturally different in many ways. We look, think, act, joke, feel, experience, and perceive life and data differently. Some are blessed in ways others are not and vice versa. Some struggle with various activities in the church and vice versa. The variance in our abilities, strengths, wisdom, and knowledge are a part of what makes the church so potent. A body doesn't function as well without all of its parts and

Paul said that the body of Christ is the same way (*1 Cor 12:12-22*). We are stronger together than we are apart (*Eccl 4:9-12*).

Through education from God's word and mutual edification, the church can use one voice. Paul rebuked and encouraged the Corinthian Christians to "speak the same thing" and wished they were "perfectly joined together in one mind" (*1 Cor 1:10*). He wasn't asking for them to agree on every discussion in the church that would ever arise. Do you think if they had carpets and song books in those days they would all have agreed on what color they needed to be? No. And that's not exactly the unity and singularity of mind that Paul is talking about (although there is certainly something to be said for personal sacrifice and grace where church opinion is concerned). The "one voice" is a divinely inspired foundation of doctrine, praise, and practice based upon the foundation of Jesus Christ and the inspired words of the Holy Spirit. When the church is separated and factious, it prevents such a "one voice" approach to worshipping God. Our goal is not to advance our opinions, but to advance praise and glory of God. The church is not a social club where we fight for supremacy; rather it is a family where we should fight for the lowest spot in order to serve. When we advance ourselves instead of God and are uninformed regarding God's missives, we put the unity of the body at risk. Toward the end of Paul's letter to the church at Rome he had this to say:

"We then who are strong ought to bear with the scruples of the weak, and not to please ourselves. <sup>2</sup>Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, leading to edification... <sup>5</sup> Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ." **Romans 15:1-2, 5-6**

Therein is our church mission explained in simple terms. We strive for knowledge, wisdom, and unity so that we can "with one voice" glorify God appropriately. Let's all look for ways to contribute and do our part so that we are promoting the one voice, not our voice (*Rom 12:3*).



## 2024'S 1ST YOUTH DEVO



# TEX-MEX CHRISTMAS DINNER AND TWISTY GIFT EXCHANGE




**JANUARY 14 | SUNDAY | 6:30PM**  
CHURCH PARSONAGE

- The teens are invited to a Tex-Mex Christmas Dinner & Twisty Gift Exchange
- All the teens- please bring a wrapped gift of no more than \$10 in value
- We will meet for a singing & devotional and then the festivities will begin
- There will be a buffet of Tex-Mex foods followed by a game to see who gets which gift

*Please make plans to attend and bring your friends!*

\*If anybody is coming who is under 13 please let us know so some small gifts can be purchased for them too.

\*If anyone would like to donate or has any questions, please see Phil or Michelle McIntosh

### 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**

### **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.

**ORDER OF SERVICE**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2023**

- ♦ **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** TIM MATTER
- ♦ **1ST PRAYER:** LEE FISHER
- ♦ **SONG:** REGGIE BASS
- ♦ **SCRIPTURE READING:** ADAM ZAK
- ♦ **SONG:** REGGIE BASS
- ♦ **SERMON:** CALEB GRIFFITH
- ♦ **INVITATION SONG:** REGGIE BASS
- ♦ **SONG BEFORE COMMUNION:** REGGIE BASS
- COMMUNION:**  
ROGER DEEM & GAYLEN WILLIAMS
- ♦ **SONG:** REGGIE BASS
- ♦ **OFFERING:** ROGER DEEM & GAYLEN WILLIAMS
- ♦ **CLOSING SONG:** REGGIE BASS
- ♦ **CLOSING PRAYER:** PAUL PORTLEY
- ♦ **AUDIO/VISUAL:** PATRICK SELLERS
- ♦ **SECURITY:** SCOTT DAVIS & KINGSFORD ASARE
- ♦ **NURSERY:**  
NATALIE FISHER & NICHOLE WILLIAMS

**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.

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

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**Sunday AM: John 1:14-18**

*“<sup>14</sup> And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth. <sup>15</sup> John bare witness of him, and cried, saying, This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for he was before me. <sup>16</sup> And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace. <sup>17</sup> For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup> No man hath seen God at any time, the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.”*

**Sunday PM: Romans 12:1-2**

*“<sup>12</sup> I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. <sup>2</sup> And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.”*

## NEWS FROM THE PEWS

### PLEASE REMEMBER OUR MILITARY & CIVILIANS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

-Roman Polanco is home on block leave until December 31st.

### PLEASE KEEP THESE MEMBERS & LOVED ONES IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Jim Dukes has not been feeling well.

-Kenneth Sellers Jr.'s mother-in-law, Darla, is back in the hospital and is not expected to live.

-Rufus Brown is recovering from a fall that injured his back.

-Beverly Williams' son-in-law's mother, Jan Moseley's biopsy came back positive for breast cancer, but it may be removed with only surgery due to early detection.

-Adam Zak had an appointment with an ENT doctor last Friday.

-Linda Walts is recovering well from her heart procedure and was able to go home.

-Zack & Amanda Petties' granddaughter, Kyemara, has been able to resume her medication to help with her hearing loss.

-Josephine Spear's sister was released from the hospital.

-Keep Gaylen Williams' family in your prayers as they recover from illnesses and await a date for the adoption of Micah.

-James Garner has traveled to Midland, for his job. On the 22nd, he will leave to work in Amarillo until January 2nd.

-André Pettaway will be traveling in January to Ft. Carson, Colorado, for job training.

### CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & HOME

**BOUND:** Melanie McConaghy; member in Georgia (Joyce Huff); Brenda Sellers' neighbor; Eddy Gandy; Tom Holubec; 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.

*Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!!!*

## Our Speaker Today is Caleb Griffith



*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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### ☞DECEMBER CALENDAR☞

**25-Office closed for Christmas Day**

27-Singing devotional

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

### ☞JANUARY CALENDAR☞

**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**

### 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.