

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 - 6:30 PM

Sing Out and Live It

By Phil McIntosh

The Church of Christ engages in what is called congregational acapella singing during our worship services. "Congregational" implies that everybody who is gathered participates in the singing. "Acapella" is said to come from the Italian phrase (from all the way back in 1824) "alla capella" which means, "in the style of Church music, in the

manner of the chapel." It references older music written for voices alone, without the addition or accompaniment of musical instruments. Today the phrase is widely known

and virtually universally understood as singing without mechanical instruments.

Singing a song wherein all you hear are the voices of the people in attendance to the assembly means, naturally, you will hear people's voices clearer than if there were an instrument playing. For instance, if the back wall of a sanctuary or auditorium was adorned with a monstrous pipe organ that played during the songs, many of the voices would be covered up, if not drowned out, by that colossal instrument. Perhaps some people who sing without an instrument might then be a bit timid knowing that their voice is going to be heard by those sitting around them and they might sing the songs in worship like someone sings "Happy Birthday" who doesn't really want to sing it- they just kind of make a little noise and blend in with those around them. This reminds me of one of the memories of my grandfather I will always appreciate. My Papaw had a lot of good attributes and many abilities, but singing was not one of them. Not only was he not "average," but he was a pretty terrible singer. However, he always sang out. He was always noticeable; he was always heard. In the worship of His God, he praised Him. We need to remind ourselves that the Bible doesn't tell us to sing only if we sound good; rather, God has instructed that we sing out to Him from our hearts and to the benefit of those around us (Col 3:16; Eph 5:19).

Have you ever given thought to Jesus singing in a congregational setting? We know Jesus taught the truth, shared parables, performed miracles, and introduced a new law to the world in which He lived; but did you know that He sang too? God told us that on the night when the Lord instituted the commemorative feast we eat to celebrate and remember Jesus' sacrifice, He sang a hymn with His apostles before they went to the Mount of Olives (*Matt 26:30; Mk 14:26*). There is more information too. The writer of the book of Hebrews wrote:

"For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings. "For both He who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified are all of one, for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren, saying: 'I will declare Your name to My brethren; In the midst of the assembly I will sing praise to You.'"

-Hebrews 2:10-12

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We can confidently conclude then, as Jesus engaged in worship of His Father while on earth, in the synagogue and various other locales, that He sang praise and honor and glory to Him. Of all of the people in this world who ever *lived* what they sang, the preeminent among them is Jesus.

The Christian's responsibility is to praise God in song and in life. Paul said that "whatever" we do should be done "to the glory of God" (1 Cor 10:31). We cannot do due service to God in our singing if we do not understand or agree with what we're singing. Likewise, we are not doing due service to God if we're singing unsound words and phrases that are at variance with what the Bible says. Paul said that he would sing and pray with understanding (1 Cor 14:15). While we might sing with vigor and devotion, we must ensure what we sing is pleasing to God and in agreement with His word. Secondarily, we fall far short of the "reasonable service" to which we are called (Rom 12:1) if we do not live what we sing. What good does it do to tell God in song that we "have decided to follow Jesus" but live like we're following our own will or the suggestions of the world around us? Look at this song:

"Oh God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you, Oh God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.

I will seek you in the morning, and I will learn to walk in your ways, And, step by step, you'll lead me, and I will follow you all of my days."

What good does it do to sing that on Sunday but after singing that, we get up on Monday morning and we seek the world, we walk in our own way, and our steps are not in agreement with the Bible? Nothing. Singing the right things (and also doing the right things in worship), but living the wrong things was one of the reasons why God was displeased with His people in the Old Testament. God even told them to stop offering that kind of worship to Him (Amos 5:21-24). We need to sing out, yes; but we need to live what we sing also. After all, we are not living for ourselves anymore, but for the one who made a peaceful eternity in Heaven possible for us (2 Cor 5:15).



SUNDAY OUTLINES: If you would like to take notes, there are outlines in the foyer for the AM & PM sermons.



DEVO YOUTH **HOSTS NEEDED:** If any members would like to host a Youth

Devotional at their home, please sign up in the foyer.



LADIES BLANKET DRIVE

The ladies are collecting throw blankets for the Scott and White McLane Children's Hospital, in Temple, until March 3rd. Everyone is welcome to bring new blankets & throws and place them in the box in the fover.



VISITOR INVITES: Invite your family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, or anyone to our services with the visitor brochures located in the fover!



MEMBERS' PICTURES: If you have not had your picture taken for the picture board, or want to update an

older picture, please see any of the elders, deacons, or secretary, following worship.



CHURCH COMMUNICATION:

Please check your email for the Monday Morning Message.

Members: If you are not receiving our Flocknote texts or emails, please let us know.

SHEEP KEEPER ASSIGNMENTS FOR JANUARY

◆Group # 1-VISITORS

Team Leader: Paul Portley
•Group #2-NEW CONVERTS
Team Leader: Roger Deem

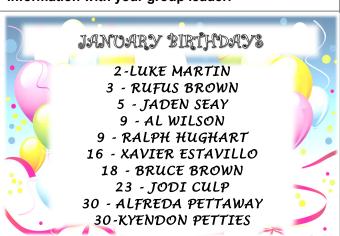
Group #3-WIDOWS

Team Leader: Gaylen Williams
• Group #4-DELINQUENT MEMBERS

Team Leader: Phil McIntosh

*All groups will meet for visits in January after morning worship on February 18th.

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



January Nursery Schedule

7-Brenda& Gayle 14-Briana & Brittni 21-Natalie & Victoria 28-Amanda & Nichole 2/4-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!

January Cleaning Calendar

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

7-TEAM LEE 21-TEAM ZACK 2/4-TEAM PHIL Natalie Michelle Amanda Ken Diedre Beverly Josephine Paul 14-TEAM ROGER Rubye Lois Patrick Marcella 25-TEAM Brenda **KINGSFORD** Linda Kim-Marie Jaden Barbara

Gaylen

Nichole

ORDER OF SERVICE SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2024

•ANNOUNCEMENTS: REGGIE BASS

•1ST PRAYER: LEE FISHER

•SONG: IVAN MCINTOSH

•SCRIPTURE READING: PAUL PORTLEY

•SONG: IVAN MCINTOSH
•SERMON: PHIL MCINTOSH

•INVITATION SONG: IVAN MCINTOSH

•SONG BEFORE COMMUNION: IVAN MCINTOSH

• COMMUNION:

KINGSFORD ASARE & SEAN MALDONADO

•SONG: IVAN MCINTOSH

•OFFERING:

KINGSFORD ASARE & SEAN MALDONADO

•CLOSING SONG: IVAN MCINTOSH

•CLOSING PRAYER: ZACK PETTIES

•AUDIO/VISUAL: PATRICK SELLERS

•SECURITY: SCOTT DAVIS & GARY FOSTER

•NURSERY:

AMANDA PETTIES & NICHOLE WILLIAMS

SCRIPTURE READING

Sunday AM: Sheep Caught in a Storm (Hebrews 13:17)

"17 Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you."

Sunday PM: Parables of Jesus (Matthew 13:10-13)

"10 And the disciples came, and said unto him, Why speakest thou unto them in parables?

¹¹ He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given.

For whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance: but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that he hath.
 Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand."

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR MILITARY & CIVILIANS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

-Roman Polanco is training at Ft. Eustis, Virginia.

-Tim Matter has returned to Bogota, Columbia.

PLEASE KEEP THESE MEMBERS & LOVED ONES IN YOUR PRAYERS:

-Bill Rawlings' mother suffered fractured hip and is in the ICU, at Temple Scott & White Hospital.

-Barbara Anderson had her eye appointment last week and will be scheduled for surgery soon.

-Please remember Jim Dukes while he battles health problems and difficulties.

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & HOME **BOUND:** Beverly Williams, sister (Patsy) & granddaughter (Chloe); Justina Young's grandfather (Terry); Mary Lou Daines' son (Shawn); member in Georgia (Joyce Huff); Donna Hines & husband (Les); Gwen Matthews; Victoria Polanco's nephew (Christopher); Brenda Sellers' neighbor; Eddy Gandy; Barbara Anderson's son (Derrick) & brother (Elijah); Glenda Boudreaux & mother; Michelle McIntosh's cousin (Nikki), aunt (Christy); Al Wilson & friend (Linda Ray); Gayle Wilson's friend (Sherry Canes); Jaden Seay; Amy Cole; James Garner, wife (Tammy) & family; Shirley Wooten; 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), & sister-in-law; Tanja, Tiffany Arch & their family; Tim Matter's wife (Elda), brother (Michael), mother, aunt (Vivian), & sister's husband (Christopher); Josephine Spear, sisters (Patricia & Rose) brother, cousin, neighbor (Clinton) & friends (Iris & Venatta); 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), sister (Jewel), brother (Rex), nephew (Quincy), 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.

WEDNESDAY ADULT CLASS: The workbooks for Quarter 5 are available in the foyer.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: There will be a Men's Breakfast this Saturday, at 8:30 am, in the fellowship hall.

LADIES DAY INVITE: There is an invitation to New Road Church of Christ's Ladies Day this Saturday, at 9:30 am, in Waco. Information is on the ladies information board.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON: Join us for our monthly fellowship luncheon on February 4th, following morning worship. Please bring meats, casseroles, side dishes, & desserts. (Kitchen Group #1 will have kitchen duties: Brenda Sellers, Martha Bell, Lois Brown, Amanda Petties, & Victoria Polanco).

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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CSJANUARY CALENDARCS

31-Ladies Bible Class, 10:00 am, in the fellowship hall

CSFEBRUARY CALENDARCS

3-Men's Breakfast, 8:30 am, in the fellowship hall 3-New Road Church of Christ Ladies Day, 9:30 am, in Waco

4-Fellowship Luncheon following morning worship in the fellowship hall

7, 14, 21, 28-Ladies Bible Class, 10:00 am, in the fellowship hall

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

11-Youth Devotional following evening worship 15-Youth Gathering at the Williams', 7:00 pm