

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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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 - 6:30 PM



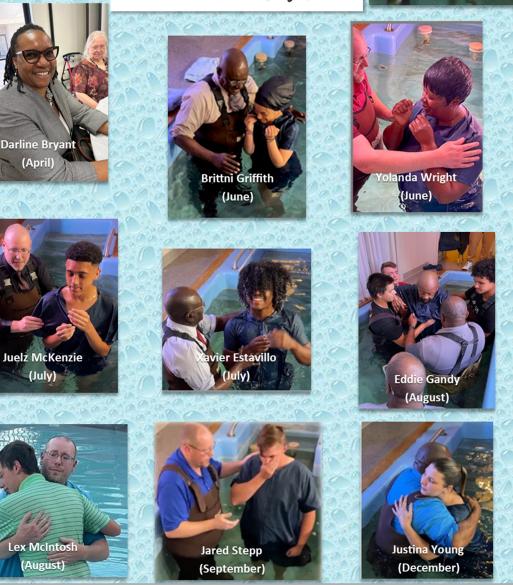


2023 New Converts

Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. –Romans 6:4 (KJV)



Jonathan Smith (April)



Sometimes It's Better to Not Forget the Past

By Phil McIntosh

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Last Sunday morning's Scripture reading was taken from the apostle Paul's letter to the congregation of the Lord's church that met in the Roman province of Philippi (Phil 3:12-14). The verses we read, and sort of used as a base for our lesson on the blank page of 2024, speak of Paul's willingness to progress beyond the past and toward the future. Therein Paul said that he had not yet obtained his ultimate goal. Though he might have had more reason to boast than others in the pride of life and citizenship, those things were ancillary and secondary concerns for him because his citizenship was in Heaven (Phil 3:20). One might wonder if there was a reason to apply the forgetting the past to a membership which might have been steeped in civil service for the empire of Rome. Perhaps we could draw a meaning so as not to relish too much in the old victories; praising oneself too much and boasting about successful endeavors in the past which provided glory. An alternative would be not to beat oneself up too much regarding unsuccessful or regretful enlistments in which victory and glory was out of reach. In either of those situations there is, at least spiritually, a benefit to leaving those things in the past and reaching forward to new, future endeavors whose success or failure has not yet been written. Paul, who seemed to think spiritually virtually always, surely exhibited a model to forget the past and move forward toward better and better (1 Cor 9:24).

Why then would we want to work against what Paul wrote? I'm not suggesting we do. I am introducing a situation in which we can be mindful of the past and utilize it to improve our future. There is one specific subject matter I have in mind and the example come to us from the tiny book of Jonah. Jonah was a prophet of God who lived somewhere in the 8th century BC (sometimes, with certain characters and figures of antiquity exact dates are difficult to nail down). The Bible tells us that Jonah was from a town called Gath-Hepher (2 Kings 14:25), which was located a close distance (maybe less than 5 miles) from Nazareth. This man was approached by God and commanded to travel to Nineveh and preach against her people and their sins. For reasons assumed, though not perfectly known, Jonah decides to disobey God's command. Not only does Jonah not comply with God's mandate, but he in fact also travels the *opposite* direction. Nineveh lay to the east of Jonah, and he headed west. As Jonah soon learned, you cannot hide from God (Jon 1:17). This would be a good place to remind us that just as perfectly, immediately, and accurately God knew Jonah's deeds or undeeds, He also knows ours. Jonah had placed before him a good deed to accomplish, and he ignored it; he left

it undone, unaccomplished, even unattempted- thus making it what I'm calling an "undeed." As much as God wants His people to not do the bad things, He also desire they do the good things (*Jms 2:26; 4:17*).

Don't forget about Jonah, we're not done with him, just like God wasn't done with him. Jonah was punished for running from God and seemingly received mercy and grace in the eyes of the Lord for his response after having been swallowed by the enormous fish God had prepared (Jon 2:10). So to sum up and simplify- God told Jonah to do something good, Jonah refused, God punished Jonah, Jonah said he was sorry, God ended the punishment. Everything was good then, right? The relationship between God and one of His beloved children was healed. Not quite. If you remember, or notice in your Bible if you're following along, Jonah and God talk again. Jonah chapter three tells us that God's command was reissued to Jonah and he was told to go do the thing he had already been told to do. Jonah was told to go do the undeed. This is easily applicable to us. There are various good things God has laid before us, both in His revelation of truth in the Bible and the opportunities placed in our lives. Herein lies the specific situation I mentioned about not forgetting the past. Remember the things that you have remorse for leaving undone in 2023 (the undeeds in your life) and make a plan to accomplish them in 2024.



*If anyone would like to donate or has any questions, please

see Phil or Michelle McIntosh

SHEEP KEEPER ASSIGNMENTS FOR JANUARY

- •Group # 1-VISITORS Team Leader: Paul Portley •Group #2-NEW CONVERTS Team Leader: Roger Deem
- •Group #3-WIDOWS Team teader: Gaylen Williams
- Group #4-DELINQUENT MEMBERS Team Leader: Phil McIntosh

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

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

ORDER OF SERVICE <u>SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2024</u>

•ANNOUNCEMENTS: ANDRÉ PETTAWAY •1ST PRAYER: DERREL HEGINBOTHAM •SONG: SEAN MALDONADO •SCRIPTURE READING: MICHAEL ROGERS •SONG: SEAN MALDONADO •SERMON: PHIL MCINTOSH •INVITATION SONG: SEAN MALDONADO **•SONG BEFORE COMMUNION:** SEAN MALDONADO **COMMUNION: ROGER DEEM & GAYLEN WILLIAMS** •SONG: SEAN MALDONADO **•OFFERING:** ROGER DEEM & GAYLEN WILLIAMS •CLOSING SONG: SEAN MALDONADO •CLOSING PRAYER: ADAM ZAK •AUDIO/VISUAL: PATRICK SELLERS •SECURITY: SCOTT DAVIS & GARY FOSTER • NURSERY: BRENDA SELLERS & GAYLE WILSON

SCRIPTURE READING

Sunday AM: "I Will Live Better in 2024" Philippians 3:13-15

⁽¹³ Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,
¹⁴ I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

¹⁵ Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you."

Sunday PM: "Family Has No Time Zone" Acts 21:4-6

"4 And finding disciples, we tarried there seven days: who said to Paul through the Spirit, that he should not go up to Jerusalem.

⁵ And when we had accomplished those days, we departed and went our way; and they all brought us on our way, with wives and children, till we were out of the city: and we kneeled down on the shore, and prayed.

⁶ And when we had taken our leave one of another, we took ship; and they returned home again."

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:

-Gwen Matthews is experiencing respiratory problems.

-Justina Young is battling strep throat.

-Donna Hines' husband, Les, is recovering from a mild heart attack.

-Millie Simcox is recovering from an upper respiratory infection. -Creta Bales is recovering from pneumonia.

-Jim Dukes has been home with back pain.

-Barbara Anderson's brother, Elijah Scarlett, is recovering from back surgery to repair a fractured vertebrate.

-James Garner is home from Amarillo. His wife, Tammy, is scheduled for back surgery this Tuesday.

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

-Mary Lou Daines is requesting prayers for her son Shawn's health, and for a member in Georgia, Joyce Huff, who is starting a new cancer treatment.

-Katelyn Bowles' is requesting prayers for her brother who is a lineman and his wife. His work is trying to move him to Maine, but they have a baby on the way and wouldn't be able to take their fifth wheel they live in up there.

NEW BABY: We wish to congratulate Kingsford and Evelyn Asare on the birth of their new son, Bennett, born December 19th, weighing in at 7lb 9oz.

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & HOME BOUND: Victoria Polanco's nephew (Christopher); Melanie McConaghy; 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; 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

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<u>We want to especially welcome our visitors</u>! 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

- \Rightarrow Bible Studies With Our Preacher Or Elders
- \Rightarrow Free Bible Correspondence
- \Rightarrow 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

10, 17, 24, 31-Ladies Bible Study, 10:00 am, in the fellowship hall

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

14-Sheep Keeper Teams' meeting following morning worship

14-Youth Devotional following evening worship at the parsonage

15-Office closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day

18-Youth Gathering, 7:00 pm, at the Williams' 20-Men's Bowling, 12:00 pm, at Hallmark Lanes