



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

Be Ready

By Phil McIntosh



Did you hear about the local Procrastinator's Anonymous meeting? Something came up and they decided it was best to move the meeting to next week.

For many people it is simply easier to put off an activity or event until a later date. There is an old adage which says, "Don't put off until tomorrow what you can do today." The origination of the maxim is debatable, and coiners range from Benjamin Franklin and Mark Twain (19th century) to the Earl of Chesterfield in a letter to his son (18th century). Either way, the proverb is admirable and can affect a great deal in the life of those who would choose to enact such a positive approach to their lives. While that maxim is not in the Bible verbatim, it is absolutely present in various forms and shades. Solomon wrote that the sluggard should recalculate their approach to life and learn a lesson from the ant (**Prov 6:6-11**). The book of Proverbs exposes the foolishness of laziness in many passages, going so far as to say some are so lazy they won't even lift their hand to their mouth to eat (**Prov 19:24**). Laziness, idleness, indolence (and the like) are antithetical to biblical principles, wisdom, and even just plain 'ol natural common sense.

Procrastinators run the risk of kicking the can so far down the road they can no longer see it. Surely you've heard the phrase "kick the can down the road" in the arena of politics. It's a common phrase meant to attack oppositional representatives (or the body or party as a whole) when an agenda fails to include addressing pertinent issues and important changes to laws or patterns; choosing rather to avoid engagement with the issue(s) until a later date. If you'd like an example of such in our government think about how the national debt has grown exponentially since the early 2000s. Every administration has increased the national debt. The national debt increased from \$2.68 Trillion after Ronald Reagan to \$10.69 Trillion after George W. Bush and currently stands at a whopping \$34 Trillion dollar figure. It seems like Congress used to care about the national debt and would talk about instituting measures to address this runaway fiscal train which is accelerating to an almost certain undetermined and disastrous destination. However, it is merely something that our government, as constructed within the last twenty years, seems content to simply let future generations worry about. That's procrastination. And how!

As impactful as the US government's procrastination will be on future generations of Americans and how much the potential ramifications will reverberate throughout the global economy, there is a procrastination that means more, both in total value and in individuals affected. The pool of procrastinators is comprised by the Lord's church. We are the messengers of the gospel from the Lord; the hands and voices which present the invitation of God to a sinful humanity who need to be reconciled with their Maker. Let me direct you to the words of the apostle Paul as he makes the point in better language than I:

“Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place. ¹⁵For we are to God the fragrance of Christ among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing. ¹⁶To the one we are the aroma of death leading to death, and to the other the aroma of life leading to life. And who is sufficient for these things? ¹⁷For we are not, as so many, peddling the word of God; but as of sincerity, but as from God, we speak in the sight of God in Christ.” -**2 Corinthians 2:14-17**

The imagery here is wonderfully constructed and easy to imagine. If you have ever seen an oil diffuser you already know the picture I am trying to explain. This device is a little bowl-shaped sort of container into which water is poured and then a few drops of oils are placed. The diffuser then expels a sort of steam from the top of the device and the smell of whatever scent of oil that was mixed into the water spreads through the room. That’s you and me in the service of God. We are that container (**2 Cor 4:7**) into which God’s truth has been instilled, and through whom the sense-altering effects of that “oil” of the truth of the gospel of Jesus is being spread through our environment.

Procrastination toward preparation is oppositional in life and as it relates to eternity. Procrastination toward preparation can negatively affect the soul of the procrastinator and the souls impacted by the procrastinator. A soul need not delay if they are ready to accept God’s invitation and obey the gospel (**Acts 22:16; 2 Cor 6:2**). Likewise, a Christian need not delay when they are representing the Lord’s body and diffusing God’s message to the world (**1 Pet 3:15**). There are souls who exist in your worldly space that need you to diffuse the fragrance of Christ so they can smell it and act appropriately. Many will think the smell is terrible and hold their nose, reaping for themselves eternal condemnation (**2 Thess 1:8-9**). Some though will think the smell is lovely and get close to it, breathing it in, and finding peace and calm through its effects (**Phil 4:4**).

The Christian must needs be focused on preparing themselves to diffuse the truth by studying the word of God to the extent that they are properly diffusing it by both their manner of life and speech (**2 Tim 2:15; Phil 2:15**). We are poor servants of God if we are not prepared to diffuse the oil of the gospel:

“As vinegar to the teeth and smoke to the eyes, So is the lazy man to those who send him.” -**Proverbs 10:26**

Imagine having the effect of smoke in the eyes of God because we are not prepared to share His truth with those surrounding us who need it. Be ready, not only to “give an answer,” but to diffuse the scent of hope that the community around you needs so that they might be able to address the lack of spiritual security in their lives (**2 Cor 5:20**).

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

FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON: Join us for our monthly fellowship luncheon, Sunday, March 3rd, following morning worship. Please bring meats, casseroles, side dishes, & desserts. Kitchen Group #2 will have kitchen duty (Judy Wall, Creta Bales, Linda Deem, Cheryl Flores, Yvonne Hardiman, & Josephine Spear.)

LADIES BLANKET DRIVE: The ladies are collecting throw blankets for the Scott & 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 foyer.

BABY SHOWER: The ladies are hosting a baby shower honoring Justina Young today, at 3:30 pm, in the fellowship hall. She is having a girl and is registered on Amazon.

**SHEEP KEEPER ASSIGNMENTS FOR
FEBRUARY**

• **Group # 1-WIDOWS**

Team Leader: Paul Portley

• **Group #2-DELINQUENT MEMBERS**

Team Leader: Roger Deem

• **Group #3-NEW CONVERTS**

Team Leader: Gaylen Williams

• **Group #4-VISITORS**

Team Leader: Phil McIntosh



February Nursery Schedule

- 4-Victoria & Josephine
- 11-Brenda & Gayle
- 18-Briana & Brittini
- 25-Natalie & Victoria
- 3/3-Amanda & Nichole

*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!

February Cleaning Calendar

•May be done any time before the next Sunday.

•Please consult with your team leader for further questions.

4-TEAM PHIL Michelle Beverly Josephine Lois Marcella	18-TEAM ROGER Patrick Brenda Linda	3/3-TEAM KINGSFORD Kim-Marie Jaden Barbara Gaylen Nichole
11-TEAM LEE Natalie Ken	25-TEAM ZACK Amanda Diedre Paul Ruby	

**ORDER OF SERVICE
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2024**

- ANNOUNCEMENTS: ANDRÉ PETTAWAY
- 1ST PRAYER: ADAM ZAK
- SONG: PAUL PORTLEY
- SCRIPTURE READING: IVAN MCINTOSH
- SONG: PAUL PORTLEY
- SERMON: PHIL MCINTOSH
- INVITATION SONG: PAUL PORTLEY
- SONG BEFORE COMMUNION: PAUL PORTLEY
- COMMUNION:

KINGSFORD ASARE & SEAN MALDONADO

- SONG: PAUL PORTLEY

- OFFERING:

KINGSFORD ASARE & SEAN MALDONADO

CLOSING SONG: PAUL PORTLEY

- CLOSING PRAYER: ZACK PETTIES

- AUDIO/VISUAL: PATRICK SELLERS

- SECURITY: BILLY GAITHER & GARY FOSTER

- NURSERY:

NATALIE FISHER & VICTORIA POLANCO

SCRIPTURE READING

**Sunday AM: "The Best Doctor in the World"
(Luke 4:16-19)**

"¹⁶ And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read. ¹⁷ And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written, ¹⁸ The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, ¹⁹ To preach the acceptable year of the Lord."

**Sunday PM: "Parables of Jesus"
(Psalm 78:1-4)**

"⁷⁸ Give ear, O my people, to my law: incline your ears to the words of my mouth. ² I will open my mouth in a parable: I will utter dark sayings of old: ³ Which we have heard and known, and our fathers have told us. ⁴ We will not hide them from their children, shewing to the generation to come the praises of the Lord, and his strength, and his wonderful works that he hath done."

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR MILITARY & CIVILIANS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- Justina Young's husband, Terry, is deploying this week to Korea for nine months.
- Roman Polanco is training at Ft. Eustis, Virginia.
- Tim Matter has returned to Bogota, Columbia.

PLEASE KEEP THESE MEMBERS & LOVED ONES IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- Diedre Jones' aunt, Theo, suffered a heart attack during her recent dialysis treatment and her prognosis is not good.
- Scott Davis is recovering from a foot wound.
- Josephine Spear's friend, Lydia's ex-husband, Richard, is recovering from a blood clot in his brain and her brother-in-law, Levorn, is receiving radiation.
- James Garner's wife, Tammy, is having complications from her back surgery.
- Beverly Williams' sister, Patsy, will have back surgery tomorrow.
- Barbara Anderson's grandson, Derrick, is recovering from cancer and received immunizations that made him sick. Her brother, Elijah, is recovering from back surgery, and she requested prayers for him to have an open heart for the gospel.
- Visiting member, Shiela Silvers requested for her son, Preston Bales, to move forward in life in a positive way.

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & HOME BOUND: Michael Rogers' father (Michael Sr.); Lois Brown; Tom Holubec; Jim Dukes; Yvonne Hardiman's husband (Ray), sister (Michelle); Lee Fisher's brother (Jessie); Bill Rawlings & his mother; Ralph & Barbara Hughart; Justina Young's grandfather (Terry); Mary Lou Daines' son (Shawn); member in Georgia (Joyce Huff); Donna Hines, husband (Les), stepmother (Darla), & niece (April Miller); Gwen Matthews; Victoria Polanco's nephew (Christopher); Brenda Sellers' neighbor; Eddy Gandy; Barbara Anderson; 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 & family; Shirley Wooten; Gary & Shirl Foster; Yolanda Wright; Judy Wall's husband, (James); Opal Jones; Monica McClean's sister & brother-in-law (Janeth & Neville Grey); Nada Miller; Julie Odum's mother (Sharon Schmidt); 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); former members (Rey & Connie Cruz); Jon-Jon Simmons; Tracy Wilson's mother (Ruth Hyde); Linda Deem's nephew; Amanda Petties' sister (Jewel), brother (Rex), nephew (Quincy), nieces (Carrington & Moneisha), sister-in-law, & Zack's brother's son (Darius) & granddaughter (Kyemara); 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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☞ FEBRUARY CALENDAR ☞

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

☞ MARCH CALENDAR ☞

- 2-Men's Breakfast, 8:30 am, in the fellowship hall
- 3-Fellowship Luncheon following morning worship in the fellowship hall (Kitchen Group #2 will have kitchen duty: Judy Wall, Creta Bales, Linda Deem, Cheryl Flores, Yvonne Hardiman, & Josephine Spear)
- 6, 20, 27-Ladies Bible Class, 10:00 am, in the fellowship hall
- 9-Ladies Breakfast & Workday, 9:30 am
- 10-Youth Devotional following evening worship