



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

DON'T LET THE CHURCH LOSE THE BATTLE

By Phil McIntosh



The Lord's church is in the middle of a deadly war. This war is the longest running war our world has ever known, almost two millennia old at this point. The war is a conflict between God and the Adversary fought on the battlefield of the hearts and minds of humanity. God wants to save as many as possible (*1 Tim 2:4*) and the goal of the Devil is to corrupt and destroy as many as possible (*1 Pet 5:8*). Each individual heart serves as a landscape for conflict between righteousness and sinfulness. The apostle Paul wrote the following to the Lord's church in Corinth:

"For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. ⁴For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, ⁵casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, ⁶and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled." -*2 Corinthians 10:3-6*

Through His sacrifice and God's resurrecting Him, the Lord Jesus guaranteed victory to those who would be on His side. In this war there are only two sides. Jesus said those who aren't with Him are against Him (*Matt 12:30*). The totality of the message of the book of the Revelation that John penned guarantees us that God wins; meaning those who are on God's side win too (*Rev 22:5*). The day that the Father raised Jesus from the dead the head of the Adversary had been stomped on, just as God had promised thousands of years earlier (*Gen 3:15*). However, that doesn't mean the war was over. For all intents and purposes the victory was secured, yes, but the two sides hadn't been divided up yet; the war still raged on. This same exact war rages even today. As long as this world continues to spin, and humanity can make a decision as to how they will live, there will be skirmishes dotting the landscape of every life upon the face of the earth (*Rev 12:9*).

The title of this article uses the word "battle" instead of "war" because only God and the enemy will see the entirety of the war. Humanity will be involved in only located, limited, and isolated battles throughout the process of the theater of the war. Your life is a battle. Your generation is a battle. The work the local congregation at W.S. Young is a battle. We are engaged in this struggle collectively, ideally together (*Eph 4:1-3*). The Lord's church is tasked with obeying the truth, living the truth, and teaching the truth. One of the reasons for doing so is to positively impact the community around us. We are surrounded by people who do not know God and have, to date, not obeyed the truth. If they remain in that state they will be forever separated from God and will eternally make their residence in Hell (*2 Thess 1:8-9*). Another battle being fought is between those who have been rescued from sin but are flirting with returning to it. The church has a responsibility to all of our family members to do what we can to return those who are unfaithful to a safe relationship with God (*Gal 6:1*). The work of the church also includes supporting and encouraging those who are already Christians,

because the Adversary is going to come after all of us until we're dead or the Lord comes back and locks him away forever (*Rev 20:10*). So whether it is reaching those currently lost, entreating those who are straying to return, or simply supporting those who are saved but still under attack- the church has work to do.

There are a lot of jobs to be done in the local church and we need support accomplishing it. Maybe you aren't sure what you can do; maybe you're hesitant to jump in the fray and start working. Let me point you to an event in the ancient times that might provide you with some motivation from God to find a job to do. Look at this text from the life of the Hebrew captives who had just been freed from Egypt but were quickly under attack:

"Now Amalek came and fought with Israel in Rephidim. ⁹And Moses said to Joshua, "Choose us some men and go out, fight with Amalek. Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the rod of God in my hand." ¹⁰So Joshua did as Moses said to him, and fought with Amalek. And Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. ¹¹And so it was, when Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed; and when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed. ¹²But Moses' hands became heavy; so they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it. And Aaron and Hur supported his hands, one on one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun. ¹³So Joshua defeated Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword." -*Exodus 17:8-13*

Not everybody is going to be a Moses or a Joshua (or Peter, Paul, John, etc.). But everybody, anybody, all-bodies, can be an Aaron or Hur like we read in this text. Don't let the Lord's church who meet at 400 N.W.S. Young lose the battle because you tried to stand on the sidelines and watch the conflict play out. Jump in and find a job; if nothing else be the hands that support the hands that are fighting the battle (*1 Cor 15:58*).



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



YOUTH DEVO HOSTS: 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 foyer.



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



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.



February Nursery Schedule

- 4-Victoria & Josephine
- 11-Brenda & Gayle
- 18-Briana & Brittni
- 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 Rubye	

ORDER OF SERVICE
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2024

- ♦ **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** REGGIE BASS
- ♦ **1ST PRAYER:** TOM HOLUBEC
- ♦ **SONG:** IVAN MCINTOSH
- ♦ **SCRIPTURE READING:** ROGER DEEM
- ♦ **SONG:** IVAN MCINTOSH
- ♦ **SERMON:** PHIL MCINTOSH
- ♦ **INVITATION SONG:** IVAN MCINTOSH
- ♦ **SONG BEFORE COMMUNION:** IVAN MCINTOSH
- ♦ **COMMUNION:**
GIANNI GRIFFITH & JONATHAN SMITH
- ♦ **SONG:** IVAN MCINTOSH
- ♦ **OFFERING:**
GIANNI GRIFFITH & JONATHAN SMITH
- ♦ **CLOSING SONG:** IVAN MCINTOSH
- ♦ **CLOSING PRAYER:** LEX MCINTOSH
- ♦ **AUDIO/VISUAL:** PATRICK SELLERS
- ♦ **SECURITY:** SCOTT DAVIS & BILLY GAITHER
- ♦ **NURSERY:**
VICTORIA POLANCO & JOSEPHINE SPEAR

SCRIPTURE READING

**Sunday AM: "Someone Else's Sins"
(Hebrews 12:1-2)**

"12 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,

² Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God."

**Sunday PM: "Get Humble or Be Humbled"
(Luke 18:13-14)**

"¹³ And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner.

¹⁴ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted."

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:

- Please remember Ralph & Barbara Hughart. Ralph has fluid build-up in his spine. He had a lumbar puncture and felt relief for a while, then the fluid returned. He will have a consultation with a neurosurgeon on February 12th to possibly have a shunt placed in his spine. Barbara still has an iron and B12 deficiency that causes her to feel weak.
- Bill Rawlings' mother is at a rehabilitation center in Georgetown to recover from her fractured hip.
- Glenda Boudreaux has requested prayers for her coworker, Cheryl Echols' husband, Dan, who has blood pressure complications.
- 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), stepmother (Darla), & niece (April Miller); Gwen Matthews; Victoria Polanco's nephew (Christopher); Brenda Sellers' neighbor; Eddy Gandy; Barbara Anderson, 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; 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; 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.

SYMPATHY: We wish to extend our sympathy to the wife, family, and church family of an elder who passed away named Brother Woodard at Woodland Park Church of Christ, in Alabama where Josephine Spear attends when she travels there.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON: Join us for our monthly fellowship luncheon today, following morning worship. (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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☞ FEBRUARY CALENDAR ☞

- 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
- 17-Family Bowling, 12:00 pm, Hallmark Lanes
- 19-Office Closed (Presidents Day)**
- 24-Men's Workday, 8:00 am, at the building