



# 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 Offer Something Lamé

By Phil McIntosh



In our Wednesday night adult Bible class we have been discussing ways we can improve our personal Bible study. God has given us His word so that we could be guided (*Jn 16:13*), that we could avoid sin (*Psa 119:11*), and that we could be filled with hope (*Rom 5:5*). The revelation to John tells us that God wants us to hear and read His words (*Rev 1:3*). However, there is always more to devour and deeper to go in our relationship with it. The depths of our understanding of God's word can never be filled; we cannot ever study the Bible to the point that we would be correct in assuming we had gleaned all that was possible. Since our goal cannot be a perfect and total acquisition of God's wisdom, our goal then is progress (*2 Tim 2:15*).

As we progress in our comprehension, retention, and appreciation for God's word our application should increase accordingly. We know our application of God's word increases when we find ourselves more frequently asking the question the rich young ruler asked Jesus. He asked Jesus what was necessary for obtaining eternal life; Jesus answered that he should keep the commandments. However, the discussion went beyond just that answer:

"Jesus said, "'You shall not murder,' 'You shall not commit adultery,' 'You shall not steal,' 'You shall not bear false witness,' <sup>19</sup>'Honor your father and your mother,' and, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' " <sup>20</sup>The young man said to Him, "All these things I have kept from my youth. What do I still lack?" -**Matthew 19:18b-20**

When we find ourselves asking, "What do I still lack" then we can be confident we are progressing in our heart and zeal for the Lord. We should continually shift our eyes and hearts from the earth to Heaven (*Col 3:1-2*) and mature in our understanding and implementation of God's instructions (*2 Tim 3:17*).

Our Bible study should change our lives. If your Bible study isn't changing your life, the fault lies either with you or your study, not with God's word (*Rom 1:16-17*). God's word is powerful enough to change hearts and the direction of feet. God's word is powerful enough to modify behaviors and break habits (*Col 3:9-10*). One area of improvement should be our worship.

To begin addressing our worship, let's focus on the occupation of the building. We only wish our pews were dirtier. Oh that our pews could have more people sit in them and the walls could reverberate with the voices that could fill our auditorium. Far too often our pews are too clean, and our walls echo rather than vibrate. It seems one of the perennial stresses of church life is the church actually being a part of church life. The Lord's church has existed for very nearly 2,000 years and has the entire time fought against complacency and unfaithfulness in attendance. We know this through personal experience, extra-biblical writings, and the Holy text itself. According to the Hebrews writer, the church has struggled with empty seats since the first century:

“Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup>And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, <sup>25</sup>not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.”  
**-Hebrews 10:23-25**

It seems that frequent exhortation, challenge, motivation, pleading, and even shaming has its limitations. Only personal Bible study that manifests change in someone’s life can increase attendance in the assembly.

In addition to being present in the worship service, we should consider the aspect of actually being present. There’s a difference between being in the church building and participating in worship and praise with the rest of the church. If someone thinks or says, “I didn’t get anything out of the service today” it is possible that the lesson wasn’t very good. It is possible the song selections were not all upbeat and inspiring. It is possible some people had “off days” and were not as friendly as usual. However, none of those things overshadow the very reason for worship and they are highly likely excuses masking the real problem- the person who didn’t “get” anything out didn’t really “put” anything in. If we are in the building, but not actively engaged, we could be guilty of offering God lame worship. We use the word *lame* differently in the 21<sup>st</sup> century than the same word applied to biblical text, but allow me the connection for a moment and read from Malachi:

“ A son honors his father, And a servant his master. If then I am the Father, Where is My honor? And if I am a Master, Where is My reverence? Says the LORD of hosts To you priests who despise My name. Yet you say, ‘In what way have we despised Your name?’ <sup>7</sup>“You offer defiled food on My altar, But say, ‘In what way have we defiled You?’ By saying, ‘The table of the LORD is contemptible.’ <sup>8</sup>And when you offer the blind as a sacrifice, Is it not evil? And when you offer the lame and sick, Is it not evil?”

Offer it then to your governor! Would he be pleased with you? Would he accept you favorably?” Says the LORD of hosts.” ”  
**-Malachi 1:6-8**

You can see how the *lame* here is literally referring to a lame animal rather than an adjective for the type of worship given. But the two words work well together. When God delivered instructions outlining humanity’s worship practices, He demanded the best of man’s offering (**Lev 4:32**). If we are giving God what is left over we are not close to the firstfruits (our best). If we are only feigning allegiance and love, we are offering God unacceptable worship. If we are only superficially worshipping the Almighty, we are offering Him lame worship. God gave us His best, literally a part of Himself (**Phil 2:5-6**). Let’s give God our best in daily life; in worship on Sunday; and in our attitude, appearance, energy, and behavior during worship (**Psa 122:1**).

**Prom Alternative**  
 Saturday, April 6th  
 Starting at 5:00 pm

**Our 2024 Graduates**  
 Diego Castro, Xavier Estavillo, Gianni Griffith, Lex McIntosh, & Jonathan Smith

**Arrive in Style**  
 Transport the Seniors & dates

**Fine Dine**  
 Take them to a nice restaurant

**Fun & Fellowship**  
 Chaperoned Fun Following

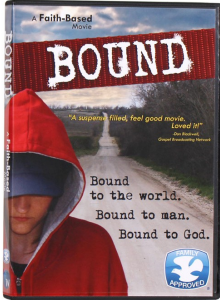
### **Senior Prom Alternative**

- The main goal is a safe, modest alternative to prom for our seniors and dates to dress up, fine dine, fellowship, then return safely.
- Chaperones will attend.
- If you would like to donate for transportation and meals, please see Gaylen Williams or Phil McIntosh.



**Ladies  
Movie  
Night**

Hosted by Delphine Hopkins & Vicky Polanco  
Friday, March 22nd  
6:00 pm  
In the fellowship hall



Synopsis:  
This 123-minute movie tells a story of a young woman who struggles through hard times and bad choices. A set of unforeseen circumstances finds her the reluctant guest of a family who helps her face decisions and find the truth that will forever alter her life.

**ORDER OF SERVICE  
SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2024**

- ♦ **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** LEE FISHER
- ♦ **1ST PRAYER:** ADAM ZAK
- ♦ **SONG:** LEX MCINTOSH
- ♦ **SCRIPTURE READING:** REGGIE BASS
- ♦ **SONG:** LEX MCINTOSH
- ♦ **SERMON:** PHIL MCINTOSH
- ♦ **INVITATION SONG:** LEX MCINTOSH
- ♦ **SONG BEFORE COMMUNION:** LEX MCINTOSH
- ♦ **COMMUNION:**  
ANDRÉ PETTAWAY & IVAN MCINTOSH
- ♦ **SONG:** LEX MCINTOSH
- ♦ **OFFERING:**  
ANDRÉ PETTAWAY & IVAN MCINTOSH
- ♦ **CLOSING SONG:** LEX MCINTOSH
- ♦ **CLOSING PRAYER:** PAUL PORTLEY
- ♦ **AUDIO/VISUAL:** PATRICK SELLERS
- ♦ **SECURITY:** ROGER DEEM
- ♦ **NURSERY:**  
VICTORIA POLANCO & JOSEPHINE SPEAR

**MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

- 2 - MARY MCANALLY
- 10 - MARTHA CHAFIN
- 11 - WESTON YOUNG (3)
- 11 - GARY FOSTER
- 13 - COREY CULVER
- 13 - GIANNI GRIFFITH
- 17 - ANDRÉ PETTAWAY
- 24 - WAYLON YOUNG (5)
- 27 - SHARON MARTIN
- 28 - DIANE LINGLE
- 30 - DONNA MCCLENAN-WEAVER

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO JUSTINA & TERRY YOUNG ON MARCH 20TH!

**March Nursery Schedule**

- 3 - Amanda & Natalie
- 10 - Victoria & Josephine
- 17 - Brenda & Gayle
- 24 - Briana & Brittini
- 31 - Nichole & Victoria

\*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!

**March Cleaning Calendar**

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

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

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**Sunday AM: "Jonah v Jesus"  
(Luke 11:30-32)**

*"<sup>30</sup> For as Jonas was a sign unto the Ninevites, so shall also the Son of man be to this generation. <sup>31</sup> The queen of the south shall rise up in the judgment with the men of this generation, and condemn them: for she came from the utmost parts of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and, behold, a greater than Solomon is here. <sup>32</sup> The men of Nineve shall rise up in the judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: for they repented at the preaching of Jonas; and, behold, a greater than Jonas is here."*

**Sunday PM: "Should I Sing This?"  
(1 Corinthians 14:13-15)**

*"<sup>13</sup> Wherefore let him that speaketh in an unknown tongue pray that he may interpret. <sup>14</sup> For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful. <sup>15</sup> What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also."*

## NEWS FROM THE PEWS

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

- Justina Young's husband, Terry, is in Korea on deployment.
- Michael Rogers will deploy to Poland mid-March.
- Roman Polanco is training at Ft. Eustis, Virginia.
- Tim Matter has returned to Bogota, Columbia.

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

- Josephine Spear is recovering from a fracture in her hand. Her sister, Patricia, had a heart procedure last Tuesday.
- Diane Holubec is recovering after a car wreck last week.
- Tasha Arch is at home with a heart monitor.
- Yolanda Wright finished her chemo and will begin radiation.
- Opal Jones is recovering from surgery.
- James Garner asks prayers for his wife, Tammy, as she awaits an MRI. He also asks prayers for his family to be open to the Gospel.
- Ralph Hughart's spine procedure is scheduled for March 15th.
- Scott Davis had an appointment last Thursday with podiatry to follow-up on his foot wound.

**SYMPATHY:** We wish to extend our sympathy to Diedre Jones and her family on the losses of her aunt, Theo, and cousin recently.

### CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & HOME

**BOUND:** Beverly Williams' sister (Patsy); Michael Rogers' father (Michael Sr.); Lois Brown; 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); Victoria Polanco's nephew (Christopher); Eddy Gandy; Barbara Anderson, grandson (Derrick), and 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 & family; Shirley Wooten; Shirl Foster; Judy Wall's husband, (James); Monica McClean's sister & brother-in-law (Janeth & Neville Grey); Nada Miller; Julie Odum's mother (Sharon Schmidt); the Arch family; Tim Matter's wife (Elda), brother (Michael), mother, aunt (Vivian), & sister's husband (Christopher); Josephine Spear's sister (Rose), brother, & brother-in-law (Levon); Alexis Gaither, 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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### ☞MARCH CALENDAR☞

- 10-Youth Devotional following evening worship
- 17-Cherokee Drive begins
- 20, 27-Ladies Bible Class, 10:00 am, in the fellowship hall (No Ladies Bible Class on March 13th)
- 21-Youth Gathering, 7:00 pm
- 22-Ladies Movie Night, 6:00 pm, in the fellowship hall
- 30-Men's Workday, 8:00 am, at the campground

### ☞APRIL CALENDAR☞

- 3, 10, 17, 24-Ladies Bible Class, 10:00 am, in the fellowship hall
- 6-Men's Breakfast, 8:30 am, in the fellowship hall
- 6-Prom Alternative, meeting at the building, 5:00 pm,
- 7-Fellowship Luncheon following morning worship in the fellowship hall (Kitchen Group #3 will have kitchen duty: Carla Heginbotham, Janet Bass, Joyce Brown, Natalie Fisher, Beverly Williams, and Marcella Williams).