

# 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

## Make Your Work Count

By Phil McIntosh

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God teaches us that work is valuable, worthy of our dedication, and an integral part of our maturation in life. By using the ant as an illustration, God impresses upon us the importance of taking personal initiative to work hard and work early (*Prov 6:6*). In addition, God tells us such work is wise (*Prov 30:24-25*). God even tells us *how* to go about our work in passages such as **Titus 2:9-10** and **Colossians 3:22-24**. In his letter to the church in Colossae, Paul says that the work we do we do is "to the Lord and not to men." What God has taught us is that He is aware of our dedication in our jobs; additionally, how we conduct ourselves there impacts our relationship with Him (*Rom 14:7-8*). In fact, mankind's involvement in the workforce is so vital to our lives and identity that God says those who refuse to work shouldn't eat (*2 Thess 3:10*). The blessings in life that God affords to us are available to all (the sun and rain fall on the good and the bad) but God expects and commands us to take charge of our direction in life by being a productive part of society and providing for our own households.

Are all jobs created equal? Is it possible there is work that doesn't really count? Let me ask this question first: Is there any position lower than a slave- either in the ancient world or our modern world? The answer is no, the slave is viewed as being on the absolute bottom rung of humanity. In ancient times slaves did not possess a place much higher, if any, than property. Even within the history of the development of America there were human beings of all sorts and situations who were not much more than property (i.e. "coverture"- a law wherein a married woman's legal power was absorbed into her husband who had sole authority in most situations). Having answered the question of the lowest rung on the ladder, surely we view some jobs as more important than others culturally. If we didn't, why would we have the phrase "climbing the corporate ladder" as it relates to one's position in a company or the workforce as an entity? It is a fact that society views lawyers and doctors as more lucrative and important jobs than crane operators and fast-food workers. It's a good thing God doesn't look at our work like our society does. God is concerned with our willingness to work and our applied integrity in doing so. God expects us to put our best food forward regardless of how large our title or how small our paycheck  $(Col\ 3:17).$ 

There is work though that doesn't count. No, I'm not talking about work that we only offer half-heartedly, though that work certainly is not going to ingratiate us with our Father. I'm talking about work for eternity. Not everybody engages in the workforce, not everybody is a stay-at-home parent, and not everybody has a career-but everybody works this work. This work is a spiritual work, a work in which every soul engages and by which each soul will be judged (*Psa 96:11-13; Acts 17:31*). Some

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might believe that *any* work for God is work that counts, but according to what our Lord said, that is incorrect. In Jesus' "Sermon on the Mount" He said:

"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. "Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?" And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!" "-Matthew 7:21-23

Those who don't even attempt spiritual work are still working, but it is wholly unprofitable for their soul. However, what Jesus is saying is there will also be those who work spiritual work under the banner of the Lord's name, but it will be unfruitful. Look at another place Jesus preached and see if we can gain a slightly tighter focus on the message:

"But why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do the things which I say? "Whoever comes to Me, and hears My sayings and does them, I will show you whom he is like: "He is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently against that house, and could not shake it, for it was founded on the rock. "But he who heard and did nothing is like a man who built a house on the earth without a foundation, against which the stream beat vehemently; and immediately it fell. And the ruin of that house was great." "-Luke 6:46-49

There are people who listen to God, who believe in God, who might even think they are followers

of God whose work will not count, because it's not the type of work God said He wanted (Jn 14:15). If you're reading this, you are probably attempting to work positive spiritual work. You probably believe in God, occasionally read His word, and likely have already obeyed the gospel. But as your days have stretched out into life, have you taken up the yoke of the Lord (Matt 11:29) or put your hand on the plow  $(Lk \ 9:62)$ ? Jesus taught there is a type of person who hears His words and builds a house by their life, but the house is destined for destruction and dismay. The only way your house (the soul's health comprised by your life of obedience) stands the test of time is if it is built by hearing and doing the commands of Jesus. Those who love Him obey Him (Jn 14:23); and to those who love Him, there is a crown of life (2 Tim 4:8).



"One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to enquire in his temple." -Psalm 27:4

Ladies, please make plans to attend the annual Ladies Retreat at the Nolanville Campground on Saturday, April 20th, beginning at 9:30 am. Bring your favorite picnic dish! Sign-up sheets & more information are on the Ladies Bulletin Board.



# CHEROKEE HOME FOR CHILDREN DRIVE:

We are collecting the following canned soup items for the Cherokee Home for Children through April 28th: cream of mushroom, cream of chicken, cream of celery, cheddar cheese & tomato soups. These items may be placed in the foyer.

# 2-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 & Brittni 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 Adam 31-TEAM ZACK Amanda Diedre Paul Rubye

## ORDER OF SERVICE SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2024

• ANNOUNCEMENTS: REGGIE BASS

•1ST PRAYER: LEE FISHER
•SONG: SEAN MALDONADO

•SCRIPTURE READING: DIEGO CASTRO

• **SONG:** SEAN MALDONADO • **SERMON:** PHIL MCINTOSH

•INVITATION SONG: SEAN MALDONADO

• SONG BEFORE COMMUNION:

SEAN MALDONADO

• COMMUNION:

JONATHAN SMITH & LEX MCINTOSH

**SONG: SEAN MALDONADO** 

**•OFFERING:** 

JONATHAN SMITH & LEX MCINTOSH CLOSING SONG: SEAN MALDONADO

•CLOSING PRAYER: DERREL HEGINBOTHAM

•AUDIO/VISUAL:

PATRICK SELLERS & JUELZ MCKENZIE

•SECURITY: ROGER DEEM & BILLY GAITHER

• NURSERY: BRIANA & BRITTNI GRIFFITH

#### **SCRIPTURE READING**

# Sunday AM: "Don't Let Excuses Define You" (Luke 14:21-24)

"21 So that servant came, and shewed his lord these things. Then the master of the house being angry said to his servant, Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in hither the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind. 22 And the servant said, Lord, it is done as thou hast commanded, and yet there is room. 23 And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled." 24 For I say unto you, That none of those men which were bidden shall taste of my supper."

# Sunday PM: "Did Jesus Talk About Homosexuality?" (1 Timothy 1:8-11)

"8 But we know that the law is good, if a man use it lawfully; 9 Knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers, <sup>10</sup> For whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for menstealers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine; <sup>11</sup> According to the glorious gospel of the blessed God, which was committed to my trust."

#### NEWS FROM THE PEWS

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

- -Justina Young's husband, Terry, is deployed to Korea.
- -Michael Rogers has deployed to Poland.
- -Roman Polanco is training at Ft. Eustis, Virginia.
- -Tim Matter has returned to Bogota, Columbia.

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

- -Alexis Gaither was diagnosed with tremors and started a new medication. She followed up with an endocrinologist last Wednesday and will see a neurologist on May 9th.
- -Diedre Jones & Barbara Anderson are traveling.

**FAREWELL:** We wish to say farewell for now to Lesa Crockett, who will be moving soon. Her last Sunday with us will be March 31st.

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & **HOME BOUND:** Ralph Hughart; Yolanda Wright; Opal Jones; Scott Davis; 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; 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); Vicky 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, wife (Tammy) & 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, sisters (Rose & Patricia), brother, & brother-inlaw (Levorn); 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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#### **CSMARCH CALENDARCS**

27-Ladies Bible Class, 10:00 am, in the building 30-Men's Workday, 8:00 am, at the campground

#### CSAPRIL CALENDARCS

3, 10, 17, 24-Ladies Bible Class, 10:00 am, in the building

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#### Prom Alternative Saturday, April 6th, 5:00 pm

-The main goal is a safe, modest alternative to prom for our upperclassmen and dates to dress up, meet at the building, fine dine, fellowship, then return safely.

-Chaperones will attend.

-If you have any questions, please see Gaylen Williams or Phil McIntosh.

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