

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 Toiling On
By Phil McIntosh

Some years ago I delivered a sermon wherein I offered suggestions as to various forms of roles women can fill in the service of the Lord and His church. God instructed us that the public worship roles were to be filled with men (1 Tim 2:8, 11-12), as well as the leadership and ministerial offices of elders and deacons (1 Tim 3:1-12). Many have either misunderstood God's instructions or ignored them from a perspective and impetus of personal preference and desire. The exclusion from women serving in public and organizational leadership capacities does not result in their having little to no work to do in the church. The same writer who penned that letter to Timothy also wrote to the Ephesian Christians that the work of everybody was needed (*Eph 4:11-16*) and that the whole church had a responsibility to serve the Lord and each other (1 Cor 12:20-31). The church needs women and quite frequently they are the backbone and mainstays of a local church's activity. The Sunday I preached that sermon I also had planned for all of the hymns to be sourced from those written by the 19th century songwriter Fanny J. Crosby. Published information indicates that she was not a member of the Lord's church, but the point was to highlight what women have to offer. The church has been singing this woman's songs for scores and scores of years. Here's one of them that is germane to our article today:

> To the work! to the work! we are servants of God, Let us follow the path that our Master has trod; With the balm of His counsel our strength to renew, Let us do with our might what our hands find to do.

Refrain:

Toiling on, toiling on,
Toiling on, toiling on:
Let us hope, let us watch,
And labor till the Master comes.

I assume most reading this will recognize that song, but if you'd like to refresh your memory, it is song number 213 in our books. The song reflects our God-ordained responsibility to work in the His service as faithful slaves who are living for the Lord (2 Cor 5:14-15).

Sometimes though, we stop going to work. Sometimes, for varied, unknown, legitimate, concocted, delusional, or just plain sad reasons some people stop laboring in the vineyard. You might look around and notice that a pew where a brother or sister normally sits is empty. You might notice that pew has been empty for quite some time now (*Heb 10:25-26*). Perhaps there is a brother or sister who has replaced their Bible reading with some menial task in life or some new fascination of a hobby (*Lk 9:62*). It is possible that some of our Christian family have simply become enticed by the Adversary to replace the Lord's church and sound gospel teaching with a "feel good" message from smooth-talking false teachers and wealth-selling charlatans (*Gal 1:6-9; 2 Tim 4:2-4*). Sometimes Christians lose their love for Jesus and simply walk a different direction (*Jn 6:66*). Whatever the attraction or distraction, sometimes people simply leave the work or stop going to the work.

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For anybody who might be struggling with their faith, their faithfulness, or guilt because they've left the work- realize you can come back. The Bible tells us of an individual who was involved in taking the gospel to others across the Great Sea. This man was a companion of the strong apostles Paul and Barnabas. Though he had decided to drop other priorities in life and go to the work, the Bible tells us he changed his mind at some point.

"So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Seleucia, and from there they sailed to Cyprus. ⁵ And when they arrived in Salamis, they preached the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews. They also had John as their assistant... ¹⁸ Now when Paul and his party set sail from Paphos, they came to Perga in Pamphylia; and John, departing from them, returned to Jerusalem." -Acts 13:4-5, 13

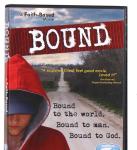
This John is also known as Mark, and his desertion on the missionary journey was a problem for Paul. In fact, so much was Paul disappointed by his actions that when he and Barnabas were discussing another trip the contention between them was so strong (because Barnabas wanted to take Mark) that they actually stopped traveling and preaching together (*Acts* 15:36-40).

Did Mark do permanent damage to himself, the work, and his influence? Apparently not, because Paul would write that Mark should be "welcomed" by the church (Col 4:10) and that Timothy should go get him and bring him to Paul with him because he was "useful" for ministry (2 Tim 4:11). While none of us should ever quit the work and walk a different direction, if we do, we can re-focus our eyes on the Father and the Son and get back to the work. We, your church family, want you to work and need you to work. We have a lot to do, and we need you to keep your hand on that plow. While guilt for slacking or falling might be a heavy burden, remember that we have an Advocate who will assist us (1 John 2:1) and a Father who forgives us freely (1 Jn 1:9).



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.



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.

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

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 31-TEAM ZACK Amanda Diedre Paul Rubye

ORDER OF SERVICE SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2024

•ANNOUNCEMENTS: LEE FISHER

•1ST PRAYER: KINGSFORD ASARE

•SONG: LEX MCINTOSH

•SCRIPTURE READING: JONATHAN SMITH

•SONG: LEX MCINTOSH

•SERMON: PHIL MCINTOSH

•INVITATION SONG: LEX MCINTOSH

•SONG BEFORE COMMUNION: LEX MCINTOSH

• COMMUNION:

GIANNI GRIFFITH & XAVIER ESTAVILLO

•SONG: LEX MCINTOSH

•OFFERING:

GIANNI GRIFFITH & XAVIER ESTAVILLO

CLOSING SONG: LEX MCINTOSH

•CLOSING PRAYER: DERREL HEGINBOTHAM

•AUDIO/VISUAL: PATRICK SELLERS

•SECURITY: ROGER DEEM

•NURSERY:

AMANDA PETTIES & NATALIE FISHER

SCRIPTURE READING

Sunday AM: "You Only Get One Ticket" (Job 14:1-2)

"14 Man that is born of a woman is of few days and full of trouble.

² He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down: he fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not."

Sunday PM: "The Power of God's Love" (Romans 5:7-8)

"For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die.

⁸ But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR MILITARY & CIVILIANS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

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

PLEASE KEEP THESE MEMBERS & LOVED ONES IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- -Former member, Joann Kelley suffered a stroke. As of now, we do not have any further details.
- -Ralph Hughart's spine surgery was postponed until March 15th.
- -Scott Davis has an appointment Thursday with a specialist for a follow-up on his foot wound.
- -Josephine Spear is recovering from a fracture in her hand.
- -Beverly Williams' sister, Patsy, is recovering well from back surgery. -Shirley Wooten's granddaughter, Shayla, was able to return to college
- after evacuating due to smoke from the wildfire in the panhandle. Her daughter, Amber, is recovering from a foot wound.
- -Linda Deem and Jonathan Smith are recovering from sprained ankles. -Gaylen & Nichole Williams & family traveled to New York.

SYMPATHY: We wish to extend our sympathy to Diedre Jones and family on the loss of her aunt, Theo, on February 20th. She thanks everyone for their prayers and kind words.

-Tim Matter requested prayers for the families of 4 Colombian Police Air crew members that passed away in a helicopter crash.

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, 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; 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, brother-in-law (Levorn), cousin, neighbor (Clinton) & friends (Richard, 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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CSMARCH CALENDARCS

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

6-Ladies Clean-up following Ladies Bible Class

9-Ladies Breakfast & Workday, 9:30 am

10-Youth Devotional following evening worship

17-Cherokee Drive begins

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 building