



# 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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Family Services  
Abilene, TX*

*Foster's Home  
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Children's Home  
San Benito, TX*

**SERVICE SCHEDULE**

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS - 9:30 AM

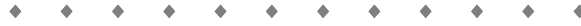
SUNDAY AM WORSHIP - 10:30 AM

SUNDAY PM WORSHIP - 5:00 PM

WEDNESDAY - 6:30 PM

## Can You Cut Down the Tree?

By Phil McIntosh



Fire is fascinating, both enchanting and dangerous. It provides us with warmth and a sense of calm in such a setting as a fireplace, but excruciating pain and possible death in a different one. There is something calming and comforting about sitting in a living room with a fire crackling in the fireplace. Many a family will take along a fire pit of some sort with them as they camp throughout the year because they just love sitting around the fire and talking or singing or just existing. To experience that though they need wood. You can buy wood, sure, but for the purpose of our effort today let's imagine getting fuel in an older fashioned method. Maybe when it's time for a fire you go to a local place and buy a portion of a cord or a full cord of wood that is already prepared for fireplace usage. Maybe you have an opportunity to get some large pieces of a tree that has recently been cut down. In that case, you'll need to make those pieces smaller. If you've got to cut the tree yourself then you definitely will need smaller pieces. How are you going to go about it? You could rent a log-splitter or buy a chainsaw, but sometimes the simplest thing is splitting them with good old-fashioned manpower (or womanpower) and an axe.

Using an axe is not like pushing a button on a screen or scrawling across a page with a pen, you've got to use force and you need to do so in such a way that you are properly utilizing your physical force. If you grip or swing the axe improperly you're not going to be very effective, and you might actually hurt yourself. Just as in many areas of life, there can be some tricks to the task. That said, even if you're doing all of those things right there is one roadblock against which you might find yourself- a dull axe. You don't want to cut a tomato with a dull knife, you don't want to write with a dull pencil, and you don't want to split logs with a dull axe. With a tomato you're going to likely ruin your fruit and with the pencil you're going to make your penmanship look much worse, even illegible. With an axe, the job can still get done, but it's going to take more work (i.e. sweat, frustration, and grunt). Did you know that even for something like this, there is a Bible verse? The wisest man in the world outside of Jesus was King Solomon and he wrote the following for us in the book of Ecclesiastes:

*"If the ax is dull, And one does not sharpen the edge, Then he must use more strength;" -Ecclesiastes 10:10a*

One might chalk that up to common sense; nevertheless, there is still some enlightenment to take from the text. Perhaps we can apply it to various facets of life where we aren't quite as sharp as we should be. If we fail to increase our aptitude, acumen, knowledge, or maintain the level of such we've attained thus far, we're going to have to exert more power and work in those areas. Sometimes if we're unsuccessful in an endeavor we might just think we need to use more power to get it done. Surely you've heard that if



**SHEEP KEEPER ASSIGNMENTS FOR APRIL**

♦ **Group # 1-NEW CONVERTS**

Team Leader: Paul Portley

♦ **Group #2-VISITORS**

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 February/March after morning worship on April 14th.**

**\*Note: if team members are unavailable, leave your information with your group leader.**

***ORDER OF SERVICE***

***SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2024***

♦ **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** ANDRÉ PETTAWAY

♦ **1ST PRAYER:** ADAM ZAK

♦ **SONG:** SEAN MALDONADO

♦ **SCRIPTURE READING:** BILLY GAITHER

♦ **SONG:** SEAN MALDONADO

♦ **SERMON:** PHIL MCINTOSH

♦ **INVITATION SONG:** SEAN MALDONADO

♦ **SONG BEFORE COMMUNION:**

SEAN MALDONADO

♦ **COMMUNION:**

IVAN MCINTOSH & JONATHAN SMITH

♦ **SONG:** SEAN MALDONADO

♦ **OFFERING:**

IVAN MCINTOSH & JONATHAN SMITH

♦ **CLOSING SONG:** SEAN MALDONADO

♦ **CLOSING PRAYER:** LEE FISHER

♦ **AUDIO/VISUAL:**

PATRICK SELLERS & JUELZ MCKENZIE

♦ **SECURITY:** KINGSFORD ASARE

♦ **NURSERY:** BRENDA SELLERS & GAYLE WILSON

**APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

10 - IVAN MCINTOSH (17)

18 - MICHELLE MCINTOSH

24 - GABI WILLIAMS (12)

26 - ANNIECE BANE

**April Nursery Schedule**

3/31-Nichole & Victoria

7-Amanda & Natalie

14-Victoria & Josephine

21-Brenda & Gayle

28-Briana & Brittni

*\*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.*

**April Cleaning Calendar**

•May be done any time before the next Sunday.

•Please consult with your team leader for further questions.

3/31-TEAM ZACK

Amanda

Diedre

Paul

Ruby

7-TEAM

KINGSFORD

Kim-Marie

Jaden

Barbara

Gaylen

Nichole

14-TEAM PHIL

Michelle

Beverly

Josephine

Lois

Marcella

21-TEAM LEE

Natalie

Ken

Adam

28-TEAM ROGER

Patrick

Brenda

Linda

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**Sunday AM: “Why Can’t I Love Who I Want?”**

**Genesis 2:22-24**

*“<sup>22</sup> And the rib, which the Lord God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.*

*<sup>23</sup> And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.*

*<sup>24</sup> Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.”*

**Sunday PM: “Don’t Let It Eat You Alive”**

**1 John 1:7-9**

*“<sup>7</sup> But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.*

*<sup>8</sup> If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.*

*<sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”*

## NEWS FROM THE PEWS

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

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

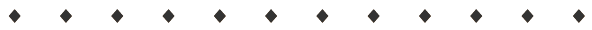
### PLEASE KEEP THESE MEMBERS & LOVED ONES IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- Barbara Anderson's grandson, Deryk, is recovering at home from surgery last week. He is expected to make a full recovery.
- James Garner has not been feeling well.
- We wish to extend our sympathy to family, friends, the Rose Hill church of Christ, and Zack & Amanda Petties, on the loss of their friend and member of the church, Glenda Stewart, in Lawton, OK.

### CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & HOME BOUND:

Gary & Shirl Foster; Hannah Fane's husband (Perlandis); Roger Deem; Scott Davis; Jim Dukes; Ralph & Barbara Hughart; Yolanda Wright; Opal Jones; Beverly Williams' sister (Patsy); Michael Rogers' father (Michael Sr.); Lois Brown; Yvonne Hardiman's husband (Ray); Lee Fisher's brother (Jessie); Justina Young's grandfather (Terry); Mary Lou Daines' son (Shawn); member in Georgia (Joyce Huff); Donna Hines, husband (Les), & stepmother (Darla), Vicky Polanco's nephew (Christopher); Eddy Gandy; Barbara Anderson, & 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's wife (Tammy), & family; Shirley Wooten; 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-in-law (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); Rufus Brown; Marcella Williams & brother-in-law (Johnnie Milford); & 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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### ☪ APRIL CALENDAR ☪

- 27-Men's Workday, 8:00 am, at the building
- 28-Cherokee Home for Children Pantry Drive ends

### ☪ MAY CALENDAR ☪

- 1, 8, 15, 22, 29-Ladies Bible Study, 10:00 am, in the building
- 12-Youth Devotional following evening worship, at Beverly Williams' home
- 23-Teen Gathering, 7:00 pm, at Gaylen & Nichole Williams' home
- 27-Memorial Day (Office Closed)