

# 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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Cherokee Home For Children Cherokee, TX

Christian Homes & Family Services
Abilene, TX

Foster's Home For Children Stephenville, TX

Sunny Glen 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

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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

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something doesn't fit you should just "get a bigger hammer". Instead of misusing a tool to accomplish a job in a way that might destroy your product, why not just more skillfully and wisely use the tool you have in hand? If you're having trouble cutting wood with a dull axe, why not just sharpen the axe before you wear yourself out hacking and hacking and hacking with an axe head that isn't getting anything done? If you noticed above, the verse reference was incomplete, look at the whole of it now:

> "If the ax is dull, And one does not sharpen the edge, Then he must use more strength; But wisdom brings success." -Ecclesiastes 10:10

Here Solomon finishes the thought, not only in the arena of material success, but metaphorical. Wisdom would say, "Stop trying to hard when it's clearly not working; sharpen the head." Wisdom would present the best possible outcome.

So could you cut down the tree? Could you split the log? Before you answer, consider that wisdom alone will not help you. Solomon had wisdom granted to him by the Almighty, but he still turned his heart away from God for a period of time (1 Kgs 11:4-10). Wisdom can be a sharpened axe in your life, but you have to be willing pick up and use the axe first. There are a lot of trees to be cut down in life; pick up the tool God has given you to be successful, then utilize it properly and frequently (Prov 2:6-9).

# **Ladies Drive for Families in Crisis**

# April 13 - June 3

The ladies are collecting items for the Families in Crisis Women's' Shelter until May 3rd. Please bring new socks & toiletries for women and children.

These items can be placed in the foyer. Thank you!









Where does the Bible teach the church is to assemble on Sunday and partake of the Lord's Supper every week?



By Todd Clippard

There are several passages indicating the early church assembled on the first day of the week.

Acts 20:7 not only teaches this, but also joins this gathering to the observance of the Lord's Supper:

"Now on the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul, ready to depart the next day, spoke to them and continued his message until midnight." NKJV

The phrase to break bread is generally understood to mean observe the Lord's Supper, especially in light of Acts 2:42 and 1 Corinthians 11:18-34.

In 1 Corinthians 11:18-34, the Lord's Supper was a part of the gathering together of the church. In 1 Corinthians 16:1-2, a collection for the saints was to be taken each first day of the week. These two passages indicate the church gathered to worship on the first day of the week.

This case is further strengthened by the fact that three of the four chapters in between (12-14) give instruction as to how church members are to conduct themselves in worship.

Clippard, T. (2024, April 19). House to House heart to heart. House to House Heart to Heart. https:// housetohouse.com/what-verse-says-we-are-to-assemble -every-first-day-of-the-week/



### CHEROKEE HOME FOR CHILDREN DRIVE:

We are collecting 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.

#### 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.



# 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.

28-TEAM ROGER

Patrick

Brenda

Linda

# **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

Rubye

7-TEAM **KINGSFORD** Kim-Marie Jaden

Barbara Gaylen Nichole

14-TEAM PHIL

Michelle Beverly Josephine Lois

21-TEAM LEE Natalie

Ken Adam

Marcella

# 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

# **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.

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-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); 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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#### CSAPRIL CALENDARCS

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

### **CSMAY CALENDARCS**

- 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)