



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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*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

God Wants You to Stand

By Phil McIntosh



Before a sporting event (whether high school, collegiate, or professional), the attendees are usually asked to rise and take off their hats while the national anthem is sung. Maybe it is performed by a group of kids from a local school, or a professional artist, or perhaps a local artist who has good connections; regardless, someone stands on the field with Old Glory waving in the distance as they belt out the lyrics to the Star-Spangled Banner. It is one time during the constant flow of oft disjointed life in America where a multitude of people are all on the same page. During the national anthem people share some sense of unity and common identity in the red, white, and blue of our flag. Sure, there are those who don't respect the flag and don't want to sing or even stand up for our anthem, but the majority of people express some form of community patriotism at those times.

There are times in the worship services directed to God when the congregation is also asked to rise. We might stand when the song leader chooses a song for which he thinks we should stand or perhaps for a song that has "stand" in the title. That's well and good, but "Standing on the Promises" and "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus" aren't about actually rising to our feet. In addition, most every congregation with whom I've worshipped or visited stands for the closing prayer. There is another time when we might stand- the Scripture reading. An old elder I knew made a comment one time that he would be thrilled to see the church, even just once, stand when the word of God was read. He got this idea from God. Read this section of text wherein Ezra read God's word:

"So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly of men and women and all who *could* hear with understanding on the first day of the seventh month. ³ Then he read from it in the open square that *was* in front of the Water Gate from morning until midday, before the men and women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people *were attentive* to the Book of the Law. ⁴So Ezra the scribe stood on a platform of wood which they had made for the purpose; and beside him, at his right hand, stood Mattithiah, Shema, Anaijah, Urijah, Hilkiah, and Maaseiah; and at his left hand Pedaiah, Mishael, Malchijah, Hashum, Hashbadana, Zechariah, *and* Meshullam. ⁵And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was *standing* above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up." -Nehemiah 8:2-5

Wouldn't that be an interesting thing to do some Sunday? We stand for the family at a funeral; we stand up for a bride at her wedding; we stand up for a judge in a courtroom; it is not so much at all to imagine standing up when the inspired words of the Almighty are read.

God's desire that you stand extends further. God wants you to stand in the face of trial, throughout the entirety of that trial, and beyond the conclusion of that trial. It is a fact in life that tribulation is going to come (*Acts 14:22*). Tribulation, trial, and struggle

are not enjoyable but provide one with an opportunity to grow, mature, and morph into a more seasoned child of God (*Rom 5:3-4*). When thinking of “standing” in the face of such opposition I am reminded of the apostle Paul’s words to the Lord’s church in Ephesus:

“Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹²For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.”
-Ephesians 6:10-13

In this message, the apostle instructed the church as to how they could accomplish the goal- by putting on the armor of God. This implies (and necessarily requires) a continued expenditure of energy, devotion, and purpose. One does not accidentally stand during a trial. One does not accidentally overcome and endure. One does not accidentally stand with and for God.

Sometimes standing becomes difficult. Maybe the pressure of stress and life compounds on our minds and hearts and the weight feels as if it is too much. Maybe we are challenged with a particular temptation that is a weakness for us. Standing isn’t something we necessarily do perfectly; but it is something we should do continually. Find motivation in this ancient text from God as we set our minds to purposefully stand and continue to do so:

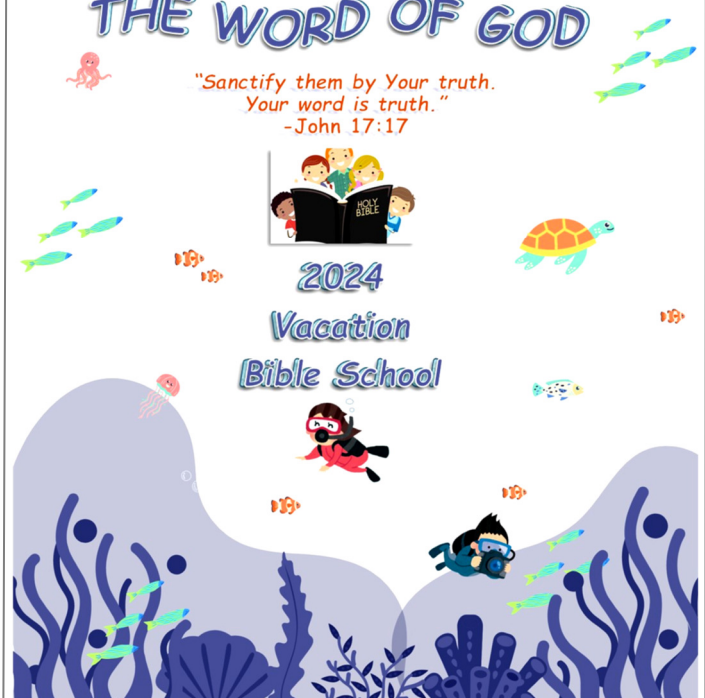
“For a righteous *man* may fall seven times and rise again, But the wicked shall fall by calamity.” -Proverbs 24:16

If at any point you stumble or fall, stand back up and keep pressing. God will help you and guide you and protect you as you resolve to stand in the end no matter what comes (*Rev 2:10*).

Join Us!
August 4th - 7th
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

DIVING INTO THE WORD OF GOD

"Sanctify them by Your truth.
Your word is truth."
-John 17:17



2024
Vacation
Bible School

Save the dates of August 4th - 7th for VBS!
If you would like to help, there are signup sheets in the foyer. If you would like to donate money for food, please see Amanda Petties or Natalie Fisher.

SHEEP KEEPER ASSIGNMENTS FOR JUNE

♦Group # 1-DELINQUENT MEMBERS

Team Leader: Paul Portley

♦Group #2-NEW CONVERTS

Team Leader: Roger Deem

♦Group #3-VISITORS

Team Leader: Gaylen Williams

♦Group #4-WIDOWS

Team Leader: Phil McIntosh

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

SCRIPTURE READING

Sunday AM: "Ancient Co-Witnesses to God's Word"

Isaiah 37:5-7

"⁵ So the servants of king Hezekiah came to Isaiah. ⁶ And Isaiah said unto them, Thus shall ye say unto your master, Thus saith the Lord, Be not afraid of the words that thou hast heard, wherewith the servants of the king of Assyria have blasphemed me. ⁷ Behold, I will send a blast upon him, and he shall hear a rumour, and return to his own land; and I will cause him to fall by the sword in his own land."

Sunday PM: "Faith Like Abraham"

Romans 4:16-18

"¹⁶ Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all, ¹⁷ (As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were. ¹⁸ Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be."

ORDER OF SERVICE

SUNDAY, JUNE 30, 2024

- ♦ **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** REGGIE BASS
- ♦ **1ST PRAYER:** KINGSFORD ASARE
- ♦ **SONG:** GAYLEN WILLIAMS
- ♦ **SCRIPTURE READING:** BILLY GAITHER
- ♦ **SONG:** GAYLEN WILLIAMS
- ♦ **SERMON:** PHIL MCINTOSH
- ♦ **INVITATION SONG:** GAYLEN WILLIAMS
- ♦ **SONG BEFORE COMMUNION:**
GAYLEN WILLIAMS
- ♦ **COMMUNION:**
PAUL PORTLEY & SEAN MALDONADO
- ♦ **SONG:** GAYLEN WILLIAMS
- ♦ **OFFERING:**
PAUL PORTLEY & SEAN MALDONADO
- ♦ **CLOSING SONG:** GAYLEN WILLIAMS
- ♦ **CLOSING PRAYER:** ZACK PETTIES
- ♦ **AUDIO/VISUAL:**
PATRICK SELLERS & JUELZ MCKENZIE
- ♦ **SECURITY:** ROGER DEEM, BRUCE BROWN, & CHRISTIAN RIVERA
- ♦ **NURSERY:** VICTORIA POLANCO & GAYLE WILSON



SUNNY GLEN CHILDREN'S HOME DRIVE



We are collecting the following items for Sunny Glen Children's Home through July 7th: Canned Soup, Breakfast Cereal, Sunny D, Apple, & Grape Juice, & cookies (Chocolate Chip, & Shortbread, etc.). There are take-home lists, and the items may be placed in the foyer.

June Nursery Schedule

- 2-Briana & Brittni
- 5-Nichole & Victoria
- 16-Amanda & Natalie
- 23- Brenda & Josephine
- 30-Victoria & Gayle

**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!*

June Cleaning Calendar

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

2-TEAM ROGER Patrick Brenda Linda Alexis	16-TEAM KINGSFORD Kim-Marie Jaden Barbara Gaylen Nichole	23-TEAM PHIL Michelle Beverly Josephine Lois Marcella
9-TEAM ZACK Amanda Diedre Paul Ruby		30-TEAM LEE Natalie Ken Adam

July BIRTHDAYS

- 6/30 - DONNA HINES
- 1 - LETTY BURGOS
- 4 - LINDA DEEM
- 21 - SEAN MALDONADO
- 23 - MARCELLA WILLIAMS
- 24 - LEE FISHER

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR MILITARY & CIVILIANS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

-Tim Matter is in Bogota, Columbia.

PLEASE KEEP THESE MEMBERS & LOVED ONES IN YOUR PRAYERS:

-Zack Petties is recovering from a knee injury.

-Josephine Spear requests prayers for her cousin, Prentall, who is recovering from surgery and for her niece, Eboni.

-Previous visitor, Amelia Lara, has cancer and other multiple health issues.

-We have many members who are traveling right now or will be traveling: The McIntoshes, Diego Castro, Xavier Estavillo, Yvonne Hardiman, Paul & Rubye Portley, Jonathan Smith, and Justina Young.

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & HOME

BOUND: Daniella Pinewood; Brenda Sellers' coworker (Rebecca Kennelly); Rubye Portley's sister (Sarah Brown); Lois Brown; Millie Simcox; Lex McIntosh; Scott Davis; Julie Odum's brother & mother; Jonathan Smith's brother; Carolyn Williams' daughter (Kedrin Johnson); Lee Fisher's brother (Jessie); Shirley Wooten & daughter (Amber); Gary & Shirl Foster; Hannah Fane's husband (Perlandis); Roger Deem; Jim Dukes; Ralph & Barbara Hughart; Yolanda Wright; Opal Jones; Beverly Williams' sister (Patsy); Justina Young's grandfather (Terry); Mary Lou Daines' son (Shawn), & niece (Deaniel); member in Georgia (Joyce Huff); Donna Hines' stepmother (Darla); Vicky Polanco's nephew (Christopher); Eddy Gandy; Barbara Anderson's grandson (Derrick), & brother (Elijah); Glenda Boudreaux, mother, & friend (Brenda Estrada); Michelle McIntosh's cousin (Nikki), aunt (Christy); Al Wilson & friend (Linda Ray); Gayle Wilson's friend (Sherry Canes); Amy Cole; Judy Wall's husband, (James); Monica McClean's sister & brother-in-law (Janeth & Neville Grey); Nada Miller; 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); 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, & nephew (Darius); Rufus Brown; Marcella Williams & brother-in-law (Johnnie Milford); & Jessie Turner.

SYMPATHY: We wish to extend our sympathy to former members, Tina Pallo and Shawn & Jennifer Forkey in the loss of Tina's husband, Skip, on June 26th.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP JIM DUKES TO & FROM SERVICES: If you can help with transportation, please sign up in the foyer.

SPECIAL FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON: Please join us for a special Fellowship Luncheon on Sunday, July 7th, following morning worship, in the fellowship hall. Please bring meats, casseroles, side dishes, & desserts (Kitchen Group #2 will have kitchen duty: Judy Wall, Creta Bales, Linda Deem, Cheryl Flores, Yvonne Hardiman, & Josephine Spear).

Our Guest Speaker 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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☞JULY CALENDAR☞

4-Office Closed for Independence Day

6-Men's Breakfast @ 8:30 am, in the fellowship hall

7-Fellowship Luncheon following morning worship

14-Youth Devotional following evening worship

14-Sunny Glen Drive ends

27-Men's Workday @ 8:30 am, at the building

☞AUGUST CALENDAR☞

3-Men's Breakfast @ 8:30 am, in the fellowship hall

4-7 Vacation Bible School, from 6:00-7:30 pm, at the building