



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

God Wants Me to Go Where?!

By Phil McIntosh



Do you pray for our United States? If you do, for what do you pray? The Holy Spirit, through the apostle Paul, instructed us to pray for our government and her leaders (*1 Tim 2:1-3*). The Spirit also, through Peter, encouraged us to honor those in positions of power and to be submissive (*1 Pet 2:13-17*). Sometimes that can be difficult because we might not agree with the direction the country seems headed and we might not like the policies that are promoted and passed into law. Perhaps we look around and wonder how so many people are so far away from God and His virtues. We want to pray for more godly policies to be introduced and enacted and for more politicians who care about the Bible and believe in God. We might pray for more hearts to be willing to accept the truth and obey the gospel. If you pray for that, do you realize that the pathway to more people obeying the truth might possibly stem from worse financial and social conditions than exist now? It can be that dark times breed a humility and openness to the word of God that is absent when things are good.

If we borrow that same idea, perhaps we might apply it to the areas in which we evangelize. While it should be the case that we take advantage of every opportunity which is presented in which to evangelize, it may very well be that better success is found among those who have more problems, less money, and greater insecurity in life. In fact it was the poor who were mentioned by James (in contrast to the rich) as those God has chosen to "be rich in faith" (*Jms 2:5*). As the Lord's church, we want people to come to us, through our doors, and hear the word of God and be moved by it; but sometimes the church has to leave our comfortable places and go to the uncomfortable.

God's word gives us an excellent example for this train of thought. The 1st century servant Philip was among seven men who were chosen to facilitate the physical work of the church when the Hellenistic Jews complained about mistreatment (*Acts 6:5-6*). This servant is mentioned again just two chapters later. When we read of him that next time, he has departed Jerusalem and traveled to Samaria to spread the word of God. The way the text portrays the work in Samaria was that Philip was wildly successful in his ministry. He has taken the word of God and with it turned people away from the charlatan Simon whom they thought had the power of God. In fact, Philip was so successful that he converted the charlatan too! The work of the church in Samaria was going great. Then came a day when Philip was told to leave it (*Acts 8:26*).

Philip went from the populated area where Bible study and conversions were numerous, to a desert road and a place far away. Look at the text:

"Now an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip, saying, 'Arise and go toward the south along the road which goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' This is desert. ²⁷ So he arose and went. And behold, a man of Ethiopia, a eunuch of great authority under Candace the queen of the Ethiopians, who had charge of all her treasury, and had come to Jerusalem to worship, ²⁸ was returning. And sitting in his chariot, he was reading Isaiah the prophet. ²⁹ Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go near and overtake this chariot.' " -*Acts 8:26-29*


Note that Luke completes the message from the Spirit to Philip and then includes a narrative note that “this is desert.” According to a map and ancient passageways, this was a specific road that existed between Jerusalem and Gaza that was a route back toward Egypt (so likewise, Ethiopia) from Jerusalem. The Greek word can indicate a waste place and also very sparsely populated area. So we might conclude that the Holy Spirit took Philip away from a populated area where many were being converted and sent him into a deserted area to teach just one man who was on his way out of the country to a far-away land. The text doesn’t indicate that Philip questioned it or balked; rather simply that he complied. I wonder if any of us in that situation would have had second thoughts about where we were being sent. Here on this “desert road” toward Gaza, a long way from Jerusalem and even further from the evangelical boomtown of Samaria, Philip taught this Ethiopian eunuch the gospel- and he obeyed quickly (*Acts 8:34-38*)!

We never know what ears and hearts might be softened by the word of God. Surely there are some people of whom we might think twice before we evangelize to them. For instance, Ananias balked when God told him to seek out the Pharisee named Saul (*Acts 9:13*). Ananias essentially told God, “You know who this is right? You know what he has done to your people and what he could do to me?” However apprehensive Ananias might have been, he went, and Saul was converted (*Acts 22:16*). That same Saul (known to us as the Apostle Paul) penned about half of our New Testament by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Let us always be ready to give an answer for our hope (*1 Pet 3:15*) and always be ready to share the gospel with anyone and everyone (*Eph 6:15*) because every single soul around us needs the gospel and the Lord’s blood. Our job as servants is to spread that message to any person, with any background, in any part of a town or country, who might be willing to humble themselves before God and find the salvation only He can offer and supply (*1 Tim 2:4*).


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



Join us 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.

**YOUTH
DEVOTIONAL**

Join us tonight for a Youth Devotional in the fellowship hall, following evening worship.

Please bring tortilla chips, drinks, & desserts.

SCRIPTURE READING

Sunday AM: "An Unlikely Model"

James 2:25-26

"²⁵ Likewise also was not Rahab the harlot justified by works, when she had received the messengers, and had sent them out another way? ²⁶ For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also."

Sunday PM: "What Kind of Person Does God Desire?"

Psalm 51:15-17

"¹⁵ O Lord, open thou my lips; and my mouth shall shew forth thy praise. ¹⁶ For thou desirest not sacrifice; else would I give it: thou delightest not in burnt offering. ¹⁷ The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise."

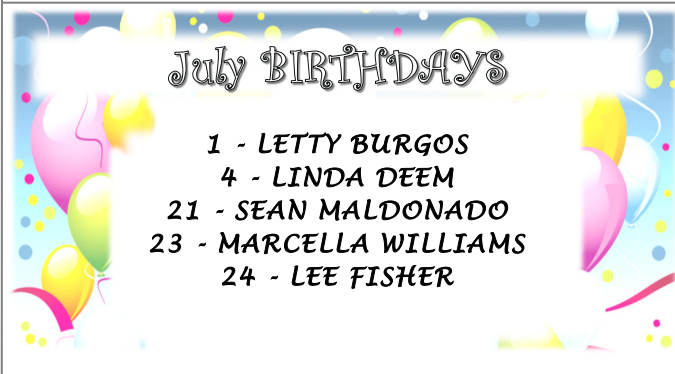
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP JIM DUKES TO & FROM SERVICES:

If you can help with transportation, please sign up in the foyer on the week you are able to.

July Nursery Schedule

7-Briana & Brittni
14-Nichole & Brenda
21-Amanda & Natalie
28-Victoria & Josephine
8/4-Tracy & 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!*



July BIRTHDAYS

1 - LETTY BURGOS
4 - LINDA DEEM
21 - SEAN MALDONADO
23 - MARCELLA WILLIAMS
24 - LEE FISHER

ORDER OF SERVICE
SUNDAY, JULY 14, 2024

- ♦ **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** PAUL PORTLEY
- ♦ **1ST PRAYER:** ROGER DEEM
- ♦ **SONG:**
IVAN MCINTOSH (AM) REGGIE BASS (PM)
- ♦ **SCRIPTURE READING:** BILLY GAITHER
- ♦ **SONG:**
IVAN MCINTOSH (AM) REGGIE BASS (PM)
- ♦ **SERMON:** PHIL MCINTOSH
- ♦ **INVITATION SONG:**
IVAN MCINTOSH (AM) REGGIE BASS (PM)
- ♦ **SONG BEFORE COMMUNION:**
IVAN MCINTOSH (AM) REGGIE BASS (PM)
- ♦ **COMMUNION:**
KINGSFORD ASARE & SEAN MALDONADO
- ♦ **SONG:**
IVAN MCINTOSH (AM) REGGIE BASS (PM)
- ♦ **OFFERING:**
KINGSFORD ASARE & SEAN MALDONADO
- ♦ **CLOSING SONG:**
IVAN MCINTOSH (AM) REGGIE BASS (PM)
- ♦ **CLOSING PRAYER:** ADAM ZAK
- ♦ **AUDIO/VISUAL:**
PATRICK SELLERS & JUELZ MCKENZIE
- ♦ **SECURITY:**
ROGER DEEM, BRUCE BROWN, & GARY FOSTER
- ♦ **NURSERY:**
VICTORIA POLANCO & BRENDA SELLERS

July Cleaning Calendar

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

7-TEAM ROGER Patrick Brenda Linda Alexis	21-TEAM KINGSFORD Kim-Marie Jaden Barbara Gaylen Nichole	28-TEAM PHIL Michelle Beverly Josephine Lois Marcella
14-TEAM ZACK Amanda Diedre Paul Rubye		

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:

-Ken Sellers is recovering from surgery to repair his fractured wrist.

-Julie Odum had a follow up health test and is waiting for results.

-Emmanuel Pinewood's baby, Daniella, is now up to 5 lbs., but continues to have a breathing problem.

-The Fisher and Petties families are traveling back this week from PTP in Branson, MO.

-Gaylen Williams' family has traveled to New Jersey and Gabi will leave on a trip to Japan. They will return on August 1st.

-Many of our teenagers are going to be traveling the rest of this month to church camps or other activities.

-Diego Castro is leaving today for West Point.

-Shirley Wooten will be moving to Houston soon. Her daughter, Amber is already there, but due to the hurricane, is without power.

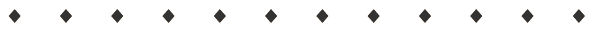
CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & HOME

BOUND: Kim-Marie Seay's sister (Vivian); previous visitor (Amelia Lara.); Brenda Sellers' coworker (Rebecca Kennelly); Rubye Portley's sister (Sarah Brown); Lois Brown; Millie Simcox; 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); Marcella Williams & brother-in-law (Johnnie Milford); & Jessie Turner.

SYMPATHY: We wish to extend our sympathy to former member, Mike Horton, on the passing of his mother, Evelyn Horton, who recently passed away.

RESPONSE: Please welcome sister Linda Williams, who recently placed membership here.

Our 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 ☞

14-Sunny Glen Drive ends

14-Youth Devotional following evening worship

20-Family Bowling, @ 12:00 pm, at Hallmark Lanes

21-VBS Teachers' Meeting following morning worship

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