

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

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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



It's that time of year again. MVPs are announced, GPAs compared, valedictorians selected, play-offs won, senior shows visited, final concerts played, awards given, and accomplishments celebrated. In the highly competitive nature of academics and athletics, there are winners and losers.

Successful "going somewhere" kids and those whose God-given talents might not have been given the opportunity to fully emerge yet. As adults, it is easy to get caught up in the comparisons and yearn for our kids to succeed according to our current cultural standards. After all, monitoring our children's progress is part of our job as parents. Even God tracked and saw fit to report on Jesus' growth as a youth. Note the measure of success that He used for Jesus as a young boy:

And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him. (<u>Luke 2:40</u>)

When Jesus turned 12, this was God's progress report:

And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man. (<u>Luke 2:52</u>)

Strength, wisdom, and favor. That is what God, creator of heaven, earth, and each of us, cares about. Are our children growing and becoming strong? Are they increasing in wisdom? Do people respect them? Are their lives pleasing to God?

In the sometimes overwhelming sea of expectations, this feels like such a welcomed relief and a reset to attainable expectations. Your kids may excel at sports, or not. Achieve high marks, or not. Be incredible musicians, or not. Win awards, or not so much. All of that is extraneous to what is fundamentally important. God simply desires each of His children to grow in wisdom and stature in favor with Him and others.

Easy enough on paper, but what does that look like in real life? The details will vary based on each child and their family, but here are some ideas to recenter expectations, especially when our children feel they are not "measuring up" to the world's standards, or we as parents lose sight of our ultimate goal.

Along the Way Application

When your child is frustrated about losing a game or not being recognized athletically:

Ask about the goal of athletics. Did you start playing sports just to win or because you loved the sport? Has your entire season been a waste simply because of the outcome? Do you know that Paul compared the training we do for sports to the training God expects of us? What skills/habits have you learned through sports that will help you reach your goal of heaven?

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For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come. (1 Timothy 4:8)

When your child is frustrated about academics:

Remind them that learning is a journey and each individual learns at different times and in different ways. While God does want us to work hard in all we do, the most important thing is that we are growing in wisdom. Recall a few times you saw your child exercise wisdom over the last year and praise that growth!

How much better to get wisdom than gold! To get understanding is to be chosen rather than silver. (Proverbs 16:16)

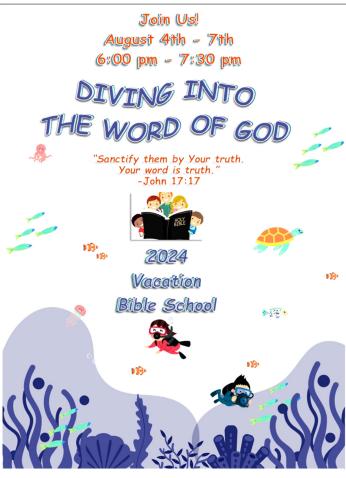
To aid your child(ren) in growing strong:

Kids (we all!) need healthy food, regular exercise, plenty of sunshine, a safe and supportive environment, and plenty of love. Try eating more meals together at home. Twenty years of research shows over and over again that family mealtime has tremendous benefits for kids, including improved mental health, physical health, academic performance, and more! Throw a freezer meal in the crockpot and spend a few minutes connecting with your child(ren) and spouse.

Better is a dinner of herbs where love is than a fattened ox and hatred with it. (Proverbs 15:17)

Our children learn more from our actions than our words. To help cement that their true purpose in life is bringing glory to God. Let them see you handle your disappointments by recentering on God's expectations. A missed promotion, the loss of a client, or even a rough day at home can be turned into a teaching opportunity that our value lies not in what we achieve but in whom we please.

Arbuckle, K. (2024, June 27). *Along the way: Measuring up.* Come Fill Your Cup. https://comefillyourcup.com/2024/06/26/measuring-up/



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.



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

Please bring finger foods & snacks!

SCRIPTURE READING

Sunday AM: "What Happens When I Skip Sunday Night" Hebrews 10:23-25

"23 Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;) ²⁴ And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:

²⁵ Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching."

Sunday PM: "Fixing Fuzzy Vision with the Bible " Isaiah 55:8-9

"8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord.

 9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts."

SUNNY GLEN CHILDREN'S HOME DRIVE

We are collecting the following items for Sunny Glen Children's Home through July 14th: 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 fover.



ORDER OF SERVICE SUNDAY, JULY 7, 2024

• ANNOUNCEMENTS: REGGIE BASS

•1ST PRAYER: LEE FISHER •SONG: GAYLEN WILLIAMS

•SCRIPTURE READING: IVAN MCINTOSH

•SONG: GAYLEN WILLIAMS **SERMON: PHIL MCINTOSH**

•INVITATION SONG: GAYLEN WILLIAMS

SONG BEFORE COMMUNION:

GAYLEN WILLIAMS

•COMMUNION:

ANDRÉ PETTAWAY & LEX MCINTOSH

•SONG: GAYLEN WILLIAMS

•OFFERING:

ANDRÉ PETTAWAY & LEX MCINTOSH

•CLOSING SONG: GAYLEN WILLIAMS

CLOSING PRAYER: GIANNI GRIFFITH

• AUDIO/VISUAL:

PATRICK SELLERS & JUELZ MCKENZIE

• SECURITY: ROGER DEEM, KINGSFORD ASARE,

& BILLY GAITHER

• NURSERY: BRIANA & BRITTNI GRIFFITH

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 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

Beverly Josephine Lois

Michelle

28-TEAM PHIL

14-TEAM ZACK

Nichole

Marcella

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:

-Donna Hines' great-niece, Alex, is pregnant and was hit by a car last Wednesday. Her baby is okay, but Alex suffered a compound fracture, laceration on her face, and a possible head injury.

-Emmanuel Pinewood's baby, Daniella, is now weighing 4.2lbs.

-Tim Matter is battling bronchitis.

-Johnnie Smith's brother, Timothy Hawkins, is in the hospital in Bulter, PA, diagnosed with Congestive Heart Failure.

-Shirley Wooten will be moving to Houston on the 25th.

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & HOME **BOUND:** 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) & brotherin-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, Jim Foster, and his family for the loss of his wife, Linda. The funeral service was here at the building last Wednesday.

NEW BABY: We wish to congratulate former members, Grayson & Katelyn Bowles on the birth of their baby boy, Bo, last Wednesday!

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

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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CSJULY CALENDARCS

7-Fellowship Luncheon following morning worship 14-VBS Teachers' Meeting following morning worship

14-Sunny Glen Drive ends

14-Youth Devotional following evening worship 27-Men's Workday @ 8:30 am, at the building

CSAUGUST CALENDARCS

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