



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

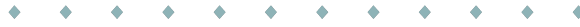
SUNDAY AM WORSHIP - 10:30 AM

SUNDAY PM WORSHIP - 5:00 PM

WEDNESDAY - 6:30 PM

Make Your Call and Election Sure

By Phil McIntosh



Everybody wants to feel special from time to time. You might be successful at hiding your disappointment when you're overlooked. You might be adept at suppressing your craving for attention amidst a large group of people (church, family, coworkers, etc.). However, somewhere, perhaps buried inside and ignored occasionally, there is a desire to be treated as if you were special.

God has made you special. Not only has He created you to be unique and blessed you with a special personality and various abilities, but He has made you special *to Him* in and through Jesus (**1 Cor 1:4; 2 Cor 5:18**). Before God created time, He had a plan for you to access joy, peace, and victory in Jesus:

"And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to *His* purpose. ²⁹For whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to be* conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. ³⁰Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified." -**Romans 8:28-30**

You have been given access to God's special family through the extension of His grace, the shedding of Jesus' blood, and your obedience (if you've believed, repented, confessed, and have been baptized into Christ) to the doctrine which has been delivered to man by the Holy Spirit (**Rom 6:17-18; Jude 3**). You are special because of God. You are special in God. You are special to God. You should be filled with confidence, energy, rejoicing, and indestructible peace in your daily life because you are special and treated as such by God Himself.

Your happiness and "inexpressible joy" (**1 Pet 1:8**) isn't guaranteed to last though. This startling possibility is not because God's power is inadequate or because His grace has simply run out (**Isa 59:1; Rom 5:20-21**). If at some point your joy and special status no longer exist it is because you have forfeited it. The Holy Spirit inspired the apostle Paul to write that no created thing can separate us from the love of God which has been made available and is experienced in Christ (**Rom 8:37-39**). Some have misunderstood and twisted the Scriptures in an attempt to teach that once someone has been saved they cannot lose that salvation. This doctrine has been aptly described as "once saved always saved." Those who adhere to the implications of this doctrine might not describe or designate it as such; nonetheless, that is the conclusion their teaching indicates. The dangerous issue with this doctrine is that this is not taught by the Bible.

False doctrine is rampant when only portions of God's holy word are read and applied. The Holy Spirit did (and still does) teach that nothing can separate us from God's love in Christ. However, the Spirit also taught that some had fallen from grace because they turned their backs on the pathway to justification that God ordained in Christ (**Gal 5:4**). God's word is replete with messages of warning and rebuke for those struggling in their Christian lives and flirting with withdrawal of self from the faith. Jesus (our Lord and Savior whose words will judge us) said that the one who turns around and leaves the plowing isn't fit for the kingdom (**Lk 9:62**). Likewise, the Hebrews penman references an OT text and wrote that if any draw back from the faith

they are no longer in God's pleasure (**Heb 10:38**). The NT is far too saturated with warnings of possible separation and spiritual condemnation for us to ignore them.

The conclusion from Scripture is that you have a personal responsibility to "make your call and election sure" if you want to see God.

"But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, ⁶ to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, ⁷ to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love. ⁸ For if these things are yours and abound, *you* will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins. ¹⁰ Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble; ¹¹ for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." -2 Peter 1:5-11

God calls the entire world to salvation through the word (**2 Thess 2:14**) because He wants everyone to be saved (**1 Tim 2:4**). Your calling is to obey the gospel and commit yourself to the work of God (**Eph 2:10**). You not only have a calling, but an election about which you should be concerned. The word for "election" in the text is the word *ekloge* in Greek which can mean "selection out of and to a given outcome." You are special by God and He wants you to remain in such a relationship with Him and His Son. That decision is up to you. It's up to you to worship. It's up to you to guard your heart from corruption. It's up to you to rid your mind and desire of carnal passions. It's up to you to read your Bible. It's up to you to train your mouth to speak words of grace and not filthiness. It's up to you to remain a part of the Lord's body and not defect to a religion that can never lead you to Heaven. It's up to you to make your call and election sure (**Phil 2:12**).

Join Us For Ladies Day 2024!

"THE MARKS OF A GROWING CHURCH"



-Luke 14:23



WITH OUR GUEST SPEAKER: ERYNN SPROUSE

Saturday, October 12, 2024

9:00 am - 1:30 pm

Registration begins at 8:00 am

- Enjoy a light breakfast during registration until 8:45.
- Lunch will be served following the lessons.
- Childcare will be provided for ages one to five during the lessons.
- Please call or email us for a headcount by Thursday, October 10th.

JOIN US FOR OUR 2024 GOSPEL MEETING

The Church Moving Forward

OCTOBER 20 - 23, 2024

With Guest Speaker: Tom Moore

Sunday Morning Bible Class: "Recognizing Need"

-AM Worship: "Challenges to Except"

Scripture Reading: Philippians 3:12-14

-PM Worship: "Enemies to Defeat"

Monday: "Dangers to Avoid"

Tuesday: "Opportunities to Take"

Wednesday: "Attitudes to Develop"

SCRIPTURE READING

Sunday AM: "Desperate Times"
Ephesians 2:11-13

"¹¹ Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands; ¹² That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world: ¹³ But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ."

Sunday PM: "Parables of Jesus"
Romans 12:2-3

"² And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. ³ For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith."

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ADULT BIBLE CLASS:

On Wednesday, September 11, the new Bible study on the book of Acts will begin.

September Nursery Schedule

- 1-Victoria & Josephine
- 8-Tracy & Gayle
- 15-Briana & Brittni
- 22-Nichole & Brenda
- 29-Amanda & Natalie

**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!*

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1-CAROLYN WILLIAMS
- 6-SCOTT DAVIS
- 9-REGGIE BASS
- 14-CLAY CULVER
- 14-KENNETH SELLERS
- 27-CRETA BALES
- 28-VICTORIA POLANCO

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY
 TO BILLY & ALEXIS GAITHER ON
 SEPTEMBER 17TH!**

ORDER OF SERVICE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

- **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** REGGIE BASS
- **1ST PRAYER:** ANDRÉ PETTAWAY
- **SONG:** IVAN MCINTOSH
- SCRIPTURE READING:** BILLY GAITHER
- **SONG:** IVAN MCINTOSH
- **SERMON:** PHIL MCINTOSH
- **INVITATION SONG:** IVAN MCINTOSH
- **SONG BEFORE COMMUNION:**
 IVAN MCINTOSH
- **COMMUNION:**
 ROGER DEEM & SEAN MALDONADO
- **SONG:** IVAN MCINTOSH
- **OFFERING:**
 ROGER DEEM & SEAN MALDONADO
- **CLOSING SONG:** IVAN MCINTOSH
- **CLOSING PRAYER:** TOM HOLUBEC
- **AUDIO/VISUAL:** PATRICK SELLERS/JUELZ MCKENZIE
- **SECURITY:** BRUCE BROWN & ROGER DEEM
- **NURSERY:**
 VICTORIA POLANCO & JOSEPHINE SPEAR

September Cleaning Calendar

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

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| 1-TEAM PHIL
Michelle
Beverly
Josephine | 15-TEAM ROGER
Patrick
Brenda
Linda
Alexis | 29-TEAM KINGSFORD
Kim-Marie
Jaden
Gaylen
Nichole |
| 8-TEAM LEE
Natalie
Ken
Adam
Nicole | 22-TEAM ZACK
Amanda
Diedre
Paul
Rubye | |

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR MILITARY & CIVILIANS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- Tim Matter is in Bogota, Columbia.
- Diego Castro is at West Point.

PLEASE KEEP THESE MEMBERS & LOVED ONES IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- Roger Deem is recovering from hand surgery last Thursday.
- Natalie Fisher had an MRI last Thursday and is waiting on the results.
- Beverly Williams's sister, Patsy, is scheduled for knee surgery on September 11th.
- Nicole Tooley is dealing with back and foot problems.
- Hannah Fane's father's biopsy results returned positive for prostate cancer. He will need treatment but it was caught early.

SYMPATHY: We wish to extend our sympathy to the to the Christmas family, a Christian family who lost their husband and father, Brian Christmas.

-Lee Fisher's coworker's husband passed away. Please remember the Bivins family.

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & HOME BOUND:

Millie Simcox; Donna Hines; Barbara Hughart; Alexis Gaither's uncle; Daniella Pinewood; Lois Brown; Ken Sellers; Kim-Marie Seay's sister (Vivian); previous visitors (Shawn Lester), & (Amelia Lara,); Brenda Sellers' coworker (Rebecca Kennelly); Rubye Portley & sister (Sarah Brown); Scott Davis; Julie Odum's brother & mother; Jonathan Smith's brother & uncle; Carolyn Williams' daughter (Kedrin Johnson); Lee Fisher's brother (Jessie); Shirley Wooten & daughter (Amber); Gary & Shirly Foster; Hannah Fane's husband (Perlandis); Jim Dukes; Ralph Hughart; Yolanda Wright; Opal Jones; Beverly Williams' sister (Patsy); 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 & Gayle Wilson's friends (Bill Blaine), (Linda Ray), & (Sherry Canes); 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.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON: Join us for our monthly Fellowship Luncheon today following morning worship in the fellowship hall.

OFFICE CLOSED: The office is closed tomorrow for Labor Day.

Our Speaker is Phil McIntosh

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*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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☞ SEPTEMBER CALENDAR ☞

- 1-Fellowship Luncheon following morning worship in the fellowship hall (Kitchen Group #3 will have kitchen duties)
- 2-Office Closed for Labor Day
- 4, 11, 18, 25-Ladies Bible Class @ 10:00 am, in the fellowship hall
- 7-Men's Breakfast @ 8:30 am, in the fellowship hall
- 8-Youth Devotional following evening worship
- 11-New Wednesday Bible Class begins
- 14-Ladies Breakfast & Workday @ 9:30 am, in the fellowship hall
- 15-Foster's Home for Children Drive begins
- 19-Teen Gathering @ 7:00 pm, @ the Williams home