



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

And Away They Go

By Phil McIntosh



This month is going to be challenging for some of our members. August is the month when young men and young women all over our country depart the familiar (and possibly even seemingly confining) environments of home and march into the world on their own. They have lived under the rules of others for their entire lives and are about to be free to make their own decision, each and every one for which they will be singularly responsible. The pressure of making their own decisions, and the implications of being solely responsible for their livelihood, is likely not at the forefront of their mind right now. They are likely filled with anticipation, excitement, anxious energy, hopefulness, joy, wonder, imagination, and a revving urge to step out and be an adult. While there are a lot of exciting changes and wonderful experiences on the way for all of them, it would do them well to remember that their soul is their most valuable possession and being a faithful Christian is their most worthwhile endeavor in life (*Mk 8:34-38*).

This month is going to be challenging for more than just those young students or young professionals. The home they're leaving is about to change in unknown, unrealized, and unalterable ways. The families who heard that first cry so many years ago are going to be forced to do something they might not be ready to do: let go. Someone that has meant so much to you for so many years, a part of your identity, is leaving. Suddenly, your mind starts to flood with memories. My wife and I were not sure we would even get to see our oldest son. Not long into her pregnancy she had a medical emergency, and we had a rushed trip to the ER one night with our hearts not sure what news would await us. While in the hospital room, there it was- the little heart was still beating. About five or six months later, we were back in a hospital. This time it was because my wife's body couldn't handle being pregnant anymore and it would put her life in danger for her to be pregnant any longer. So, there we were, married for a little over a year, both in our early 20's, and about to meet our first baby a good bit earlier than we wanted to. I remember crying with her when I heard him cry for the first time; but those tears of joy were soon replaced by fear and sheer helplessness. His little lungs weren't fully developed, and he couldn't take a complete breath. The hospital where he was born wasn't capable of caring for his needs, so he had to be transported by ambulance about 60 miles north. There, he found some help in the facility that would care for him in their NICU for the next almost two weeks while we stayed in the Ronald McDonald House (a great place to support if you ever have the chance). He had a strained and stressful entry into this world and, Lord willing, it is still only the beginning.

The evolution from child to adult is likely one most parents never truly understand is happening until does. We realize that the little things in life, which we overlooked in the hustled flow of life all those years, suddenly seem like the things we'll miss the most. Perhaps parents question the mistakes they've made through the years. More than anything though, there is a realization that this is the natural way of the world. We're not born to stay babies; we're born to mature and mean something to this world. Such is the information given to us by the Preacher:

"To everything *there is* a season, A time for every purpose under heaven: ²A time to be born, And a time to die; A time to plant And a time to pluck *what is* planted; ³A time to kill, And a time to heal; A time to break down, And a time to build up; ⁴A time to weep, And a time to laugh; A time to mourn, And a time to dance; ⁵A time to cast away stones, And a time to gather stones; A time to embrace, And a time to refrain from embracing; ⁶A time to gain, And a time to lose; A time to keep, And a time to throw away; ⁷A time to

tear, And a time to sew; A time to keep silence, And a time to speak; ⁸A time to love, And a time to hate; A time of war, And a time of peace."

-Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

These times, these ups and downs, these trials, are now going to be our graduates' freedom and responsibility to maneuver, overcome, enjoy, and experience. We hope and pray that they will meet every challenge with grace, wisdom, patience, and guidance from God's word (**Psa 119:105**).

While we cannot experience their next phase of life with them, we hope to have impacted them in such a way as to have armed them with the necessary and beneficial tools by which they can be well-equipped to excel. The very best way we could have done this, and can continue to do this, is to point them to God. The Preacher who said there are various times in life for all the events we might experience also told us about the most important things in life:

"Remember now your Creator in the days of your youth, Before the difficult days come, And the years draw near when you say, 'I have no pleasure in them':...And further, my son, be admonished by these. Of making many books *there is* no end, and much study *is* wearisome to the flesh. ¹³Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, For this is man's all. ¹⁴For God will bring every work into judgment, Including every secret thing, Whether good or evil."

-Ecclesiastes 12:1, 12-14

As our graduates leave us this month our homes are changing, and so is our congregation. We're losing song leaders, Scriptures readers, prayers, students, helpers, workers, encouragers, and models of genuine Christian faith. Let us thank God for the part He has allowed us to play in their lives and the parts He allowed them to play in ours (**Eph 5:20**). Pray for them and encourage them as they go on to be only what God knows they can become (**Eph 3:20**).

To our graduates: Be an adult the Holy Spirit has called and instructed you to be and the kind of adult that your Heavenly Father is proud of. Be faithful in church attendance, Bible study, prayer, and daily service of benevolence, example, and sound speech. Be studious and serious about your education. Experience love in a way that fits cleanly into God's word. And, finally, in everything, give thanks to God (**Phil 4:6-7**).

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!
Classes for all ages!

**If you would like to donate money for food,
please see Amanda Petties or Natalie Fisher.**

August BIRTHDAYS

5-JANET BASS
6-CARLA GAITHER
8-KINGSFORD ASARE
8-CHASE CULVER
10-JIM DUKES
15-RUBY PORTLEY
15 - MELANIE MCCONAGHY
18-LEX MCINTOSH
20-MICHELLE PETTIES
21 - DIEGO CASTRO
25-KEYSHAWN DAY
30-JULIE ODUM

**HAPPY 20TH ANNIVERSARY
TO PHIL & MICHELLE MCINTOSH
ON AUGUST 7TH!**

**HAPPY 38TH ANNIVERSARY
TO BRUCE & JOYCE BROWN
ON AUGUST 16TH!**

SCRIPTURE READING**Sunday AM: "Diving Into God's Word"****John 21:5-7**

⁵ *Then Jesus saith unto them, Children, have ye any meat? They answered him, No.*

⁶ *And he said unto them, Cast the net on the right side of the ship, and ye shall find. They cast therefore, and now they were not able to draw it for the multitude of fishes.*

⁷ *Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved saith unto Peter, It is the Lord. Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he girt his fisher's coat unto him, (for he was naked,) and did cast himself into the sea."*

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.

August Nursery Schedule

4-Tracy & Gayle
11-Briana & Brittini
18-Nichole & Brenda
25-Amanda & Natalie
9/1-Victoria & Josephine

**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!*

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ORDER OF SERVICE
SUNDAY, AUGUST 4, 2024**•ANNOUNCEMENTS:** ANDRÉ PETTAWAY**•1ST PRAYER:** TOM HOLUBEC**•SONG:** LEX MCINTOSH**SCRIPTURE READING:** KEN SELLERS JR.**•SONG:** LEX MCINTOSH**•SERMON:** PHIL MCINTOSH**•INVITATION SONG:** LEX MCINTOSH**•SONG BEFORE COMMUNION:**

LEX MCINTOSH

•COMMUNION:

JONATHAN SMITH & XAVIER ESTAVILLO

•SONG: LEX MCINTOSH**•OFFERING:**

JONATHAN SMITH & XAVIER ESTAVILLO

•CLOSING SONG: LEX MCINTOSH**•CLOSING PRAYER:** REGGIE BASS**•AUDIO/VISUAL:**

PATRICK SELLERS & JUELZ MCKENZIE

•SECURITY:

BRUCE BROWN & ROGER DEEM

•NURSERY: TRACEY & GAYLE WILSON**August Cleaning Calendar**

•May be done any time before the next Sunday.

•Please consult with your team leader for further questions.

4-TEAM LEE

Natalie
Ken
Adam

18-TEAM ZACK

Amanda
Diedre
Paul
Rubye

9/1-TEAM PHIL

Michelle
Beverly
Josephine
Lois
Marcella

11-TEAM ROGER

Patrick
Brenda
Linda
Alexis

25-TEAM

KINGSFORD
Kim-Marie
Jaden
Barbara
Gaylen
Nichole

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:

- Lois Brown has been transferred to Indian Oaks for rehab. She is in room 106.
- Daniella Pinewood is now 6lbs 12 oz but remains on the bubble c-pap in an incubator until her lungs develop properly.

SYMPATHY: We wish to extend our sympathy and prayers to Tonja Arch and her son on the recent loss of her grandson.

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & HOME

BOUND: Ken Sellers; Kim-Marie Seay's sister (Vivian); previous visitor (Amelia Lara,); Brenda Sellers' coworker (Rebecca Kennelly); Rubye Portley & sister (Sarah 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 & Gayle Wilson's friends (Bill Blaine), (Linda Ray), & (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.



RESPONSE: We rejoice for Donna Weaver's grandson, KeyShawn Day, who was baptized last Sunday in Wisconsin.

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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⌘AUGUST CALENDAR⌘

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

11-Youth Devotional following evening worship in the fellowship hall

15-Youth Gathering at the home of Gaylen & Nichole Williams' @ 7:00 pm

18-School Supply Drive Ends

28-Ladies Bible Class, @ 10:00 am, in the fellowship hall (Ladies Bible Class begins on page 18, Month Seven. Please study #'s 1-7)

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

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE: We are collecting school supplies through August 18th. These items can be placed in the foyer.