



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

Ask God First

By Phil McIntosh



I wonder how many of us have ever played *Mother May I*. What about *Simon Says*? These are both essentially playground games that were popular in the 1900s, though it is likely they have fallen out of style or even out of popular knowledge this millennium. In both games one must gain authority before they can act; if they don't, they're negatively impacted and might lose the game.

Life is not a game.

However, some of the same principles of those games might apply in life. One must act within the proper authority or suffer the repercussions. As a child one needs parental authority to engage in even the tiniest activities. Throughout the maturation process of a child they are taught (or should be taught) that their parents' authority is supreme in the house and that ultimately, decisions are relegated to the parental units in the house (**Eph 6:1-2**). You might have cases where dad is asked a question and his answer is, "Go ask your mother," but even there the question-preceding-the-action principle is still at work.

Secondarily, where you can lose a game, you can most definitely lose life. If improper or unapproved activities are practiced, they can lead to consequences. Some consequences carry perhaps only a small amount of pain or complication, but some are life-altering or potentially life ending. Both of these situations are heightened when the focus shifts toward the spiritual realm. If one acts without proper authority and violates principles of obedience spiritually the consequences are dire.

Doing what you want comes at a great cost. There is a phrase which some jokingly use to govern their activities in life where they highlight what they want which others might put at risk. That phrase is, "It's better to ask for forgiveness than permission." This phrase is a tongue-in-cheek way of saying that the individual would rather go ahead and do something that might be wrong (or just disliked) and ask for forgiveness later than they would ask for permission and possibly be told no. The phrase really means that the individual wants to do what they want regardless. Such might be the way one looks at some relationships, but that is never how one should act or think with God.

God has the ultimate authority. Whether we agree or not, God is in charge. Whether we submit or not, God is in charge. Regardless of what conclusions we might have drawn and assumptions we may create, we should still defer to God. Mankind sometimes is too smart for his own good. Earthly wisdom and pride can cloud a great many minds, even spiritual ones; even godly people can sometimes jump at a task without first taking their situation to God.

God's people haven't always made good decisions. There is a text in the OT that highlights the dangers which lurk nearby when people don't approach God before they

act. The background for this event was an aging judge and a budding one. Eli was old and he had not been a very good example of a godly father (*1 Sam 2:29-31*). Samuel had been offered to God by his mother, Hannah, and was recipient of the words of God (*1 Sam 3:21*). It was during this time that Israel was threatened with the advances of their frequent enemy- the Philistines. When the Philistines attacked, a good number of Israelites fell. After the defeat the Israelites thought maybe they should take “God” into battle with them. The problem was, they didn’t ask God if they could take what they took. Look what happened:

“And when the people had come into the camp, the elders of Israel said, “Why has the Lord defeated us today before the Philistines? Let us bring the ark of the covenant of the Lord from Shiloh to us, that when it comes among us it may save us from the hand of our enemies.”⁴ So the people sent to Shiloh, that they might bring from there the ark of the covenant of the Lord of hosts, who dwells *between* the cherubim... So the Philistines fought, and Israel was defeated, and every man fled to his tent. There was a very great slaughter, and there fell of Israel thirty thousand foot soldiers. ¹¹Also the ark of God was captured; and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, died.” -*1 Samuel 4:3-4; 10-11*

They didn’t approach God. They didn’t ask God. They merely appropriated God’s ark (and approval) and assumed they knew what they should do.

The repercussions of acting without God’s consultation and approval are disastrous. We must war against jumping to an activity without consulting God first- through His word (*2 Tim 3:17*) and prayer (*Phil 4:6-7*).

Join Us For Ladies Day 2024!

“THE MARKS OF A GROWING CHURCH”



-Luke 14:23



WITH OUR GUEST SPEAKER: ERYNN SPROUSE

Saturday, October 12th, 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
-Philippians 3:12-14

OCTOBER 20TH - 23RD, 2024

WITH GUEST SPEAKER: TOM MOORE

Sunday @ 9:30 AM: “Recognizing Need”

@ 10:30 AM: “Challenges to Accept”

@ 5:00 PM: “Enemies to Defeat”

Monday @ 7:00 PM: “Dangers to Avoid”

Tuesday @ 7:00 PM: “Opportunities to Take”

Wednesday @ 7:00 PM: “Attitudes to Develop”

SCRIPTURE READING

Sunday AM: "The State of the Church"
Hebrews 6:10-12

"10 For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister. 11 And we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end: 12 That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises."

Sunday PM: "To Err is Human, To Forgive Divine"
Jeremiah 31:33-34

"33 But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the Lord, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people. 34 And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the Lord: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

SHEEP KEEPER ASSIGNMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER

- ♦ **Group # 1-VISITORS**
Team Leader: Paul Portley
 - ♦ **Group #2-NEW CONVERTS**
Team Leader: Roger Deem/Kingsford Asare
 - ♦ **Group #3-WIDOWS/SICK & SHUT-IN**
Team Leader: Gaylen Williams
 - ♦ **Group #4-DELINQUENT MEMBERS**
Team Leader: Phil McIntosh
- *All groups will meet for visits in September & October after morning worship on October 27th.
 *Note: if team members are unavailable, leave your information with your group leader.

October Nursery Schedule

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| 6-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! |
| 13-Tracy & Gayle | |
| 20-Briana & Brittini | |
| 27-Nichole & Brenda | |
| 11/3-Amanda & Natalie | |

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1-CHERYL FLORES
- 3-HANNAH FANE
- 12-HEATHER HEILMAN
- 20-KIM-MARIE SEAY
- 23-KENNITH RICHARDS
- 24-ASHER WILLIAMS (5)
- 26-MILLIE SIMCOX
- 30-DIANE HOLUBEC

ORDER OF SERVICE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

- ♦ **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** PAUL PORTLEY
- ♦ **1ST PRAYER:** ZACK PETTIES
- ♦ **SONG:** GAYLEN WILLIAMS
- SCRIPTURE READING:** BILLY GAITHER
- ♦ **SONG:** GAYLEN WILLIAMS
- ♦ **SERMON:** PHIL MCINTOSH
- ♦ **INVITATION SONG:** GAYLEN WILLIAMS
- ♦ **SONG BEFORE COMMUNION:**
GAYLEN WILLIAMS
- ♦ **COMMUNION:**
ROGER DEEM & ANDRÉ PETTAWAY
- ♦ **SONG:** GAYLEN WILLIAMS
- ♦ **OFFERING:**
ROGER DEEM & ANDRÉ PETTAWAY
- ♦ **CLOSING SONG:** GAYLEN WILLIAMS
- ♦ **CLOSING PRAYER:** KINGSFORD ASARE
- ♦ **AUDIO/VISUAL:** PATRICK SELLERS/JUELZ MCKENZIE
- ♦ **SECURITY:** BRUCE BROWN & GARY FOSTER
- ♦ **NURSERY:**
AMANDA PETTIES & NATALIE FISHER

October Cleaning Calendar

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

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| 6-TEAM PHIL
Michelle
Beverly
Josephine | 20-TEAM ROGER
Patrick
Brenda
Linda
Alexis | 11/3-TEAM KINGSFORD
Kim-Marie
Jaden
Gaylen
Nichole |
| 13-TEAM LEE
Natalie
Ken
Adam
Nicole | 27-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.
-Zack Petties' son-in-law, Glenn Jr., is in Kuwait for a year.

PLEASE KEEP THESE MEMBERS & LOVED ONES IN YOUR PRAYERS:

-Julie Odum's mother was having seizures that caused her heart to stop. She is recovering from surgery to have a pacemaker placed and will follow up with her cardiologist.
-Beverly Williams is out of town today.

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & HOME BOUND: Creta Bales' sister; Lois Brown; Millie Simcox; Martha Bell; Nicole Tooley's mother; Gaylon Williams's friend; Patsy Fisher; Eddy Gandy; Barbara Hughart; Alexis Gaither's uncle; Kim-Marie Seay's sister; Brenda Sellers' coworker; Rubye Portley's sister; Scott Davis; Julie Odum's brother & mother; Carolyn Williams' daughter; Hannah Fane's father & husband; Mary Lou Daines' son, niece, & friend in Georgia; Donna Hines' stepmother; Vicky Polanco's nephew; Barbara Anderson's grandson & brother; Glenda Boudreaux's mother & friend; Michelle McIntosh's aunt & cousin; Linda Ray; Judy Wall's husband; Monica McClean's sister & brother-in-law; Nada Miller; the Arch family; Tim Matter's family; Josephine Spear's family; Cheryl Flores' aunt & brother-in-law; Jon-Jon Simmons; Tracy Wilson's mother; Linda Deem's nephew; Zack & Amanda Petties' family; & Jessie Turner.

FOSTER'S HOME FOR CHILDREN PANTRY DRIVE: We are collecting the following items through October 27th: paper towels, body wash (female scents), antiperspirant deodorant, hair conditioner, canned chicken, canned pineapple, and canned mandarin oranges. Please place the items in the foyer-thanks! Please place the items in the foyer.

HOW TO STUDY THE BIBLE SURVEY: Please fill out a survey in the foyer about the previous Wednesday Night Adult Class and place it in the designated box in the foyer. Phil McIntosh and Kevin Rhodes need your feedback.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON: Join us for our monthly fellowship luncheon on October 6th, following morning worship. Please bring meats, casseroles, side dishes, & desserts. (Kitchen Group #4 will have kitchen duties: Michelle McIntosh, Alexis Gaither, and the Teen Class).

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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☞OCTOBER CALENDAR☜

- 2-Wednesday Night Singing
- 2, 9, 16, 23, 30-Ladies Bible Class @ 10:00 am, in the fellowship hall
- 5-Men's Breakfast @ 8:30 am, in the fellowship hall
- 6-Fellowship Luncheon following morning worship
- 12-Ladies Day @ 9:00 am
- 20-23 Gospel Meeting
- 26-Men's Workday @ 8:30 am, at the building
- 27-Sheep Keepers meeting after morning worship
- 27-Foster's Home for Children Drive ends



Our annual change can drive is underway. The change cans are located in the foyer and the date to have the cans returned to the office is December 1st.