



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

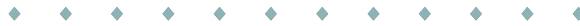
SUNDAY AM WORSHIP - 10:30 AM

SUNDAY PM WORSHIP - 5:00 PM

WEDNESDAY - 6:30 PM

Where is God?

By Phil McIntosh



Where do you look when you pray? Oftentimes the answer is likely down. You likely bow your head and close your eyes out of habit, tradition, and respect- which is perfectly respectable and appropriate. The tradition which many of us were taught in America is very likely a seated or erect position, with eyes closed, head down, and maybe even hands clasped. But it wasn't always that way. Paul wrote that the men should pray publicly and with lifted hands (*1 Tim 2:8*). The apostle John wrote that when Jesus prayed His famous prayer to the Father that He had His eyes lifted toward the sky (*Jn 17:1*). Look at the contents of this psalm (perhaps a prayer):

"Unto You I lift up my eyes,
O You who dwell in the heavens.

²Behold, as the eyes of servants *look* to the hand of their masters,
As the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, So our eyes *look* to the Lord our God,
Until He has mercy on us.

³Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us!
For we are exceedingly filled with contempt.

'Our soul is exceedingly filled
With the scorn of those who are at ease,
With the contempt of the proud."

-Psalm 123

This was clearly directed to God Almighty. Why does the psalmist say he is looking up? Because we know the heavens to be God's abode, at least in some sense. The reality is we don't have the information, nor are we qualified to accurately make a determination with conviction and evidence as to exactly where God is. We know that God is in Heaven (*Isa 66:1*). The Heaven wherein we find God's throne is different from how the word is used in the psalm above. We simply do not have perfect knowledge as to the location of God's Heaven. However, we know God isn't in human form here on Earth any longer (*Jn 4:24*) so we look up. God's handiwork is displayed upwards (*Ps 19:1*). However, since Earth is a globe, aren't the heavens also down? The biblically safe answer as to God's location is that it is beyond our comprehension but known to God; His presence, however, is available to everyone, everywhere (*Acts 17:27*).

Almighty God has the power to be everywhere at any given time. When we use words to describe the wonderful and matchless existence of God, we use words such as *omnipotent* (all powerful), *omniscient* (all knowing), and *omnipresent* (everywhere and anywhere). The ancient king, David, understood something deep about God's existence and he expressed it to us in a psalm:

"O Lord, You have searched me and known *me*.

2 You know my sitting down and my rising up;
You understand my thought afar off.

3 You comprehend my path and my lying down,
And are acquainted with all my ways.

4 For *there is* not a word on my tongue,
But behold, O Lord, You know it altogether.

5 You have hedged me behind and before, And laid Your hand upon me.

6 *Such* knowledge *is* too wonderful for me;
It is high, I cannot *attain* it.

7 Where can I go from Your Spirit?
Or where can I flee from Your presence?

8 If I ascend into heaven, You *are* there;
If I make my bed in hell, behold, You *are*
there.

9 *If* I take the wings of the morning,
And dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
10 Even there Your hand shall lead me,
And Your right hand shall hold me.

11 If I say, "Surely the darkness shall fall
on me,"

Even the night shall be light about me;
12 Indeed, the darkness shall not hide
from You,

But the night shines as the day;
The darkness and the light *are* both alike *to*
You.

13 For You formed my inward parts;
You covered me in my mother's womb.
14 I will praise You, for I am fearfully *and*
wonderfully made;

Marvelous are Your works,
And *that* my soul knows very well.
15 My frame was not hidden from You,
When I was made in secret,
And skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of
the earth.

16 Your eyes saw my substance, being yet
unformed.

And in Your book they all were written,
The days fashioned for me,
When *as yet there were* none of them."

-Psalm 139:1-16

This section of Scripture can inspire us toward concern or comfort. If you are living a life separate from Christ, moving about in the shadows of sin and worldliness, this text should elicit a response of concern and intimidation because God knows and sees all you do, and you will answer before the Lord one day for your life (*2 Cor 5:10-11*). If you are living a life covered in the blood of Christ, attempting to be faithful to God until the end comes, this text should elicit a response of comfort and hope because it tells you that there is nowhere in this world where God is not available to support, help, hold, and guide you (*Matt 28:20*). Which response does it create in you?

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
-Philippians 3:12-14

OCTOBER 20 - 23, 2024

WITH GUEST SPEAKER: TOM MOORE

Sunday Morning Bible Class: "Recognizing Need"

-AM Worship: "Challenges to Accept"

-PM Worship: "Enemies to Defeat"

Monday: "Dangers to Avoid"

Tuesday: "Opportunities to Take"

Wednesday: "Attitudes to Develop"

SCRIPTURE READING

Sunday AM: "Lies We Might Believe"
John 8:43-44

*"43 Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear my word.
 44 Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it."*

Sunday PM: "It Takes a Village"
1 Thessalonians 5:14-15

*"14 Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be patient toward all men.
 15 See that none render evil for evil unto any man; but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all men."*



RESPONSE: We rejoice with the angels above for Ivette Saria (left), Kalani Saria (middle), and Precious Rogers (right), who were baptized into Christ last week!

September Nursery Schedule

- 1-Victoria & Josephine
- 8- Tracy & Gayle
- 15-Briana & Brittni
- 22-Nichole & Brenda
- 29Amanda & 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 8, 2024

- ♦ANNOUNCEMENTS: REGGIE BASS
- ♦1ST PRAYER: LEE FISHER
- ♦SONG: PAUL PORTLEY
- SCRIPTURE READING: JUELZ MCKENZIE
- ♦SONG: PAUL PORTLEY
- ♦SERMON: PHIL MCINTOSH
- ♦INVITATION SONG: PAUL PORTLEY
- ♦SONG BEFORE COMMUNION: PAUL PORTLEY
- ♦COMMUNION: IVAN MCINTOSH & SEAN MALDONADO
- ♦SONG: PAUL PORTLEY
- ♦OFFERING: IVAN MCINTOSH & SEAN MALDONADO
- ♦CLOSING SONG: PAUL PORTLEY
- ♦CLOSING PRAYER: ZACK PETTIES
- ♦AUDIO/VISUAL: PATRICK SELLERS/JUELZ MCKENZIE
- ♦SECURITY: BRUCE BROWN & ROGER DEEM
- ♦NURSERY: TRACY & GAYLE WILSON

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.

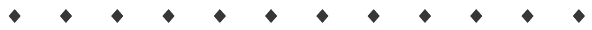
PLEASE KEEP THESE MEMBERS & LOVED ONES IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- Michelle McIntosh's mother, Gwen Sharpe, is not well and is possibly near the end of her earthly journey. Please keep her and Michelle in prayer, along with the rest of the McIntosh family.
- Barbara Anderson is battling Covid.
- Beverly Williams's sister, Patsy, is scheduled for knee surgery on Wednesday.
- Hannah Fane's father's biopsy results returned positive for prostate cancer. He will have surgery on October 3rd.
- Former member, Trevor Heilman's father, Rick Heilman, is in the hospital and not doing well. Please keep him and his wife Donna Heilman in prayers.

SYMPATHY: We wish to extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Bill Baine, who passed away on August 29th.

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & HOME BOUND: Natalie Fisher; Millie Simcox; Eddy Gandy; Donna Hines; Barbara Hughart; Alexis Gaither's uncle; Lois Brown; Ken Sellers; Kim-Marie Seay's sister (Vivian); 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 & Shirl Foster; Hannah Fane's husband (Perlandis); Jim Dukes; Ralph Hughart; Yolanda Wright; Opal Jones; Mary Lou Daines' son (Shawn), & niece (Deaniel); member in Georgia (Joyce Huff); Donna Hines' stepmother (Darla); Vicky Polanco's nephew (Christopher); 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 (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 (Levon); 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.

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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SEPTMBER CALENDAR

- 11, 18, 25-Ladies Bible Class @ 10:00 am, in the fellowship hall
- 11-New Wednesday Adult Bible Class begins
- 14-Ladies Breakfast & Workday @ 9:30 am, in the fellowship hall
- 15-Youth Devotional following evening worship
- 15-Foster's Home for Children Drive begins
- 19-Teen Gathering @ 7:00 pm, @ the Williams home
- 28-Men's Workday @ 8:30 am, at the building

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ADULT BIBLE CLASS:

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