

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

Christian Homes & Family Services Abilene, TX

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

JOIN US FOR OUR 2024 GOSPEL MEETING

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WITH GUEST SPEAKER

-Philippians 3:12-14

OCTOBER 20TH - 23RD, 2024

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"

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Do You Want to Be Sharp? By Phil McIntosh

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Maybe you've done something in the past where someone has accused you of not being the "sharpest knife in the drawer" or the "sharpest crayon in the box". On the other hand, perhaps your quick wit and impulsiveness to answer some question has gotten you called "sharp as a tack." The idea of sharp there clearly has nothing to do with sharpness as indicative of that which could cut; but rather it is in respect of one who is highly alert, intelligent, or quick witted. We all want to be sharp in that way, do we not? We want to know things and we're happy when we know things; though knowing things comes with its own problems (*1 Cor 8:1*).

I want you to be sharp intellectually, but more importantly, I want you to be sharp spiritually. Using sharp in this manner I'm not just refereeing being intelligent. Every child of God has the expectation and instruction from the Bible to be knowledgeable and capable germane to the word of God (2 Tim 2:15; 1 Pet 3:15). We also need to be able to use that book knowledge in our lives (Heb 5:12-14). Perhaps you've heard of people saying they belong to a particular religion, but they're a "non-practicing" member. May it never be that you are weighed by God to be a nonpracticing Christian.

One easy way to become non-practicing is to practice *isolationist Christianity*. That means to try to be a Christian without being part of the local church. The early church spent a great deal of time with each other (*Acts 2:42-46*). The church is commanded to be together when the weekly opportunity appears (*Heb 10:25*). The church is instructed to reach out and encourage each other to be a part of that community (*Heb 10:24*). Our goal is to experience Christ together, not on a solo basis in our own homes, on our television screen, or on our own schedule (Eph 3:17-19).

The many nodules of the sharpening stone to help hone your Christian life so as to be sharp are gathered frequently at the church building for worship, Bible study, and fellowship. You don't get sharpened at home. You get sharpened when your brothers and sisters assist you, study with you, support you, correct you, and learn about God with you; thus we are all mutually encouraged (*Eph 4:14-16*).

A multiplicity of rough and scouring surfaces in our life will try to wear down our "countenance" (face). Life can erode our sharp Christian exterior if we allow it. One way to arrest that erosion is to continually sharpen that exterior. This is why we need each other. The Proverbs writer said:

"*As* iron sharpens iron, So a man sharpens the countenance of his friend." **-Proverbs 27:17**

The Hebrew in that text indicates that, just as iron is sharpened by iron, a friend is to be active so to make the countenance (face) of his friend sharp. It's something we're doing to each other. It's something other people do to us.

It's hard, if not impossible, to sharpen a Christian who isn't here. This week we have multiple opportunities, afforded to us by the elders, to make our Christian countenance available to be sharpened by brother Moore and the Word of God. Make plans to be here tonight, Monday night, Tuesday night, and Wednesday night. Each evening you have the invitation to open your Bible and allow someone to sharpen you by God's word. Each evening you have the invitation to be sharpened by those around you who are there for the same purpose. We should learn every time we hear God's word. We get sharper every time we hear God's word. You want to be sharp don't you? Let's be here; let's get sharper together (*1 Pet 2:2*).

SCRIPTURE READING

Sunday AM: "Challenges to Accept" Philippians 3:12-14

"¹² Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus. ¹³ Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, ¹⁴ I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

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 group leaders will meet for visits in September & October after morning worship on October 27th.

October Nursery Schedule

6-Victoria & Josephine 13-Briana & Brittni

20-Tracy & Gayle 27-Nichole & Brenda

11/3-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!

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

1-CHERYL FLORES **1** -ARETHA YOUNG 2-CARLA HEGINBOTHAM 3-HANNAH FANE 8 - GLENDA BOUDREAUX 12-HEATHER HEILMAN 20-KIM-MARIE SEAY 23-KEN RICHARDS 24-ASHER WILLIAMS (5) 26-MILLIE SIMCOX **30-DIANE HOLUBEC**

20-HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO ZACK & AMANDA PETTIES (36 YEARS)

ORDER OF SERVICE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2024

•ANNOUNCEMENTS: ANDRÉ PETTAWAY •1ST PRAYER: LEE FISHER •SONG: REGGIE BASS **•SCRIPTURE READING: ROGER DEEM** •SONG: REGGIE BASS •SERMON: TOM MOORE **•INVITATION SONG:** REGGIE BASS **•SONG BEFORE COMMUNION: REGGIE BASS •COMMUNION: GAYLEN WILLIAMS & PAUL PORTLEY •SONG:** REGGIE BASS **•OFFERING:** GAYLEN WILLIAMS & PAUL PORTLEY •CLOSING SONG: REGGIE BASS •CLOSING PRAYER: ZACK PETTIES •AUDIO/VISUAL: PATRICK SELLERS/JUELZ MCKENZIE •SECURITY: BRUCE BROWN, GARY FOSTER, & BILLY GAITHER •NURSERY: TRACY & GAYLE WILSON

October Cleaning Calendar

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

Patrick

Brenda

Linda

Alexis

Amanda

Diedre

Paul

Rubye

6-TEAM PHIL Michelle **Beverly** Josephine

13-TEAM LEE Natalie Ken Adam Nicole

20-TEAM ROGER 11/3-TEAM **KINGSFORD** Jaden 27-TEAM ZACK

Kim-Marie Gaylen Nichole

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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:

-Adam Zak is battling Covid.

-Lois Brown is still recovering and having difficulty. -Brenda Sellers is following up with doctor for her blood pressure complications.

-Ken Sellers will need to have a second wrist surgery. -Vicky Polanco's nephew, Christopher, is in the beginning steps of his kidney transplant surgery.

SYMPATHY: We wish to extend our sympathy and prayers to Josephine Spear and her family for the loss of two cousins last Sunday.

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & HOME BOUND: Adam Zak's friend's son; Martha Bell; Creta Bales' sister; Millie Simcox; Nicole Tooley's mother; Gaylen 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; Barbara Anderson's grandson & brother; Glenda Boudreaux's mother & friend; Michelle McIntosh, 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' father, aunt & brother-in-law; Jon-Jon Simmons; Tracy Wilson's mother; Linda Deem's nephew; Zack & Amanda Petties' family; & Jessie Turner.

GUEST SPEAKER: Next Sunday evening, October 27th, Michael Stock, who does mission work in the Philippines, will be our guest speaker.

YOUTH DEVOTIONAL: Join us for a Youth Devotional Sunday, October 27th, at 6:30 pm, in the fellowship hall.

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!

CHRISTIAN HOMES & FAMILY SERVICES CHANGE CAN DRIVE: 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.

Our Guest Speaker is Tom Moore

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<u>We want to especially welcome our visitors</u>! 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!

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CSOCTOBER CALENDARCS

20-23 Gospel Meeting

23, 30-Ladies Bible Class @ 10:00 am, in the fellowship hall

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

27-Sheep Keepers meeting after morning worship

27-Guest Speaker, Michael Stock

27-Youth Devotional @ 6:30 pm

27-Foster's Home for Children Drive ends

CSNOVEMBER CALENDARCS

2-Men's Breakfast @ 8:30 am, in the fellowship hall

3-Fellowship Luncheon following morning worship (Kitchen Group #1 will have kitchen duties)

6-Wednesday Night Singing

6, 13, 20-Ladies Bible Class @ 10:00 am, in the fellowship hall