



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

The Longest Chapter in the Bible

By Phil McIntosh



Firstly, let me get this out there- technically, psalms are not chapters; they are individual psalms, songs, hymns, prayers, and etc. that are whole in and of themselves. Ok, now that that's clear, let's talk about the longest *chapter* in the Bible. Something interesting happens in the psalms, there are three chapters that form a sort of mathematical intrigue in the Bible. Psalm 103:1-2 are the middle verses of the Bible, Psalm 117 is the shortest chapter of the Bible, and Psalm 119 is the longest chapter in the Bible. There is nothing necessarily to be gained from knowing this information, but it is interesting.

The longest chapter of the Bible is our focus here. This psalm is not unique, but it is rare. What is rare is the construction of the verses. Psalm 119 is compiled in an acrostic format. What is an acrostic, you might say. Perhaps you have heard of the TULIP acrostic in reference to the unbiblical, but popular, doctrine of Calvinism, whereby we can lay out their primary beliefs with each belief beginning with the letters of the word tulip- T for Total Depravity, U for unconditional election, and so on. Psalm 119 is sort of like that, though much, much longer. There are 176 verses in this psalm which is segmented into 22 sections of 8 verses apiece (22 x 8 = 176). The number 22 is important; it is not simply a product of the way the words fell. There are 22 letters in the Hebrew alphabet. Each of the 22 sections of Psalm 119 begin with the next successive letter of the alphabet. For instance, Psalm 119:1 begins with a word that starts with first Hebrew letter *aleph*, and then Psalm 119:9 (the second section) begins with a word that starts with the second Hebrew letter *beth*, and so on and so forth throughout the whole psalm. The reason I said this is *rare* and not *unique* is because Proverbs 31 is also an acrostic beginning from verse 10 through the end of the chapter.

I highly recommend you spend some time in Psalm 119. In fact, you should spend some time in the totality of the psalms. There are various raw human emotions, fears, anxieties, desires, pleas to God, and more inside. Psalm 119 holds within its jots and tittles one of the more well-known verses in all of God's word:

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." -**Psalm 119:105**

The entirety of this psalm highlights the psalmist's fascination with God's word, his desire for it, and his profession of fealty to it and its author, God Almighty. The psalmist writes that God's words have been hidden in his heart so that he would be less likely to sin against God (***Psa 119:11***).

Please direct your attention today to section 13, which begins with a word that starts with the thirteenth Hebrew letter *mem*:

Oh, how I love Your law!

It *is* my meditation all the day.

⁹⁸You, through Your commandments, make me wiser than my enemies;

For they *are* ever with me.

⁹⁹I have more understanding than all my teachers,

For Your testimonies *are* my meditation.

¹⁰⁰I understand more than the ancients, Because I keep Your precepts.

¹⁰¹I have restrained my feet from every evil way,

That I may keep Your word.

¹⁰²I have not departed from Your judgments,

For You Yourself have taught me.

¹⁰³How sweet are Your words to my taste, *Sweeter* than honey to my mouth!

¹⁰⁴Through Your precepts I get understanding; Therefore I hate every false way.

-Psalm 119:97-104

How much time to spend in God's word? How much time do you spend thinking about God's word? Do God's words echo in your ears when you make decisions in life? Do God's words echo in your ears when you are simply going about your daily life? The psalmist said that God's words were his "meditation all the day." This section of the psalms teaches us that God's laws and precepts make us wiser than any around us in life; knowing more than enemies, teachers, and the ancients. The presence of God's word in the psalmist's mind helps to discern the right way from the wrong and directs their allegiance is to God. Furthermore, it is not a bore nor is it a chore, the words of God are "sweeter than honey" to the penman of this psalm. Are you able to describe God's words as sweet to you? God's words are where understanding comes from, and a love of God's word creates hatred of ungodly ways.

Spend some time in the psalms; maybe this week take some time to read through and mediate on the longest chapter in the Bible, Psalm 119 and let it be a "light to your path" (*Psa 119:105*).

Have a Happy & Blessed Thanksgiving!

Oh, give thanks
to the **LORD**,
for He is good!
For His mercy
endures forever.
Psalm 118:1

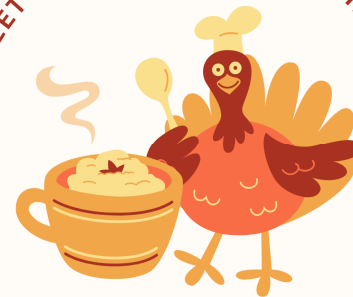
**NO WEDNESDAY SERVICE
NOVEMBER 27TH:**

We will meet on Tuesday at 6:30 pm instead of Wednesday for a mid-week singing devotional.

OFFICE CLOSED:

The office will be closed November 27th-29th for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

LET'S BE THANKFUL TOGETHER!



If you might be alone, or do not have plans, or not planning to cook an extravagant meal, then come eat Thanksgiving dinner with us!

Dinner will include fried turkey, dressing, sides, pie, & cake.

28 NOVEMBER

**12:00 PM
IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL**

SCRIPTURE READING

**Sunday AM: “Why Can’t I Drive 5 MPH Over the Speed Limit?”
1 Peter 2:13-14**

“¹³ Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord’s sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme; ¹⁴ Or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well.”

**Sunday PM: “Shalmaneser III & the Black Obelisk”
Romans 15:4**

“⁴ For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.”

Holiday Baskets

Please join us as we prepare & distribute holiday baskets on Saturday, December 7th, at 9:30 am. in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to donate to this effort, please see Lee or Natalie Fisher.

November Nursery Schedule

3-Amanda & Natalie
10-Victoria & Josephine
17-Briana & Brittni
24-Tracy & Gayle
12/1-Nichole & Brenda

*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!

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 - MAYA LEWIS
6 - KYEOSHA BATES
9 - AMANDA PETTIES
10 - NICHOLE WILLIAMS
16 - JUSTINA YOUNG
22 - SHIRL FOSTER
24 -ASHLEY DIMMERLING
25 - JUDY WALL

ORDER OF SERVICE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2024

- ♦ANNOUNCEMENTS: REGGIE BASS
- ♦1ST PRAYER: ROGER DEEM
- ♦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: PATRICK SELLERS
- ♦AUDIO/VISUAL:
PATRICK SELLERS/JUELZ MCKENZIE
- ♦SECURITY:
BRUCE BROWN & GARY FOSTER
- ♦NURSERY: BRIANA & BRITTONI GRIFFITH

November Cleaning Calendar

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

3-TEAM KINGSFORD Kim-Marie Jaden Gaylen Nichole	17-TEAM LEE Natalie Ken Adam Nicole	12/1-TEAM ZACK Amanda Diedre Paul Ruby
10-TEAM PHIL Michelle Beverly Josephine Ivette Juelz	24-TEAM ROGER Patrick Brenda Linda Alexis	

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:

- Diane Holubec is recovering from a virus that sent her to the ER last week.
- Nicole Tooley's mother fell recently and broke her arm.
- Kasey Tooley's 93-year-old grandmother is in Seton hospital and is not doing well.
- Jaden Seay requests prayers for her aunt, Sandra Hemphill, who has cervical cancer.
- Carolyn Williams' oldest son, Kenneth, is recovering from bleeding on his brain.
- Johnny Smith was diagnosed with a brain tumor that affects his retina.
- Scott Davis is recovering at home.
- Ken Sellers' hernia surgery has been postponed until he has his wrist surgery on Tuesday.
- Adam Zak has an eye procedure this Thursday for scar tissue removal and to have his left eye examined.
- Josephine Spear is requesting prayer for her former co-worker's granddaughter, Armie, who was on life support but taken off and trying to live without a ventilator.
- Zack Petties' father is having health problems.
- Barbara Anderson received good results from her CT scan.

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & HOME BOUND: Barbara Hughart; Beverly Williams' aunt; Brad Jackson; Rubye Portley & sister; Lois Brown; Vicky Polanco's nephew; Adam Zak's friend's son; Martha Bell; Creta Bales' sister; Millie Simcox; Gaylen Williams's friend; Patsy Fisher; Eddy Gandy; Alexis Gaither's uncle; Kim-Marie Seay's sister; Brenda Sellers' coworker; 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 & husband, & 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, father & brother-in-law; Tracy Wilson's mother; Linda Deem's nephew; Zack & Amanda Petties' family; & Jessie Turner.

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 them returned to the office is December 1st.

*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!*

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NOVEMBER CALENDAR

- 20-Ladies Bible Class @ 10:00 am, in the fellowship hall
- 21-Teen Gathering @ 7:00 pm at the Williams'
- 23-Family Bowling @ 12:00 pm, Hallmark Lanes
- 26-Midweek Singing Devotional (no Wednesday service)
- 27-29 Office Closed for Thanksgiving

DECEMBER CALENDAR

- 1-Christian Homes & Family Services Change Can Drive ends
- 4, 11, 18-Ladies Bible Class @ 10:00 am, in the fellowship hall
- 7-Holiday Baskets @ 9:30 am, in the fellowship hall
- 8-Youth Devotional @ 6:30 pm, in the fellowship hall

MONTHLY SINGING NIGHT DEVOTIONALS:

The men of the congregation are invited and encouraged to conduct a short devotional during our monthly Wednesday singing nights starting January 2025. Lee Fisher will give the first devotional in January. Topics for each devotional will be on the parables of Jesus. There is a sign-up sheet on the Information Board in the south hallway.

Please see brother Lee for questions.