

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

Election Day

By Phil McIntosh

It's almost here.

We have been inundated by political ads, text messages, emails, signs, and maybe even phone calls. There are advertisements on television, on YouTube, and probably everywhere else media can be posted. Make no mistake about it- this is a special election. Every four years we have the opportunity to alter the direction of the country. Our country is unique and has been incredibly blessed by God. Our freedoms and democratic process rival anybody. Some freedoms might be at risk this election; some of them are freedoms to sin and some of them are freedoms to live how we see fit. Some politicians advocate for allowing little girls and boys to transition to the opposite gender (or no gender at all) and are continually pushing for broader and more expansive abortion access. Some politicians support sending more of our money to other nations to support and buoy them while we have citizens who need help from storms, hate, hurt, and lack of structure to support their lives here. Some politicians want to further curb and limit access to abortion and keep inappropriate reading material out of the reaches of young children at school.

How you vote is only going to be known to a very small group. That group consists of you, God, the government, and anybody you tell. That's it. However, how you vote impacts everybody. It will impact your parents, your spouse, your children, your grandchildren, your church family, your neighbors, your friends, and even your enemies. As mentioned last Sunday, voting is an activity, and all of our activities are subject to being judged by God (2 Cor 5:10).

This article isn't about how you vote *per se*. Rather, it is about how we act before and after we vote. Everything we do is seen by God. David said there was nowhere he could go to escape God:

"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. "You comprehend my path and my lying down, And are acquainted with all my ways. "For *there is* not a word on my tongue, *But* behold, O Lord, You know it altogether. "You have hedged me behind and before, And laid Your hand upon me. "Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; It is high, I cannot attain it. "Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? "If I ascend into heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there. "If I take the wings of the morning, And dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, "Even there Your hand shall lead me, And Your right hand shall hold me."

-Psalm 139:1-10

While this text indicates God's help is present everywhere, so too is His knowledge. God knows not only how we vote, but how we speak and act.

Our nation seems to be morphing into a selfish, bitter, and nasty place to live. Too often people are out for 'ol Number One and care little about others around them.

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We are all incredibly busy and hurried, and we have misplaced (if some ever had it) compassion and patience. One major attribute that seems absent from American life is grace. There appears to be little kindness between cohabitants of the same free and blessed country. Sure, there are exceptions, but it appears and feels like some people would be just fine if the world revolved around them and everyone else just got out of their way. Such is the case for a nation comprised of far too few God-believers and Christians (*Jms 3:14-16*). Our country would be better off if we had fewer things but loved God more (*Prov 15:17*).

People will always disagree with each other. There is unity in very little when the numbers of a group grow. People's personal baggage, perception of situations, knowledge of history, worldview, religious beliefs (or lack thereof), and a whole list of other things impact the way people view politics. Since we measure political issues and ideologies differently, we're likely to vote for different people and hold oppositional political views. While that is sometimes ok (though, if it's a moral issue, Christians shouldn't be divided), the way we talk about it should be different from the world. You and I cannot fall into the trap the Adversary sets for us and into which we are invited by our communities. There is no reason to argue with bitterness or anger; there is no place for belittling others or being condescending and rude simply because someone disagrees with us. Remember that our Lord said even if someone is an enemy they should be loved and prayed for (Matt 5:44). We have a higher calling than spreading political views anyway. We are spreading God's views as God's people; thus we should look and sound like God's people:

"Do all things without complaining and disputing, ¹⁵ that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world..." -Philippians 2:14-15



OFFICE CLOSED: The office will be closed on Monday, November 11th, in observance of Veterans Day. We wish to thank all of our veterans for their service and their families.

Sweet Evangelism

Ladies, join Natalie Fisher and Beverly Williams for an evangelism study with lunch and dessert to follow on Saturday, November 16th, following the Ladies Breakfast & Workday at 9:30 am, in the fellowship hall. Please sign up on the ladies' information board.



SCRIPTURE READING

Sunday AM: "Three Ways God Saves" Ephesians 2:8-9

"8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:
9 Not of works, lest any man should boast."

Sunday PM: "The Stop Between Death & Eternity" Acts 2:25-27

"25 For David speaketh concerning him, I foresaw the Lord always before my face, for he is on my right hand, that I should not be moved: 26 Therefore did my heart rejoice, and my tongue was glad; moreover also my flesh shall rest in hope: 27 Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption."

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 Matalie 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!

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 3, 2024

•ANNOUNCEMENTS: GAYLEN WILLIAMS

•1ST PRAYER: SEAN MALDONADO

•SONG: IVAN MCINTOSH

•SCRIPTURE READING: BILLY GAITHER

•SONG: IVAN MCINTOSH

SERMON: PHIL MCINTOSH

•INVITATION SONG: IVAN MCINTOSH

SONG BEFORE COMMUNION:

IVAN MCINTOSH

COMMUNION:

ROGER DEEM & KINGSFORD ASARE

SONG: IVAN MCINTOSH

OFFERING:

ROGER DEEM & KINGSFORD ASARE

CLOSING SONG: IVAN MCINTOSH

•CLOSING PRAYER: TOM HOLUBEC

•AUDIO/VISUAL:

PATRICK SELLERS/JUELZ MCKENZIE

SECURITY:

BRUCE BROWN & KINGSFORD ASARE

NURSERY:

AMANDA PETTIES & NATALIE FISHER

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 12/1-TEAM ZACK Amanda

Diedre Paul Rubye

24-TEAM ROGER

10-TEAM PHIL Michelle Beverly Josephine Ivette Patrick Brenda Linda Alexis

Nicole

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:

- -Scott Davis has a blood clot.
- -Connie Havens is recovering from bronchitis.
- -Brad Jackson has an upcoming surgery.
- -Ken Sellers has an upcoming hernia surgery in November. -Linda Williams requests prayers for her friend, Ruby Richardson, who has breast cancer, her sister, Beverly Knootz, who had a heart attack, and Selena Burns, who had a knee replacement.
- -Adam Zak will have an eye procedure on November 21st for scar tissue removal and have his left eye examined.
- -Michelle McIntosh's aunt's husband has been diagnosed with stage 3 throat cancer.
- -Josephine Spear's friend has a friend who is about to pass away in Florida.
- -Please pray for Charlie & Diana Brown. Charlie, an elder at Natalia church of Christ, Natalia, Texas, has a mass around his aorta and his wife recently fell and broke her hip. -Precious Rogers and her family have moved to California.

SYMPATHY: We wish to extend our sympathy to Kim-Marie Seay and her family for the loss of her brother, Kenny Cummings.

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & HOME BOUND: Barbara Anderson; Rubye Portley & sister; Lois Brown; Vicky Polanco's nephew; 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; 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.

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.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON: Join us for our monthly fellowship luncheon today following morning worship. (Kitchen Group #1 will have kitchen duties: Brenda Sellers, Martha Bell, Amanda Petties, & Vicky Polanco).

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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CONOVEMBER CALENDARCO

- 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
- 10-Youth Devotional @ 6:30 pm at Martha Bell's (Please sign-up to bring buns, toppings, chips, cookies & drinks)
- 11-Office closed for Veterans Day
- 16-Ladies Breakfast & Workday and Sweet Evangelism Fellowship @ 9:30 am
- 21-Teen Gathering @ 7:00 pm at the Williams' 26-Midweek Singing Devotional (no Wednesday service)
- 27-29 Office Closed for Thanksgiving

MONTHLY SINGING NIGHT DEVOTIONALS:

The men of the congregation are invited and encouraged to sign up to conduct a short devotional at our monthly Wednesday singing nights. Topics for each devotional will be Parables of Jesus. This will start in January 2025.

Please see brother Lee Fisher for questions.