



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 Least Pitiable

By Phil McIntosh

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There are pitiful and pitiable people, as well as situations, in life. We might not always use these words in agreement with the primary dictionary definition. For instance, if a baseball team only scores two runs per game or a football team fails to make it to the Super Bowl for over a decade, the fans might say that performance is "pitiful." The word pitiful can technically reference something small, but its primary connotation is "arousing pity," which is "the feeling of sorrow and compassion caused by the suffering and misfortunes of others." One can experience this almost anywhere. From driving by the person sitting on the street corner to watching commercials on the television which broadcast the plight of starving or malady-afflicted children in far reaches of the globe, unfortunate situations are viewed frequently.

Sometimes we even feel pity for ourselves. Perhaps it is only human nature to want some attention occasionally. Likely you bear a heavy burden in your life in your roles as spouse, parent, or caregiver. Maybe your job takes an exorbitant amount of your time and ladens you with stress. Surely, if you are the primary individual in charge of your household, you have a list of things that never seems to get smaller, and nobody ever really asks how you are feeling until you begin to physically break down from exhaustion. From time to time we want people to notice us, to care about us and for us, and to have some pity for our stress, our physical depletion, and our constant burden. If not, we might just revert to childlike behavior and have ourselves a good 'ol "pity party".

There is, however, a greater pity that can be experienced in our world. The highest form of pity is in reference to those whose entire lives and identities are bound up in vanity. If a truth enacted by the power of God weren't really true, Christians would be the ones who should receive it. Let me explain. The apostle Paul wrote to the Lord's church in Corinth, apparently needing to respond to some people who were under the mistaken impression or perverted belief that there was no resurrection of the dead. Paul explains that for the Christian life to mean anything, resurrection from the dead *must* be possible. Look at the text:

"Now if Christ is preached that He has been raised from the dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ is not risen. ¹⁴And if Christ is not risen, then our preaching *is* empty and your faith *is* also empty. ¹⁵Yes, and we are found false witnesses of God, because we have testified of God that He raised up Christ, whom He did not raise up-if in fact the dead do not rise. ¹⁶For if *the* dead do not rise, then Christ is not risen. ¹⁷And if Christ is not risen, your faith *is* futile; you are still in your sins! ¹⁸Then also those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. ¹⁹If in this life only we have hope in Christ, *we are of all men the most pitiable* (emphasis mine)." -1 Corinthians 15:12-19

Paul used logic to explain to them that, if they wanted to persist in this belief that resurrection wasn't possible, it meant that Jesus didn't even come back to life. If that were true, Paul explains, they were living a life that had no future and those departed members of their family (church and biological) were just gone, with no hope to see them again.

But Jesus *did come back to life*.

Because Jesus was raised, we can mirror that same activity (death, burial, resurrection) in baptism and expect to be raised up one day to live with Him forever (**Rom 6:5-9; Jn 14:2-3**). One day the Lord is going to come back from Heaven and our world's hourglass will have run out of sand. All of God's creation will stand before the Lord and give an answer for how they lived their lives (**2 Cor 5:10**). Christians can look forward to that day with anticipation and comfort, not fear, knowing that Jesus was raised. We are not living a useless or a pointless life. In fact, because resurrection is real and Jesus was raised up before everyone else, that means we are the least pitiable of all God's creation. Regardless of what troubles, trials, or tribulations may come, Christians are blessed with the answers and the power to overcome them. We are equipped to appropriately handle any situation in life, both fortunate and unfortunate, because Jesus' life didn't end in the tomb. The word around us though is pitiable. Their whole identity, if not enveloped by Jesus' blood and implanted into His body, is vanity. Pray for them, feel for them, reach out to them. Pity them. But we, are joyful in the Lord (**Jn 16:20-22**).

BRIANA GRIFFITH'S MISSION TRIP:

Briana Griffith is planning on going on a mission to Wales in July. Please keep her in prayer and if you would like to support her financially, the information is on the information board.



SENIOR BANQUET



Everyone is invited to attend this year's Senior Banquet on Saturday, May 3rd, from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. at Giovanni's Italian Restaurant & Pizzeria, in Copperas Cove. Let's celebrate and encourage these young Christian men as they end their High School days and begin new endeavors.

This year's seniors are **Quincy Daniels, Austin Ishee, Sean Maldonado, Ivan McIntosh, Juelz McKenzie, Gavin Rowell, & Xzavier Villasana**.

We will each order from their menu. Senior Graduates will be paid for. Please sign-up in the foyer for a headcount by April 27th.

CHEROKEE HOME DRIVE

We are collecting the following items for the Cherokee Home for Children through April 27th:

- Canned meats (chicken, chili)
- Canned fruit (pineapple, mandarin oranges)
- Shampoo and conditioners for men and women, deodorant, liquid hand soap, bar soap, body wash
- Cooking oil, cooking spray, evaporated milk, sweetened condensed milk

Take-home lists are in the foyer and placed there.

SHEEP KEEPER ASSIGNMENTS FOR APRIL

•Group # 1-NEW CONVERTS

Team Leader: Paul Portley

•Group #2-WIDOWS/SICK & SHUT-INS

Team Leader: Roger Deem

•Group #3- DELINQUENT MEMBERS

Team Leader: Gaylen Williams

•Group #4-VISITORS/ROSEWOOD

Team Leader: Phil McIntosh

**Join us for a Sheep Keepers' dinner on Thursday, April 24th, at 6:00 pm, at the Killeen Olive Garden. Please sign up in the foyer for a headcount.*

SCRIPTURE READING**Sunday AM: "Let Us Kneel"****Psalm 95:1-3***"Oh come, let us sing to the Lord!**¹ Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation.**² Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving;**Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms.**³ For the Lord is the great God,
And the great King above all gods."***Sunday PM: "Overview of God's Word:****1 Chronicles "****1 Chronicles 29:10-12***¹⁰ Therefore David blessed the Lord before all the
assembly; and David said:**"Blessed are You, Lord God of Israel, our Father,
forever and ever.**¹¹ Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, The power and
the glory,**The victory and the majesty;**For all that is in heaven and in earth is Yours;**Yours is the kingdom, O Lord,**And You are exalted as head over all.**¹² Both riches and honor come from You,
And You reign over all.**In Your hand is power and might;**In Your hand it is to make great**And to give strength to all."***ORDER OF SERVICE****SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 2025****•ANNOUNCEMENTS: REGGIE BASS****•1ST PRAYER: BILLY GAITHER****•SONG: SEAN MALDONADO****•SCRIPTURE READING: SID VILLASANA****•SONG: SEAN MALDONADO****•SERMON: PHIL MCINTOSH****•INVITATION SONG: SEAN MALDONADO****•SONG BEFORE COMMUNION:**

SEAN MALDONADO

•COMMUNION:

PAUL PORTLEY & IVAN MCINTOSH

•SONG: SEAN MALDONADO**•OFFERING:**

PAUL PORTLEY & IVAN MCINTOSH

•CLOSING SONG: SEAN MALDONADO**•CLOSING PRAYER: LC RAMSEY****•AUDIO/VISUAL:**

PATRICK SELLERS & KEYSHAWN DAY

•SECURITY: ROGER DEEM & BRUCE BROWN**•NURSERY: BRIANA & BRITTNI GRIFFITH****APRIL BIRTHDAYS****10 - IVAN MCINTOSH (18)****18 - MICHELLE MCINTOSH****24 - GABI WILLIAMS (12)****28 - MARTHA WILLIAMS****April Nursery Schedule****6-Nichole & Gayle****13-Briana & Brittni****20-Brenda & Josephine****27-Amanda & Natalie****5/4-Victoria & Tracy**

***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!**

April Cleaning Calendar**•May be done any time before the next Sunday.****•Please consult with your team leader for further questions.****6-TEAM LEE**Natalie
Ken
Adam
Nicole**20-TEAM ZACK**Amanda
Diedre
Paul
Rubye**5/4-TEAM PHIL**Michelle
Beverly
Ivette
Juelz
Ashley**13-TEAM ROGER**Patrick
Brenda
Linda
Alexis**27-TEAM**KINGSFORD
Kim-Marie
Jaden
Gaylen
Nichole

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.
- Tracy Wilson's son, Zane, is in the Middle East.

PLEASE KEEP THESE MEMBERS & LOVED ONES IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- Millie Simcox may have had a small TIA. They are scheduling an EKG and changing her medication.
- Lois Brown has an appointment tomorrow with her doctor.
- Dawn Ramsey is now home from the hospital.
- Gary Foster followed up with his back surgeon and received a good report that he doesn't need surgery.
- Johnny Smith is requesting prayers for positive results on his follow up MRI, and Ophthalmologist visit.
- Ken Sellers, Jr., Patrick, & their brother, Steven, are traveling from Florida this week.

SYMPATHY: We wish to extend our prayers and sympathy to Ken Richards and his family on the recent loss of his wife, Barbara. Please keep him in your prayers. Please remember the Gaither family as they mourn their loss and Alexis as she recovers.

-Gaylen Williams' brother-in-law, Lawrence Hines, lost his brother recently.

-Barbara Anderson's sister-in-law passed away. She is currently traveling for the funeral.

-Josephine Spear's neighbor, Clinton Griffith's, son passed away from a massive heart attack.

NEW MEMBERS: Please welcome James Chism & Kaylee Flagg, who have placed their membership with the Lord's church here.

'CONTINUED PRAYERS' LIST: Millie Simcox; James Garner; Eddie Gandy; Amy Cole's mother; Rubye Portley & sister; Jim Dukes; Donna Hines & her husband; Danielle Santos; Nichole Williams' friend; Adam Zak; Janet Bass' sister; Tom Holubec; Shirl Foster; Connie Cruz; Nicole Tooley's mother; Ken Richard's wife; Diane Holubec's brother; Jaden Seay's aunt; Carolyn Williams' sons & daughter; Scott Davis; Barbara Hughart; Rufus & Lois Brown; Gaylen Williams's friend; Alexis Gaither's uncle; Kim-Marie Seay's sister; Brenda Sellers' coworker; Julie Odum, brother & mother; Hannah Fane's father & husband; Mary Lou Daines' family & friends; Barbara Anderson's grandson & brother; Glenda Boudreaux's mother & friend; Michelle McIntosh's aunt's husband, & cousin; Linda Ray; Monica McClean's sister & brother-in-law; Nada Miller; the Arch family; Tim Matter & family; Josephine Spear's family & ex-coworker's daughter; Cheryl Flores' aunt, & brother-in-law; Tracy Wilson's mother; Linda Deem's nephew; Zack & Amanda Petties' family; & Jessie Turner.

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!

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✧APRIL CALENDAR✧

13-Youth Devotional @ 6:30 pm in the fellowship hall.

16, 23, 30-Ladies Bible Class @ 10:00 am, in the fellowship hall

17-Youth Gathering @ 7:00 pm at the Williams'

24-Sheep Keepers' dinner @ 6:00 pm, at Olive Garden

27-Youth Singing @ 3:00 pm, at Rosewood Villas

27-Cherokee Drive Ends

✧MAY CALENDAR✧

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

3-Senior Banquet @ 3:00 pm, at Giovanni's in Copperas Cove

4-Fellowship Lunch following morning worship (Kitchen Group #2 will have kitchen duty)

7, 14, 21, 28-Ladies Bible Class @ 10:00 am, in the fellowship hall



Join us for a Youth Devotional tonight at 6:30 pm, in the fellowship hall. Please bring finger foods and drinks.

There will be a youth gathering at the Williams' on Thursday, April 17th, at 7:00 pm. Please bring snacks & drinks.