



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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How Much Do You Love God?

By Phil McIntosh

If someone were to ask you that question would you know how to respond? Perhaps you would be so surprised by the question you would hesitate and not be able to find adequate words for a moment. "A lot," you'd probably say. "More than anything," you might respond. If you were really on your game you might perhaps respond

with, "let me get my Bible and I'll show you." How do you quantify what God means to you? How can you use earthly measurements to represent a scale of adoration for the God whose existence and love encapsulates the identity of your life in this world and the hope of a life of peace in the next? One can learn and remember how many ounces make a pound. One can fairly quickly recall how many feet equal a mile. One is even capable of researching how many inches comprise a cubit (so you can know the scale of something you read in the Bible). But how, in "bumper sticker" language, does one properly quantify their love for God?

To answer the question we need to get a little personal. While you could answer a friend or some stranger who asked you how much you loved God that you loved Him with all your heart, mind, and soul, perhaps that answer is a little easy. It is possible that particular answer, albeit correct and Biblical, provides you with an opportunity to regurgitate Bible verses without complete knowledge of their true implications for your life. Maybe you dearly mean what you are saying, yet you have a chasm of understanding to span as it relates to how impactful God is to your heart, soul, and mind. Chasing that understanding requires us to get personal to better facilitate, explore the possible chasm, that gap, that might exist between our "I love God" answer and the fuller comprehension of what grander love for God can blossom into within your heart. Are you ready?

If you open your Bible to the gospel account of Luke you will find in verses 36 to 50 a record of Jesus' conversation with a Pharisee named Simon. Jesus had accepted an invitation to dine at his house and while occupied at this man's house, something strange happened. A woman (who Luke calls a sinner) cried on Jesus' feet and wiped them clean with her hair. Instead of compassion for this visibly emotional and distressed woman, Simon seems to have thought Jesus should brush her off and not allow her near, as if she wasn't worth His attention. Jesus though, knowing the heart of man (Jn. 2:25), took the opportunity to teach the man a lesson. Jesus posed a question to him about two debtors- one owing 500 denarii and the other owing 50. Jesus said the creditor forgave both of them freely and asked Simon which debtor would love the creditor more. The answer, logically, was the individual who owed more. Jesus masterfully used this mathematical logic to impart a spiritual lesson. The lesson was that an individual responsible for a stockpile of sins has the motivation to love God with every fiber of their being, having realized the enormity of God's forgiveness. We know that sin separates from God (Is. 59:1-2), that the cost of sin is death (Rom. 6:23), and that there is no such thing as "tiny" sin (Rev. 21:8). However, the perspective one is able to gain when they realize the litany of their sins that were wiped away in an instant through Jesus' blood is immeasurable and incalculable. Not only at one's conversion are souls cleansed, but the precious blood of the Savior continues to cleanse us of sin and keep us in a whole relationship with God throughout the rest of our lives (1 Jn. 1:7-9)! When one thinks back over all the sins, failures, mistakes, and missteps that God has forgiven they should immediately be filled with more resolve to live in such a way that pleases and glorifies Him. How much do you love God? Let us (continually and humbly) count the ways.

SERVICE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS_ 9:30 AM

SUNDAY WORSHIP ___10:30 AM

WEDNESDAY _____7:00 PM

Pride

Shepherds Notes by Lee Fisher

Pride is one of those things that we all must contend with. It usually makes us uncomfortable to talk about things that may defile our heart (Mark 7:20-22), but the Bible speaks of specific actions and attitudes that God hates. There are seven things the Lord HATES (Proverbs 6:16-19). The first on the list is “A proud look.” Pride is the very thing that will cause us to lose all reason, just as Uzziah did in the book of 2 Chronicles; “But when he was strong his heart was lifted up, to his destruction, for he transgressed against the Lord his God by entering the temple of the Lord to burn incense on the altar of incense. So Azariah the priest went in after him, and with him were eighty priests of the Lord—valiant men. And they withstood King Uzziah, and said to him, “It is not for you, Uzziah, to burn incense to the Lord, but for the priests, the sons of Aaron, who are consecrated to burn incense. Get out of the sanctuary, for you have trespassed! You shall have no honor from the Lord God. Then Uzziah became furious; and he had a censer in his hand to burn incense. And while he was angry with the priests, leprosy broke out on his forehead, before the priests in the house of the Lord, beside the incense altar. And Azariah the chief priest and all the priests looked at him, and there, on his forehead, he was leprosy; so they thrust him out of that place. Indeed he also hurried to get out, because the Lord had struck him. King Uzziah was a leper until the day of his death.....” (2 Chronicles 26:16-22).

Uzziah was a king of Judah, which God blessed him to become extremely prosperous. He had hundreds of thousands well-trained men in his Army, he was an inventor, his Kingdom was secure, and God ensured he was powerful. However, after a while, he became proud in his heart and sought to take the position of priest. One day he entered the temple to offer sacrifices to God. Though the priests challenged him he brushed them aside and paid dearly for it! Pride can lead to complete destruction. All through the Bible, we see how pride is associated with failure, never success. “Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall” (Proverbs 16:18). Pride is one of those tools that the devil uses very well. It is what keeps people from obeying the gospel and serving in the body of Christ. Pride will have you thinking things like this. Will my reputation be affected if I become a Christian? What will my friends say? What will my family think? Our Salvation is absolutely dependent on removing pride from our heart. Remember Jesus said, “And whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be

exalted” (Matthew 23:12). Pride sets us up for a fall and takes away our focus on what has always been important, that God desires all men to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth (1 Timothy 2:4-5). God wants our obedience, love, and trust, but when we are too prideful to humble ourselves, we cannot see clearly!

Finally, we all struggle with pride at some time in our life but keep fighting against this sin! We cannot see the value nor get a grasp of the promises of God, until we surrender our pride and will to Him. Make the decision to follow Christ and to live faithfully unto death, you will be taken beyond your hopes and dreams “Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us” (Ephesians 3:20). In Christian Love, Lee

WEDDING SHOWER

Join us on October 24, from 2-4 pm, in the fellowship hall, for a wedding shower to celebrate André & Alfreda Pettaway's daughter, Andrea & Luke Schumann's recent marriage. Andrea & Luke are registered at Target and Bed Bath & Beyond.

Congratulations!

OCTOBER CLEANING CALENDAR

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

Oct 3-TEAM LEE
Lee
Natalie
Rufas
McIntosh's

Oct 24-TEAM JAMES S.
James
Kim-Marie
Xavier
Jaden

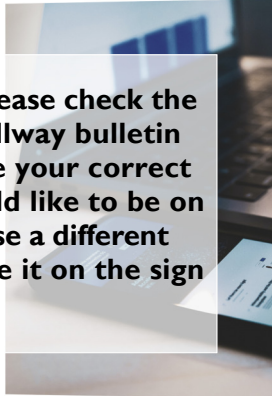
Oct 10-TEAM ZACK
Zack
Amanda
Diedre
Paul
Rubye

Oct 31-TEAM BEVERLY
Beverly
Donna
Josephine
Yvonne
Marcella

Oct 17-TEAM ROGER
Patrick
Brenda
Roger
Linda



EMAIL LIST: Members, please check the email list on the south hallway bulletin board and ensure we have your correct email address. If you would like to be on the email list or wish to use a different email address, please write it on the sign-up sheet. **THANK YOU!**



SAVE THE DATE FOR LADIES DAY!

OCTOBER 16, 2021

Seasons
of Life

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Ecclesiastes 3:4

*With Our Special Guest Speaker:
Rhonda Washington*



VISITOR INVITES: Invite your family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, or anyone to our services with the new visitor brochures located in the foyer!

ORDER OF SERVICE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2021:



- ANNOUNCEMENTS:** ANDRÉ PETTAWAY
- SONG:** PAUL PORTLEY
- 1ST PRAYER:** LEE FISHER
- SCRIPTURE READING:** GIANNI GRIFFITH
- SONG:** PAUL PORTLEY
- SERMON:** PHIL MCINTOSH
- INVITATION SONG:** PAUL PORTLEY
- SONG BEFORE COMMUNION:**
PAUL PORTLEY
- COMMUNION/OFFERING:**
GAYLEN WILLIAMS & REGGIE BASS
- CLOSING SONG:** PAUL PORTLEY
- CLOSING PRAYER:** BRUCE BROWN
- AUDIO/VISUAL:** PATRICK SELLERS
- SECURITY:** ROGER DEEM & MICHAEL ROGERS



SCRIPTURE READING

**‘ABC’s of Spiritual Fitness’
I Timothy 4:6-8 (KJV)**

⁶ *If thou put the brethren in remembrance of these things, thou shalt be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished up in the words of faith and of good doctrine, whereunto thou hast attained.*

⁷ *But refuse profane and old wives' fables, and exercise thyself rather unto godliness.*

⁸ *For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.”*

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

MILITARY & CIVILIANS OVERSEAS: Tim Matter is contracting in Saudi Arabia. We are thankful for the service of our military and civilians. Please keep these members & their families in your prayers.

OUR SICK: Angela Thomas is waiting for an appointment to have a biopsy performed on her pancreas. Please keep her in your prayers.

-Briana Griffith has Covid. Please keep her in your prayers.

-Donna Hines' aunt is expected to pass away soon. Please keep her and their family in your prayers.

-Josephine Spear's friend, Alma Harvey, has been diagnosed with cancer. Please keep her in your prayers.

-Martha Bell's sister is having kidney problems. Please keep her in your prayers.

-Rodney Carter's wife, Wendy, is scheduled for knee surgery on November 20th. Please keep her in your prayers.

-Julie Odum's mother, Sharon Schmidt, had to return to the hospital. Please keep her in your prayers.

-Brenda Sellers' daughter-in-law, Amanda Sellers, is in the Scott & White Hospital ICU, with multiple health problems. Please keep her in your prayers.

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & HOMEBOUND:

James Garner & his wife (Tammy), John Llewellyn's wife (Aspasia), Ken Sellers, Brenda Seller's mother, Garnie & Nada Miller, Rufus Brown, Lois Brown, Amanda Petties' sister (Jewel), Gladys Driver, Cheryl Flores' brother-in-law (Raymond Flores), Tim Matter's aunt (Vivian), Nichole Williams' high school friend (Rhonda Howell -Moore), Charles Culver, Jean Basco, Beverly Williams' aunt (Dorothy Sauls), Billye Hughes, Josephine Spear, Jim Dukes, Mary McAnally's son, & sister (Ann Ahrens), Shirl Foster, Barbara Robinson's daughter & son-in-law (Skip & Laura Skarpa), Esther Cox, Skip & Tina Pallo and Tina's son (Jeremy) and Tina's sisters (Cheryle & Jeanette), Willard Dunn, Tanja, Tiffany, & Natasha Archer, Archie & Jessie Turner, David Shilling, and Linda Walts. Former members: (David Chapman), (Penny Fogle), (Rey & Connie Cruz), (Janet & John John Simmons), (Ann Simpson) & (Tom & Diane Holubec). Please keep these members and loved ones in your prayers as they battle health problems.

SYMPATHY: We wish to extend our sympathy to Reggie & Janet Bass on the loss of their son-in-law Brian Thornbrue, who passed away from double pneumonia and covid. Please keep their daughter Lori and their family in your prayers.

-We wish to extend our sympathy to Aaronique Turner and her family on recent the loss of her great grandmother, Mayela. Please keep her family in your prayers.

LTC MEETING RESCHEDULED: The LTC meeting scheduled for October 2 has been rescheduled for October 9 from 10:00 am-12:00 pm, at the Texas Star Shooting Range in Kempner. For more information, please contact James Seay.

CHRISTIAN HOMES & FAMILY SERVICES CHANGE CAN DRIVE: Our annual change can drive benefiting Christian Homes & Family Services is underway. The change cans are located on a table in the foyer and the date to have all the cans returned will be November 7.

LADIES DAY: Ladies, please join us for our 2021 Ladies Day on October 16th, from 9:00 am-1:30 pm. Rhonda Washington will be our guest speaker. Registration begins at 8:00 am, where you may enjoy a light breakfast, and we will have a luncheon following the lessons. There are sign-up sheets on the ladies' bulletin board for food and the program. Please sign-up as soon as possible.

Our Speaker Today 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 leave it in the pew 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—Thanks for being with us today, and please come again!

☞OCTOBER CALENDAR☞

2-Men's breakfast, 8:30 am, in the fellowship hall.

6,13,20,27-Ladies bible class at 10:00 am, in the fellowship hall.

6-Singing Night

9-LTC meeting from 10:00 am -12:00 pm, at the Texas Star Shooting Range in Kempner.

10-Ladies meeting following the morning service.

16-Ladies Day

24-Wedding Shower honoring Andrea & Luke Schumann, 2-4 pm, in the fellowship hall.

☞NOVEMBER CALENDAR☞

3-Singing Night

6-Men's breakfast, 8:30 am, in the fellowship hall.

13-Ladies Breakfast & Workday, 9:30 am, in the fellowship hall.

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