

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 - 7:00 PM

Prove Your Love

By Phil McIntosh

One of the most appealing, exciting, and maybe even humbling, events in life is someone telling you that they love you. We should feel great gratitude and honor when a church member or a family member tells us that they love us. Oftentimes this sentiment is expressed by someone who rarely makes such a statement and the force it then carries surpasses the frequent "love ya"'s we might receive from others on a regular basis. Regardless of how often, where, or from whom it comes- the refreshment and joy we get from hearing that someone loves us can make our day. We discussed in a recent bulletin article the exhortation in Scripture to greet one another with a holy kiss. While you and I don't kiss each other like they did in Bible times, the handshake and the heartfelt sentiment of connectivity and compassion should be a staple amongst our families, especially the Christian family (*Rom 16:16*).

Let me ask this question though- Have you ever wanted someone to prove they loved you? Some individuals are so transparently genuine that you have no concerns that what they feel for you matches just what they tell you they do. Perhaps some people are a little harder to read and you question just how much you matter to them. Maybe you even ask yourself which "love" they mean. We would hope when someone tells us they love us it's not the "I love cookies and potluck" kind of love, but rather a "I'm glad you're in my life and I'm in yours" kind of love. Parents tell their children they love them, and children tell their parents they love them. Are they the same kind of love? No, the two loves, genuine as they may be, are simply different in scope and application. I remember growing up being told something about love that has stuck with me over the years. My dad told me, "Don't tell me you love me, show me you love me." What he said usually followed him having disciplined me for something I did and then I would respond to him that I loved him after some reflecting. What he meant was that he would rather I simply have listened to him to begin with so that we both avoided the painful discipline that would almost always result (*Eph 6:1, 4*).

Such a request to *prove* love is surely just worldly and human right? The Hebrews writer spoke of the fact that we have fathers in this world who discipline us and they're just operating based on what they think is best (*Heb 12:9-10*). Since such discipline and thoughts concerning the relationship between parent and child is expressed by human parents, the relationship with God is far different is it not? Actually...no, it is very similar. Just as our human fathers might want us to prove our love by obeying, our Heavenly Father does also. Let me show you some evidence of this in an example from the life of Jesus.

As Jesus' death draws near, He said and *did* some interesting things. Jesus not only taught by speech, but by example. In fact, the Bible tells us that we should adopt Jesus words (*Jn 12:48*), but also His thinking (*Phil 2:5*) and His actions (*1 Jn 2:6*). In John 12, Jesus is anointed for burial by Mary and He then predicts His imminent death. The Lord spoke of walking in the light, in the next chapter, He spoke of His impending departure. Our point for consideration as evidence of 'love proving' comes into focus at

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the end of chapter 14. Read:

"Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. "You have heard Me say to you, 'I am going away and coming back to you.' If you loved Me, you would rejoice because I said, 'I am going to the Father,' for My Father is greater than I. "And now I have told you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe. "I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming, and he has nothing in Me. "But that the world may know that I love the Father, and as the Father gave Me commandment, so I do. Arise, let us go from here." "John 14:27-31

Please take notice that Jesus, knowing that His betrayal, trial, persecution, and crucifixion was near, said He was going to **do** the Father's command (**v** 31). If you remember, this was the same type of sentiment a young Jesus expressed to His mother when she and His adoptive father, Joseph found Him in the temple in Jerusalem (**Lk** 2:49). It wasn't enough for Jesus to repeat His Father's will, He needed to perform it. In fact, Jesus said that He was going to **do** the command of His Father "that the world may know" that He loved His Father God. If Jesus was compelled to **do** to show His love, the bar is unquestionably just as high for you and me.

Finally, Jesus not only lived this teaching, but the Lord also directly and plainly taught it to us. Interestingly enough, in this same chapter Jesus taught this: "If you love me, keep my commandments" (Jn 14:15). How do you and I show the world that we love Jesus and that we love God? By doing their will and teaching. We cannot properly love God by just reading His words. We cannot properly love God by just hearing His words. We cannot properly love God by just telling others His words. We properly love God by doing His words. Don't just tell God you love Him; show Him you love Him (Jn 14:23-24).

REJOICE! We are rejoicing for our new brother in Christ, Lex McIntosh, who obeyed the gospel Sunday!

Please welcome him and keep him in your prayers.







SCRIPTURE READING

Sunday AM: "Be a Spectacle" Matthew 5:14-16

"14 Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.

¹⁵ Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.

¹⁶Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

Sunday PM: "A Piece of the Puzzle" Romans 12:1-2

"12 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

² And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."

SUNDAY/WEDNESDAY QUARTERLY TEACHER SIGN-UP SHEET LOCATED IN THE FOYER.



IF YOU WISH TO TEACH OR ASSIST WITH BIBLE CLASSES, PLEASE SIGN UP IN THE FOYER. THERE WILL BE A MEETING ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH, FOLLOWING MORNING WORSHIP FOR ANY MEMBER INTERESTED.

September Nursery Schedule

8/27-Briana & Brittni 3-Natalie & Nichole 10-Amanda & Carolyn W. 17-Victoria & Brenda 24-Josephine & Briana *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!

ORDER OF SERVICE SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 2023:

•ANNOUNCEMENTS: PAUL PORTLEY

•1ST PRAYER: ROGER DEEM

•SONG: GAYLEN WILLIAMS

•SCRIPTURE READING: SEAN MALDONADO

•SONG: GAYLEN WILLIAMS

SERMON: PHIL MCINTOSH

•INVITATION SONG: GAYLEN WILLIAMS

SONG BEFORE COMMUNION:

GAYLEN WILLIAMS

•COMMUNION:

IVAN MCINTOSH & GIANNI GRIFFITH

•SONG: GAYLEN WILLIAMS

.OFFERING:

IVAN MCINTOSH & GIANNI GRIFFITH

•CLOSING SONG: GAYLEN WILLIAMS

•CLOSING PRAYER: ADAM ZAK

•AUDIO/VISUAL: PATRICK SELLERS

SECURITY: ROGER DEEM & SCOTT DAVIS

•NURSERY: BRIANA & BRITTNI GRIFFITH

September Cleaning Calendar

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

8/27-TEAM ROGER 10-TEAM JAMES 24-TEAM LEE
Patrick Kim-Marie Natalie
Brenda Xavier Derek
Linda Jaden Kingsford

3-TEAM ZACK Barbara
Amanda
Diedre 17-TEAM PHIL
Michelle
Paul Beverly
Rubye Josephine

Josephine Yvonne Lois Marcella

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR MILITARY & CIVILIANS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- -Michael Rogers and Grayson Bowles are at NTC.
- -Kingsford Asare is training at Fort Sam Houston.
- -Tim Matter is contracting in Bogota, Columbia.

PLEASE KEEP THESE MEMBERS & LOVED ONES IN YOUR PRAYERS: Amanda Petties is recovering from a procedure last Wednesday.

- -Al Wilson had two appointments last week with oncology. -Adam Zak will have his throat scoped on September 5th. -Donna Hines is scheduled for shoulder surgery on Friday.
- -Katelyn and Grayson Bowles' families and neighbors, in Washington state, are still in danger of wildfires.
- -Roger & Linda Deem will be traveling for two months.

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & **HOME BOUND:** Eddie Gandy; Alfreda Pettaway; Monica McClean's sister & brother-in-law (Janeth & Neville Grey); Gladys Driver, her son (Duane), & daughter, Vicky); Bill Rawlings & mother; Nada Miller; Tom Holubec; Martha Bell; Julie Odum & mother (Sharon Schmidt); Katelyn Bowles' cousin (Brittany); Tanja Arch & her family; Jim Dukes & family; Tim Matter's wife (Elda), brother (Michael), mother, aunt (Vivian), & sister's husband (Christopher); Zack Petties' brother's son (Darius); James Garner, his wife (Tammy), & sister; Michelle McIntosh's aunt (Christy Noey), & cousin (Nikki); Gary & Shirl Foster, Gary's mother; Ken Sellers; Josephine Spear, cousin, sisters (Rose & Patricia), neighbor (Clinton) & friend (Iris); the McIntosh's family friend (Bryan Christmas); Alexis Gaither's father, aunt, & friends (John & Marion Slaughter); Creta Bales' cousin (Terry Jackson); Cheryl Flores' aunt (Joy); Donna Hines' stepmother (Darla), & niece (April Miller); former members (Connie Cruz), and (Bobbie Knight); Jon-Jon Simmons, Willard Jack Dunn; Tracy Wilson's mother (Ruth Hyde); Linda Deem's nephew; Amanda Petties' brother (Rex), sister (Jewel), & nieces (Carrington & Moneisha), & sister-in-law; Rufus Brown; Marcella Williams & brother-in-law (Johnnie Milford); Billye Hughes; Jessie Turner; & Linda Walts.

LADIES INFORMATION: Sign-up sheets are on the ladies' information board for the Ladies Day program volunteers, food, and the upcoming Southwest Ladies Day on September 23rd.

-If you have not paid for your T-shirt, please do so before September 9th. For any questions about the T-shirts, please see Alfreda Pettaway.

-Ladies Bible Class resumes on Wednesday, at 10:00 am, in the building. We are in month 9 in the study.

CHRISTIAN HOMES & FAMILY SERVICES CHANGE CAN DRIVE: Our annual change can drive is underway. The change cans are in the foyer and the date to have the cans returned is October 15th.

Our Speaker Today 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!

BIBLE STUDIES AND COUNSELING OFFERED

- ⇒ Bible Studies With Our Preacher Or Elders
- ⇒ Free Bible Correspondence
- ⇒ Free Marriage And Family Counseling

To our visitors—Thank you for being with us today, and please come again!

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CSAUGUST CALENDARCS

30-Ladies Bible Class resumes, 10:00 am, in the building

CSSEPTEMBER CALENDARCS

- 2-Men's Breakfast & Bible Study, 8:30 am, in the fellowship hall
- 3-Fellowship Luncheon following morning worship (Kitchen Group #3 will have kitchen duties)
- 4-Office closed for the Labor Day holiday
- 6,13,20,27-Ladies Bible Class, 10:00 am, in the fellowship hall
- 10-Teacher meeting following the morning service for the fall quarter beginning in October