



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

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. ²⁸You 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. ²⁹“And now I have told you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe. ³⁰I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming, and he has nothing in Me. ³¹But 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.



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

6-SCOTT DAVIS
9-REGGIE BASS
14-CLAY CULVER
14-KENNETH SELLERS
27-CRETA BALES
28-VICTORIA POLANCO
30-LESA CROCKETT

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY
TO BILLY & ALEXIS GAITHER ON
SEPTEMBER 17TH!

LADIES, PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

Baby Shower



HONORING

Jessica Rogers

SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY

24

AT 3:30 PM

IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

JESSICA IS HAVING A BOY AND
IS REGISTERED ON AMAZON

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.*
¹⁶ *Let 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."*

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

**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!*

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 Patrick Brenda Linda	10-TEAM JAMES Kim-Marie Xavier Jaden Kingsford Barbara	24-TEAM LEE Natalie Derek Ken
3-TEAM ZACK Amanda Diedre Paul Rubye	17-TEAM PHIL Michelle Beverly Josephine Yvonne Lois Marcella	

