



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

Do You Love God?

By Phil McIntosh



You believe in God. You appreciate God. You revere God. But do you love God? That might seem like a silly question. Your answer is likely, "Of course I do." You mention your love for Him in prayer, in song, maybe even on the clothing and jewelry you wear, or by a vinyl sticker on your car. A chasm could exist however between one's profession of love and performance of love. What's the difference?

The Bible tells us that God loves us. How does God love us? How did God express His love for the world? The most widely known of all Bible verses is undoubtedly *John 3:16* which says, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." God's love for us is not a warm fuzzy feeling in His stomach or a chemical reaction in His mind which causes Him to extend some part of His nature toward us (which is what *grace* is).

In attempt to illustrate the point, allow me to mention to you a few lines from a book by Frank Dunn, wherein he said "Love is known only from its actions. God's love is seen in the gift of His Son (1 John 4:9-10)." In that text, John wrote that God "manifested" (made clear or made known/illuminated) His love for us by dispatching a part of Himself (the Word) into the world to offer us life through Him (*Rom 3:24*). John further wrote that the love of God was *acting* toward us in that Jesus served as a "propitiation" which means a sacrifice to atone and appease the wrath of God that had been incurred by our sin. So we see that God's love was *acting* toward us in the sending of His Son, but also in all that the Son was *doing* while He was here. The NT says that God loved us *and*: gave Himself for us (*Gal 2:20*), gave Himself for us as a sacrifice to God (*Eph 5:2*), and has given us everlasting consolation and hope (*2 Thess 2:16*). God loved us by *acting*.

Therefore, if the form of God's love *acted* for us, our love needs to *act* if we aim to reciprocate that divine love. Brother Dunn continued in the book, mentioning our expectation from God:

We show our love in our obedience, for Christ said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments" (John 14:15). True spiritual love is not sentimentality, but obedience. Therefore, love can be commanded. We love God as the result of faith and deliberate choice on our part. Although God's love is unconditional and undying, the blessings of His enduring love are conditional. Everlasting salvation is only for those who obey Christ (Hebrews 5:8-9).

Divine love is not a feeling; it is a choice. It can be only recognized, realized, and rendered by action.

It is true that you can pray to God and tell Him that you love Him, you can sing that you love God because He first loved you, and you can be filled with indescribable joy in your heart and mind for what He has promised you in the future (*1 Pet 1:8*). However, that's not the fullness of the love which God expressed to us and in which we are invited and commanded to engage in our relationship with God. Look at the description of the responsibility as the people of God that Moses taught the ancient Hebrews:

“And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways and to love Him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul,¹⁸ and to keep the commandments of the LORD and His statutes which I command you today for your good?” -*Deuteronomy 10:12-13*

If loving God was performed by fearing Him and walking in His ways under the old covenant, and the covenant which God has made with us through Christ is better (*Heb 8:6*), one should not begin to imagine that God is going to expect any less of us than He did of His ancient people. Let these words guide you through the week; the Lord Jesus said, “If anyone loves me, he will keep My word.” As a result, They (God) will abide in us, and our fellowship will be with Them (*1 Jn 4:16*).



REJOICE!

We rejoice for Moyosore Akanbi, who obeyed the Gospel last Wednesday evening. She will be leaving for Ft. Liberty, South Carolina, on May 10th. Please welcome her and keep her in your prayers.



SENIOR BANQUET



Everyone is invited to attend this year's Senior Banquet on Saturday, May 18th, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Big Hoss BBQ, in Killeen. Let's celebrate and encourage these young Christian men as they end their High School days and begin new endeavors. Caleb Griffith will be our guest speaker.

This year's seniors are **Diego Castro, Xavier Estavillo, Gianni Griffith, Lex McIntosh, and Jonathan Smith.**

The cost per person is \$17. *Seniors are paid for.

Please sign up in the foyer by **May 5th** if you plan to attend and have your money to Lee Fisher by **May 12th** (You may write a check to the church and earmark it for the senior banquet).

Ladies Drive for Families in Crisis

April 13 - June 3

The ladies are collecting items for the Families in Crisis Women's' Shelter until June 3rd. Please bring new socks & toiletries for women and children .

These items can be placed in the foyer. Thank you!



May BIRTHDAYS

- 2 - PATRICK SELLERS
- 11 - JARED STEPP
- 18 - BRIANA GRIFFITH
- 23 - GWEN SHARPE
- 24 - ROYAL WILLIAMS (9)



Softball Game



Join us tonight (weather permitting) for a softball game after evening worship, in the field behind the fellowship hall. Invite everyone who wants to play or come watch and bring your lawn chairs.

YOUTH DEVO HOSTED BY BEVERLY WILLIAMS!

Join us for a Youth Devotional at the home of Beverly Williams, Sunday, May 19th, following evening worship. Please sign up in the foyer to bring diced tomatoes, diced onions, sour cream, lettuce, refried beans, drinks, desserts, and bring your lawn chairs.

ORDER OF SERVICE SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2024

- ♦ANNOUNCEMENTS: LEE FISHER
- ♦1ST PRAYER: DERREL HEGINBOTHAM
- ♦SONG: REGGIE BASS
- ♦SCRIPTURE READING: GAYLEN WILLIAMS
- ♦SONG: REGGIE BASS
- ♦SERMON: PHIL MCINTOSH
- ♦INVITATION SONG: REGGIE BASS
- ♦SONG BEFORE COMMUNION: REGGIE BASS
- ♦COMMUNION:
KINGSFORD ASARE & XAVIER ESTAVILLO
- ♦SONG: REGGIE BASS
- ♦OFFERING:
KINGSFORD ASARE & XAVIER ESTAVILLO
- ♦CLOSING SONG: REGGIE BASS
- ♦CLOSING PRAYER: PATRICK SELLERS
- ♦AUDIO/VISUAL:
PATRICK SELLERS & JUELZ MCKENZIE
- ♦SECURITY: GARY FOSTER
- ♦NURSERY:
NICHOLE WILLIAMS & VICTORIA POLANCO

April/May Nursery Schedule

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| 28-Briana & Brittni | *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. |
| 5/5-Nichole & Victoria | |
| 12-Amanda & Natalie | |
| 19-Victoria & Josephine | |
| 26-Brenda & Gayle | |

SCRIPTURE READING

Sunday AM: "Misattributing Holiness" Acts 7:48-50

"⁴⁸ Howbeit the most High dwelleth not in temples made with hands; as saith the prophet, ⁴⁹ Heaven is my throne, and earth is my footstool: what house will ye build me? saith the Lord: or what is the place of my rest? ⁵⁰ Hath not my hand made all these things?"

Sunday PM: "What Does It Mean to 'Walk Worthy'?"

Colossians 1:10-12

"¹⁰ That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; ¹¹ Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness; ¹² Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light."

April/May Cleaning Calendar

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

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| 4/28-TEAM ROGER Patrick Brenda Linda | 12-TEAM KINGSFORD Kim-Marie Jaden Barbara Gaylen Nichole | 26-TEAM LEE Natalie Ken Adam |
| 5/5-TEAM ZACK Amanda Diedre Paul Rubye | 19-TEAM PHIL Michelle Beverly Josephine Lois Marcella | |

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR MILITARY & CIVILIANS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

-Tim Matter has returned to Bogota, Columbia.

PLEASE KEEP THESE MEMBERS & LOVED ONES IN YOUR PRAYERS:

-Former member Emmanuel Pinewood's newborn daughter, Daniella, is still in the NICU; she is on a ventilator but is doing well.

-Jon-Jon Simmons is waiting for insurance approval to receive a new wheelchair. His current one is giving him pain and discomfort.

-Adam Zak is battling a severe cough.

-Shirley Wooten and her daughter, Amber, are having health problems.

-Alexis Gaither is asking for prayers as her and her family navigate uncertainty dealing with her health problems which have caused her to recently leave her job.

-André Pettaway is recovering from an ankle bruise from a fall at his work.

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & HOME BOUND:

Lois Brown; Gary & Shirl Foster; Hannah Fane's husband (Perlandis); Roger Deem; Scott Davis; Jim Dukes; Ralph & Barbara Hughart; Yolanda Wright; Opal Jones; Beverly Williams' sister (Patsy); Yvonne Hardiman's husband (Ray); Lee Fisher's brother (Jessie); Justina Young's grandfather (Terry); Mary Lou Daines' son (Shawn) & niece; member in Georgia (Joyce Huff); Donna Hines, husband (Les), & stepmother (Darla), Vicky Polanco's nephew (Christopher); Eddy Gandy; Barbara Anderson, & brother (Elijah); Glenda Boudreaux & mother; Michelle McIntosh's cousin (Nikki), aunt (Christy); Al Wilson & friend (Linda Ray); Gayle Wilson's friend (Sherry Canes); Jaden Seay; Amy Cole; James Garner & wife (Tammy), & family; Shirley Wooten; Judy Wall's husband, (James); Monica McClean's sister & brother-in-law (Janeth & Neville Grey); Nada Miller; Julie Odum's mother (Sharon Schmidt); the Arch family; Tim Matter's wife (Elda), brother (Michael), mother, aunt (Vivian), & sister's husband (Christopher); Josephine Spear, sisters (Rose & Patricia), brother, & brother-in-law (Levorn); Alexis Gaither, father, aunt, & friends (John & Marion Slaughter); Creta Bales' cousin (Terry Jackson); Cheryl Flores' aunt (Joy) & brother-in-law (Raymond Flores); former members (Rey & Connie Cruz); Jon-Jon Simmons; Tracy Wilson's mother (Ruth Hyde); Linda Deem's nephew; Amanda Petties' sister (Jewel), brother (Rex), nephew (Quincy), nieces (Carrington & Moneisha), sister-in-law, & Zack's brother's son (Darius); Rufus Brown; Marcella Williams & brother-in-law (Johnnie Milford); & Jessie Turner.

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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☞MAY CALENDAR☞

5-Softball Game, following evening worship, behind the building

8, 15, 22-Ladies Bible Study, 10:00 am, in the building (after the 22nd, the class will be on break until August)

11-Family Bowling, 12:00 pm, at Hallmark Lanes

16-Teen Gathering, 7:00 pm, at Gaylen & Nichole Williams' home

18-Senior Banquet, 5:00 - 8:00 pm, at Big Hoss BBQ, in Killeen

19-Youth Devotional following evening worship, at Beverly Williams' home

27-Memorial Day (Office Closed)