



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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San Benito, TX*

SERVICE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS_ 9:30 AM
SUNDAY WORSHIP ___10:30 AM
WEDNESDAY _____7:00 PM



Three Little Words

By Phil McIntosh

Faith? Hope? Love?

Which is greater? Which means more to you in your life? Which is biblically more powerful? The apostle Paul, in his letter to the church in Corinth, said that love was the "greatest" (1 Cor. 13:13). The word he used in that text is *megas* and I cannot help but wonder if there is any correlation at all to our English word *mega*.

The word is used many times in scripture and it has possible references in etymology to age, size, or intensity. You would not be incorrect to draw the conclusion that Paul was suggesting to the church that love was grander than faith and hope. It is not that faith is of no effect; without faith we cannot please God (Heb. 11:6) and without hope we lose the eager anticipation of our future with God (Rom. 8:25). The apostle Paul instructs us, however, that without love hope, faith, benevolence, and a host of other Christian attributes will render us ineffectual and inadequate. Without love we are nothing.

There are multiple types and forms of love in this world. I love my wife. I love my kids. I love my church. I love the smell of diesel. I love the green sauce that Casa Ole sells. These are all very different types of love. It has been reported that there were up to seven different Greek words for love; the Bible mentions four of them (three by word and one by implication). We generally focus primarily on the unconditional form of love (*agape*) and the brother kind of love (*phileo*). The form of love listed for us in 1 Corinthians 13 is *agape* and is has been characterized as love that does what is necessary to accomplish God's will or desire. Such a definition begs the question as to how far we are willing to extend ourselves. How much stress, trying, aggravation, or negativity of the sort are we willing to endure for the benefit of others? If you and I want the peace and unity of God to be impactful in other people's lives perhaps we can focus on injecting more love into our relationships with them.

God loves us. There is no question of that. God loves those who know Him and God loves those who do not know Him. God even loves those who hate Him. He has expressed His love toward us by sending a part of Himself, His only begotten Son, to this world to die on our behalf (Jn. 3:16; Rom. 5:8). The Almighty has gone "exceedingly abundantly" above and beyond what we could ever hope to be recipients of and for which we can never repay Him. We do not deserve the love of God, nor can we earn it.

However, we can express the love of God and we should (1 Jn. 3:18). We manifest the love of God in our hearts, our lives, our actions, and our speech. It is in this manner I want to offer a gentle suggestion for you today. Sometimes the simplest things are the hardest to accomplish; sometimes the first step is the biggest. If we were to think of all the ways we can express God's love in our immediate future to people around us we might potentially become overwhelmed. Here is the challenge I present you with for the week: use your voice to express your heart. When is the last time you told one of your fellow Christians that you loved them? When is the last time that you said those "three little words" to a brother or sister? You never know what that message, which takes but a few seconds out of your day, might mean to someone else. So tell someone you love them. Try to find three people this week and tell them, "I love you." Share the warmth of God with someone around you and brighten their day- and potentially their life.

Be a Lamb

By Phil McIntosh



Has anyone ever asked you to do something for them and prefaced it with this phrase- "Would you be a lamb dear?" It is a fancy, if not antiquated, way of asking please. The opinion of some is that the phrase is asking you to be submissive, to willfully and humbly comply with the request of others. Paul urged the Christians in the churches of Galatia to "do good unto all" and "especially" those where fellow Christians (Galatians 6:10).

The Bible mentions lambs or sheep in various texts. Jesus felt sorry for the Jewish people who were following Him, for they were weary and were as "sheep with no shepherd." Jesus also mentioned sheep near the end of His life. This article is nudging us to become like the sheep Jesus mentioned in a discourse with the apostle Peter shortly before He ascended to the Father. Jesus asked Peter three times if he loved Him. Peter's response was, all three times, yes. He said that Jesus knew he loved Him. Jesus' response to Peter after all three answers was some variation on an exhortation to feed His lambs (John 21:15-16).

Those who belong to Jesus are referred to as lamb or sheep; Jesus references this in John 21 and entrusts Peter with the responsibility to shepherd them. Peter is not alone in this endeavor however, since another group of men were tasked with the same encouragement. The apostle Paul said that the Holy Spirit had empowered the elders of the church in Ephesus with the responsibility of shepherding the flock of God who assembled there. He called them "overseers" in Acts 20:28 and said they were to shepherd, or feed, the flock. The charge that is laid at the feet of the elders is as grand as the burden laid on their shoulders: the spiritual health and future of the church is their job. It is not an office that is held in name only, but in fear of God as they have been entrusted with many souls.

So we return to our original premise: be a lamb. Be willing to follow where guided, trusting that the elders care for your soul and want what is best for your future. Listen to the instruction that the

Hebrews writer gives:

"Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you." -Hebrews 13:17

Be a lamb. Let them lead you; pray for them and imitate them as they imitate Jesus. The flock can help the shepherds by being submissive, faithful, and humble. Take advantage of the help God has provided by putting shepherds over you to lead you toward the True Shepherd (1 Peter 2:25).



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
Rufus
Phil
Michelle
Lex
Ivan

Oct 10-TEAM ZACK

Zack
Amanda
Diedre
Paul
Rubye

Oct 17-TEAM ROGER

Patrick
Brenda
Roger
Linda

Oct 24-TEAM JAMES S.

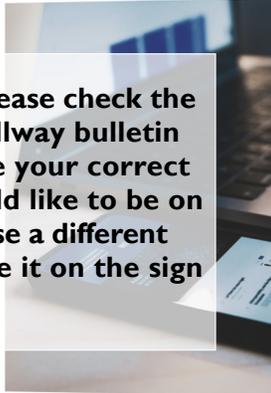
James
Kim-Marie
Xavier
Jaden

Oct 31-TEAM BEVERLY

Beverly
Donna
Josephine
Yvonne
Marcella



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 10, 2021:



- ANNOUNCEMENTS:** ANDRÉ PETTAWAY
- SONG:** IVAN MCINTOSH
- 1ST PRAYER:** LEE FISHER
- SCRIPTURE READING:** DEREK COLE
- SONG:** IVAN MCINTOSH
- SERMON:** PHIL MCINTOSH
- INVITATION SONG:** IVAN MCINTOSH
- SONG BEFORE COMMUNION:**
IVAN MCINTOSH
- COMMUNION/OFFERING:**
ROGER DEEM & MICHAEL ROGERS
- CLOSING SONG:** IVAN MCINTOSH
- CLOSING PRAYER:** KINGSFORD ASARE
- AUDIO/VISUAL:** PATRICK SELLERS
- SECURITY:** ROGER DEEM & CLAY CULVER



SCRIPTURE READING

**‘Get Right, Church’
 Luke 15:11-13 (KJV)**

*“¹¹ And he said, A certain man had two sons:
¹² And the younger of them said to his father, Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth to me. And he divided unto them his living.
¹³ And not many days after the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living.”*

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: Dan Carter's daughter-in-law, Wendy, has Covid and pneumonia. Please keep her in your prayers.

-Angela Thomas is scheduled for a biopsy on October 12th and will have her oncologist appointment on the 18th. Please keep her in your prayers.

-Adam Zak is waiting on lab results. Please keep him in your prayers.

-Martha Bell's sister is having kidney problems. Please keep her sister in your prayers for her health and that her she returns to the Lord.

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

-We rejoice for Briana Griffith, who has recovered from Covid. Please keep her in your prayers.

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & HOMEBOUND:

Julie Odum's mother (Sharon Schmidt), Josephine Spear's friend (Alma Harvey), 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 Arch, 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 Patrick Sellers' friend, Dolly, who lost her father recently. Please keep her in your prayers.

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☞

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

10-Ladies' workday/meeting following the morning service.

16-Ladies Day

23-Men's bowling, 12:00 pm, at the Hallmark Lanes.

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.

7-Time change (time moves back one hour)

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

22-26 -The secretary will be on vacation.

24-26 -The office will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday.

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