



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 WORSHIP 10:30 AM

WEDNESDAY 7:00 PM

Where's Your Threshold?

By Phil McIntosh

People can generally explain how they feel by referencing a descriptive sliding scale. They can express their levels of happiness, fear, excitement, or pain. As an example, you might see a laminated poster in the doctor's office with faces on it, ranging from happy to crying, and you could be asked to explain the level of your comfort or discomfort based on such a scale. Though we might talk about how excited or tired we are, for the purpose of our article this week, let's focus on a brief discussion of personal sacrifice. Most people generally have a level of pain they can tolerate before they're looking for extrication from the situation. Do you know your personal threshold? At what point do you say, "Enough"?

At some point more is inflicted upon us, placed before us, or asked of us than we are willing to part with. Perhaps you've felt pulled in multiple directions and you feel as if there is only so much of you to go around. Maybe you rank what you're willing to expend or sacrifice based on a scale of importance; whether it is time sensitive, of weightier impact, or from an external source more valuable to you than others (e.g. a spouse, a child, or a boss). We are usually willing to give more to those with whom we have a personal, intimate connection; whereas with those in positions authority over us we might feel a responsibility or obligation to comply. We give and we give and we give, and eventually (perhaps inevitably), we feel as if there simply isn't any more to give. Where's the threshold? Where is the line at which you say, "No mas"? Would you be willing to erase your threshold for someone important enough? Is there *any* situation in which you could envision yourself offering of yourself unendingly? Bear with me a moment and I'll share with you a biblical precedent and instruction to do just that.

Turn your attention to the first book of Moses' writing and read of an old, but relatively new, father in a man called Abraham. **Genesis 22:1** says, "Now it came to pass after these things that God tested Abraham, and said to him, 'Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' " Genesis tells us that Abraham had been a participant in many conversations with the Almighty. God called him out of Ur (**12:1-3**), promised him the land in which he had begun dwelling (**13:14-15**), foretold of him having an heir (**15:4-5**), revealed the sign of the covenant (**17:13-14**), and more. Though Abraham had multiple and sundry conversations with God, what would follow the call of his name in chapter twenty-two would require Abraham to consider his personal threshold. Why? In the following verse, Abraham is tasked by God with taking his son, his one true heir between him and his wife, to Moriah and making a burnt offering out of him (**Gen. 22:2**).

What parent could imagine being asked to give so much?! Can you imagine the personal discussion you might have had with yourself if you were in Abraham's sandals? Fascinatingly, the Bible reveals in short work how he responded. Moses wrote that Abraham got up early in the morning and began traveling (**22:4**). We know that Abraham had faith in spades, evidenced by not only his obedience, but the statement he made to the men traveling with him that "the lad" and he would go worship *and* come back (**22:5**). How could Abraham even process what God was asking him to do? What could he possibly be considering the end result of such a request would be? Let the Bible be your guide. The Hebrew writer gave us information not included in Genesis, writing that Abraham believed that God was able to raise his son, Isaac, from the dead (**Heb. 11:19**). Abraham seemingly had such a vast reserve of faith that he trusted the Lord would make all things well and worth it, whatever the cost. Abraham's offering of his son would cost him immeasurably, but he trusted God that there was a reason and the end result would be worth it. Perhaps *cost* is the best way to approach our personal threshold. How much a request is going to cost us might be a large factor in dictating how willing we are to comply.

There can be no full theological and spiritual discussion of *cost* without an inclusion of Christ. Our Lord Jesus mentioned cost when He said, "For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he has enough to finish it ... So likewise, whoever of you does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple" (Luke 14:28; 33). Jesus was explaining that those who would be His disciples had a decision to make: Were they willing to give what was necessary to obtain the promise of His Father or would they consider it to simply be too much for them to give? Nobody understands cost like the Lord Jesus and His Father in Heaven. God stopped Abraham before the life of Isaac was forfeit, but God Himself followed through in the sacrifice of His only begotten Son as ransom of the entire human race (**Jn. 3:16**). Nothing was too much for God to give to forgive our sins and save our souls. Having examined the *cost* that was paid for us, could anything be considered too much for us to give God in perseverance and security of His grand gift? This lesson boils down to this: there should be no personal threshold. God gave all for us; we should be willing to give God anything and everything in return (**Ecc. 12:13**). Nothing in this world can even begin to approach in value what He is offering us. Let us endeavor to be zealous and humble enough to erase any human thresholds we might have erected for personal sacrifice and be obedient until eternal peace in the presence of God is forever within our grasp.

JOIN US!

Sweetheart Banquet

FELLOWSHIP FUN

February 13, 5-7 P.M.
In the fellowship hall

SERVICE LOVE!

FOR ALL COUPLES & SINGLES TOO!

SWEETHEART BANQUET
 Join us for a night of fellowship & fun at the Sweetheart Banquet for couples & singles on February 13th, from 5-7 pm, in the fellowship hall. We are meeting for a little fancier dinner than normal where the men will serve the women. The menu is posted in the foyer for people to sign up. Preselected couples will play the "Not So Newlywed Game" so come & enjoy this time of fellowship together!

HAPPY FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS BIRTHDAY!

JAN. 30 - ALFREDA PETTAWAY
 11 - ROGER DEEM
 14 - LOIS BROWN
 15 - BARBARA HUGHART
 22 - CHARLES CULVER

HONORING OUR WIDOWS & WIDOWERS
 We wish to thank all of our widows and widowers for the opportunity and privilege to honor you.
 We thank you for all you do!



Bridal Shower: There will be a bridal shower honoring Beverly Williams' daughter, Robin Williams, bride-elect of Jonathan Mosley, on Feb. 5th, 2:00 pm, at the Gabriel Oaks Church of Christ. An RSVP is requested. The invitation is posted on the ladies' bulletin board.




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



SHARE THE WARMTH

The ladies of the congregation are collecting new socks and gloves (all sizes) for the homeless shelters through Saturday, February 12th. Please place them in the box in the foyer. **THANK YOU!!!**



YOUTH DEVOTIONAL

If you would like to host the February 20th Youth Devotional at your home, please see Phil McIntosh or Gaylen Williams.

JANUARY /FEBRUARY CLEANING CALENDAR

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

THANK YOU!

30-TEAM ROGER Patrick Brenda Roger Linda	13-TEAM LEE Lee Natalie Rufus Derek Ken
Feb.6-TEAM PHIL Michelle Beverly Donna Josephine Yvonne	20-TEAM ZACK Zack Amanda Diedre Paul Rubye

- THOSE TO SERVE**
SUNDAY, JANUARY 30, 2022:
- ◆ ANNOUNCEMENTS: ANDRÉ PETTAWAY
 - ◆ SONG: REGGIE BASS
 - ◆ 1ST PRAYER: SCRIPTURE READING:
DERREL HEGINBOTHAM
 - ◆ SONG: REGGIE BASS
 - ◆ SERMON: PHIL MCINTOSH
 - ◆ INVITATION SONG: REGGIE BASS
 - ◆ SONG BEFORE COMMUNION: REGGIE BASS
 - ◆ COMMUNION/OFFERING:
GAYLEN WILLIAMS & IVAN MCINTOSH
 - ◆ CLOSING SONG: REGGIE BASS
 - ◆ CLOSING PRAYER: ADAM ZAK
 - ◆ AUDIO/VISUAL: PATRICK SELLERS
 - ◆ SECURITY: BRUCE BROWN & ROGER DEEM

Scripture Reading

“Lessons From Jericho”
Joshua 1:5-8

“5 There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

6 Be strong and of a good courage: for unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land, which I sware unto their fathers to give them.

7 Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper withersoever thou goest.

8 This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.”

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR MILITARY & CIVILIANS IN YOUR PRAYERS: Michael Rogers is in ALC school in Georgia and his wife, Jessica, has deployed to Kuwait.

-Tracy Wilson's son, Zane Wilson, is in Warrant Officer Cadet School in Ft. Rucker, Alabama.

-Derek Cole is training soldiers in Ohio until Feb. 24th.

PLEASE KEEP THESE MEMBERS AND LOVED ONES IN YOUR PRAYERS:

-Martha Chafin is quarantined at the Killeen Nursing & Rehab after testing positive for Covid. She was there initiatively to recover from her fractures.

-Ken Sellers has an aortic ulcer and has a follow up appointment with his doctor on February 4th and a consult to see the vascular doctor in San Antonio.

-Please remember Adam Zak while he is undergoing more health tests.

-Jim Dukes had blood tests and is going to receive treatments to help improve his circulation.

-Yvonne Hardiman is battling extreme back pain.

-Please pray for Alexis Gaither's father who is in bad health condition currently.

-Tim Matter's brother, Michael, is on oxygen, recovering from Covid.

-André Pettaway's nephew, Wesley Rudolph, is recovering from Covid. His lungs are damaged.

-David Hamrick was released from the hospital. He is battling colon cancer.

SYMPATHY: We wish to extend our sympathy to the family of Jean Basco, who passed away on January 8th. Her visitation will be Wednesday, February 2nd, from 5-7 pm, at the Crawford-Bowers Funeral Home, in Killeen. Her service will be Thursday morning, February 3rd, at 9 am, at the funeral home. We will have congregational singing. Please come if you can.

-We wish to extend our sympathy to the family of Angela Thomas, who passed away on January 21st. Her viewing will be at the Heritage Funeral Home, in Harker Heights, on Thursday, February 3rd, from 6-8 pm. Her service will be Friday, February 4th, at 9:30 am, at the funeral home. Her body will be laid to rest at the Texas Veterans' Cemetery following. Please keep her family in your prayers.

*If anyone would like to donate for the luncheon, please see Martha Bell.

-We wish to extend our sympathy to the family of Barbara Robinson, who passed away last Wednesday morning. Her visitation will be Wednesday, February 16th, here at the building from 12-1 pm, with the service will following at 1 pm. Please keep this family in your prayers.

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & HOMEBOUND:

James Garner & his wife (Tammy), Donna Hines' niece (April), Josephine Spear's sister (Rose) & friend (Iris), James Seay, Linda Deem's nephew, Tanja & Tiffany Arch, Julia Jones' cousin (Larry Sanford), Amanda Petties' brother (Anthony Allen) & sister (Jewel), Rufus Brown, Ashlyn Almeida, Marcella Williams' brother-in-law (Johnnie Milford), Shirl Foster, Martha Bell's sister, Julie Odum & her mother (Sharon Schmidt), Garnie & Nada Miller, Lois Brown, Cheryl Flores' brother-in-law (Raymond Flores), Tim Matter's aunt (Vivian), Charles Culver, Billye Hughes, Mary McAnally's son, & sister (Ann Ahrens), Esther Cox, Gladys Driver, Willard Dunn, Archie & Jessie Turner, and Linda Walts. Please keep these members & loved ones in your prayers as they battle health problems.

LADIES' BIBLE CLASS: The ladies' Bible class on Wednesday, February 16th, will be cancelled for Barbara Robinson's funeral service.

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!

☪ FEBRUARY CALENDAR ☪

2-Singing Night

2,9,23-Wednesday Ladies' Bible class at 10:00 am, in the fellowship hall.

3-Jean Basco's service: 9:00 am, at Crawford Bowers, Killeen.

4-Angela Thomas' service: 9:30 am, at Heritage Funeral Home, Harker Heights.

6-Fellowship Luncheon: Kitchen Group #2 will have kitchen duty (Judy Wall, Creta Bales, Linda Deem, Cheryl Flores, Yvonne Hardiman, & Josephine Spear.)

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

13-Sweetheart Banquet at 5:00 pm, in the fellowship hall.

16-Barbara Robinson's visitation & service here at the building.

20-Youth Devotional at 5:00 pm.

21-Presidents' Day: The office will be closed.

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