



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

More Than Just Words

By Phil McIntosh



Have you ever practiced the “smile and nod” approach in life? This is the scenario where someone is speaking to you and you’re hearing them, but you’re not listening. Maybe it’s someone who is talking about things that really don’t interest you, or maybe they’re droning on and on and there just doesn’t seem to be any end in sight for the current (mostly one-sided) conversation. Although you would prefer to be elsewhere during that moment, you are a kind person and you do not want to hurt their feelings, so you employ the “smile and nod.” This form of disinterested, passive conversationalist is likely present in most relationships we experience from marriage to church members, work, and even friends. Who knows what valuable information or close friend we may have forfeited by neglecting engagement with others.

I urge you to be aware of this approach and seek to remove it from your relationship with the word of God as often as possible. When God speaks, we should listen. And we should listen attentively. If you are merely reading your Bible on a “plan” (probably monthly or yearly), you might find yourself passing over valuable information. These are the types of things that perhaps would be spotted in a good Bible study. There is great benefit to reading the Bible (**Lk. 10:26; Acts 8:28; 1 Tim. 4:13**), but reading will only take you so far. The Lord Jesus said that those who will be successful in this life are they who *do* the words of God (**Matt. 7:24-25**). For one to be able to do the words of God, he must understand them. You’ll remember it was the apostle Paul who wrote that Timothy should study God’s word in order that he might obtain the ability to “rightly divide” it (**2 Tim. 2:15**). Reading the word of God will provide you with information that is capable of saving your soul (**Jam. 1:21**). Studying the word of God will help you learn to apply the principles of God and obtain the goal of spiritual progression and the ultimate goal of Heaven (**Heb. 5:12-14; 1 Pet. 1:5**). Study usually includes a perusal of information such as writer, date of composition, original language and commensurate etymology (what words meant back then), theme of the book and its background, audience, and the historical and cultural conditions in which the book was *written*.

This brings us to the point of today’s abbreviated study. When you dig deeper you might be surprised at what you see; you might be shocked to see how perfectly and personally the word of God can be applied. Open your Bible to the book of Revelation, to chapter three. In this section of the book, John records Jesus’ statements to the “seven churches which are in Asia” (**Rev. 1:11**). Specifically read verses fourteen to twenty-two of chapter three. We know this church quite well, perhaps more so than any of the other churches being communicated with in this book. The church of Laodicea was the “lukewarm” church. How have you understood this passage through your reading(s) of it? Do you think about what a lukewarm meal tastes like? Do you imagine lukewarm coffee (which, by the way, blech, no thanks)? We likely understand the meaning behind the word. It is referencing a condition that is kind of blah, it just exists; it has no fire, no activity, no real purpose to serve, disinterested even; it is just sitting there, like a chicken sandwich under a heat lamp. To use a more modern term, one might sum up the spiritual activity of the church of the Laodiceans as “meh.”

Look at the words used to indicate the condition they were in:

“Because you say, ‘I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing’—and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked” -**Revelation 3:17**

John writes that they were supremely confident in their lives, but that their spiritual condition was one of sheer disgrace and vanity. In verse eighteen, the church is implored to buy **gold, white garments, and eye salve**. Perhaps you read through those words and just “smile and nod” without digging deeper to see what is really happening. Just here is one place where the Bible is “more than just words”:

Laodicea was situated between the cities of Hierapolis and Colossae and did not have her own water supply. Water was piped in from both cities and by the time it reached Laodicea, the cool had warmed up, the hot had cooled off...leaving lukewarm water.

Laodicea was a rich (very rich) city. So rich that, when an earthquake destroyed much of the city in AD 60, they refused Roman aid in rebuilding.

Laodicea was a center of banking. It was said to have been a place of great wealth and prosperity, perhaps the richest of all the churches mentioned in Revelation 2 and 3.

Laodicea had within her large textile houses. The city was famous for her black and white wool.

Laodicea was a place of medical innovation and supply. A 2nd century physician described a medicine there that was likely ground to create a salve. The city even had within her a medical school and was widely known for medicine.

Now, when you read of the Lord’s message, inviting them to buy “gold refined in the fire, that you

Please join us for a
Baby Shower
 honoring
GAYLEN & NICHOLE WILLIAMS
 Sunday, April 24th
 at 3:00 pm

Items requested are: Boy's diapers, wipes (size 1 & up), 0-6months clothing, hooded towels, & washcloths.



Congrats GRADS!

SENIOR BANQUET

Join us for a High School Senior Banquet honoring Jaden Seay & Briana Griffith on Saturday, April 30th, at 6:00 pm, in the fellowship hall. Details are posted in the foyer with a sign-up sheet to bring food, or you may donate money to Phil or Michelle McIntosh, or the office.

APRIL CLEANING CALENDAR

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

THANK YOU!

March 27-TEAM ZACK Zack Amanda Diedre Paul Rubye	17-TEAM PHIL Michelle Beverly Donna Josephine Yvonne Lois Marcella
April 3-TEAM ROGER Patrick Brenda Roger Linda	24-TEAM LEE Lee Natalie Rufus Derek Ken Tim
10-TEAM JAMES S. Kim-Marie Xavier Jaden Kingsford	

ORDER OF SERVICE
SUNDAY, APRIL 17, 2022:

- ◆ **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** ANDRÉ PETTAWAY
- ◆ **1ST PRAYER:** DERREL HEGINBOTHAM
- ◆ **SONG:** PAUL PORTLEY
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- ◆ **SERMON:** PHIL MCINTOSH
- ◆ **INVITATION SONG:** PAUL PORTLEY
- ◆ **SONG BEFORE COMMUNION:**
PAUL PORTLEY
- ◆ **COMMUNION:**
XAVIER SEAY & IVAN MCINTOSH
- ◆ **SONG:** PAUL PORTLEY
- ◆ **OFFERING:**
XAVIER SEAY & IVAN MCINTOSH
- ◆ **CLOSING SONG:** PAUL PORTLEY
- ◆ **CLOSING PRAYER:** DEREK COLE
- ◆ **AUDIO/VISUAL:** PATRICK SELLERS
- ◆ **SECURITY:** BRUCE BROWN & ROGER DEEM

SCRIPTURE READING

**“What the Resurrection Did”
 Acts 2:22-24**

“²² Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know: ²³ Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain: ²⁴ Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it.”

