



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

“If You Choose To”

By Phil McIntosh

How much money should one contribute to the church’s collection on Sundays? The Old Testament teaching lends many to think that people should “tithes”- which means to give ten percent. Did you know that other opportunities existed in ancient times for God’s people to give? There was one such instance when Moses was collecting offerings for the work of the tabernacle, where the people brought so much that they were literally “restrained from brining” (**Ex. 36:6-7**). In that text, the offering was referred to as a “freewill” offering. God’s people were indeed very generous in those days. However, those days were not always so practiced by later generations. In fact, hundreds of years later, the nation of God’s people was rebuked for their withholding of offerings from the Almighty. God then told them that He was faithful and would provide them more than they could imagine if they would submit to Him (**Mal. 3:10-12**). The same sort of sentiment regarding what God can do is stated by the apostle Paul (**Eph. 3:20**). When God’s people give money to Him, not only are they praising and honoring Him as their Master and Lord, but they are providing materials which God is able to make abound for the benefit of the church (**2 Cor. 9:10-11**).

Unlike the commandments of old, the New Testament does not contain such specific details as to the giving of our means. While there are many verses where money is mentioned, along with our actions concerning it, these are generally the two specific texts from which we gather our understanding of responsibility to God:

“Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given orders to the churches of Galatia, so you must do also: ² On the first day of the week let each one of you lay something aside, storing up as he may prosper, that there be no collections when I come.” -**1 Corinthians 16:1-2**

“But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷ So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.” -**2 Corinthians 9:6-7**

You will notice, as mentioned earlier, that there are no specifics given at all as it pertains to any amount- no figure, number, or percentage. The instruction given in the portion of the Bible which governs our responsibility to God (the NT) places the decision for the amount one offers upon the heart, judgment, and willingness of the individual. You alone must consider what you are willing to offer from your finances to “return” a portion of the blessings with which God has blessed you.

Perhaps at this point you assume this article is about how much money you give on Sundays. It isn’t. Our weekly offering plays a role in the point of our discussion today, but they are not the focal point. The focal point comes from statements made during the portion of our worship services just following the prayer for the offering. At least one (but I believe multiple) of our brothers in the worship service have informed those in

attendance on Sunday that there is a box in the foyer to place your money in and that it is there “if you choose” to donate. I love that statement. Perhaps those who have said it didn’t purposefully mention that theological jewel and perhaps they did. Regardless, what those men have said shines a light on the life we are living before God. What we do with and for God is not by compulsion, but of our free will. This includes giving, but it extends much further. Whether we are even present in the assembly on a given Sunday (**Heb. 10:24-25**), participate in the various elements the service, read our Bibles on a weekly basis, distance ourselves from the influences of the world, seek peace and pursue it (**1 Pet. 3:11**), love our neighbors and each other, or anything else that one has the opportunity to do in this life- all of it depends on whether or not we *choose* to do it. I want to remind you of the wise words of Joshua, as he was giving his “farewell address” to Israel:

“Now therefore, fear the LORD, serve Him in sincerity and in truth, and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the River and in Egypt. Serve the LORD! ¹⁵And if it seems evil to you to serve the LORD, ***choose for yourselves*** this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.”-**Joshua 24:14-15** (underlined emphasis is mine)

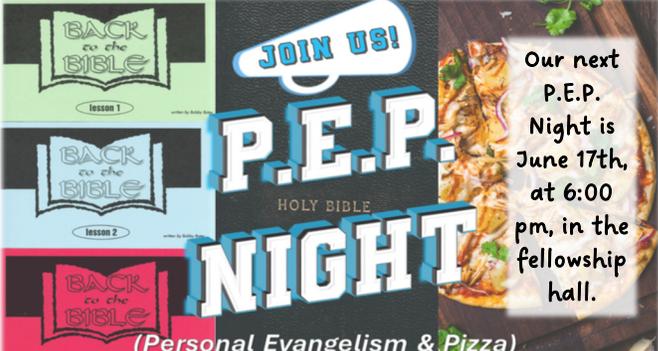
God desires that everybody discovers and pursues the knowledge of the truth and obtains the salvation offered through His Son (**1 Tim. 2:4**). That is quite impossible to accomplish unless we ***choose to***. You can have your name written in the Book of Life and go to Heaven. You can be the Christian for Him that you wish to be. You can let the things of the world go that you’ve been holding on to. You can know the Bible like you wish you could. You can shine the light for the Lord. You can do all things through Christ- if only you choose to.

HAPPY **JUNE BIRTHDAYS** BIRTHDAY!

16 - JOYCE BROWN
16 - GAIL MENDE
19 - DELPHINE HOPKINS
27 - PHIL MCINTOSH
30 - DONNA HINES

Men's Bowling Fellowship

There will be a Men's Bowling Fellowship on Saturday, June 18th, at 12:00 pm, at the Hallmark Lanes Bowling Alley.



JOIN US!

P.E.P. NIGHT
HOLY BIBLE
(Personal Evangelism & Pizza)

Our next P.E.P. Night is June 17th, at 6:00 pm, in the fellowship hall.

June Cleaning Calendar

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

29-TEAM LEE
Lee
Natalie
Rufus
Derek
Ken
Tim

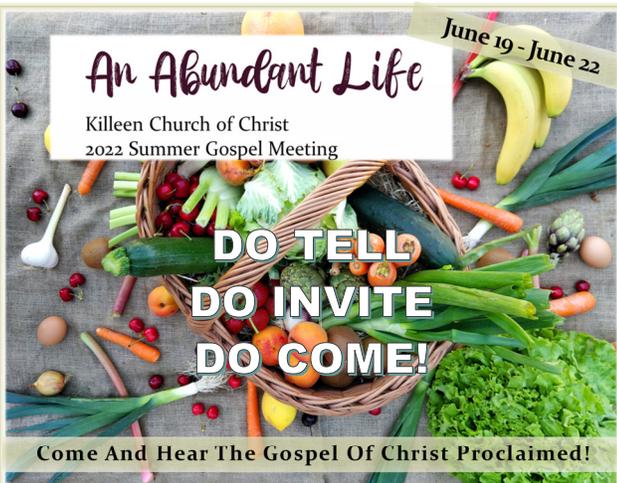
June 5-TEAM ZACK
Zack
Amanda
Diedre
Paul
Ruby

12-TEAM ROGER
Patrick
Brenda
Roger
Linda

19-TEAM JAMES S.
Kim-Marie
Xavier
Jaden
Kingsford

26-TEAM PHIL
Michelle
Beverly
Josephine
Yvonne
Lois
Marcella
Suncha

THANK YOU!



June 19 - June 22

An Abundant Life

Killeen Church of Christ
2022 Summer Gospel Meeting

**DO TELL
DO INVITE
DO COME!**

Come And Hear The Gospel Of Christ Proclaimed!

Scheduled Speakers

- Sunday, June 19, 9:30 A.M. - "Reinforce My Foundation"
- Cody Westbrook
- 10:30 A.M. - "Restore My Spirit" - Cody Westbrook
- Monday, June 20, 7:00 P.M. - "There's Nothing Wrong With My Church"- John Haffner
- Tuesday, June 21, 7:00 P.M. - "What Is Truth"
- Al Washington
- Wednesday, June 22, 7:00 P.M. - "Blueprint for Church Growth" - Patrick Hammack

ORDER OF SERVICE

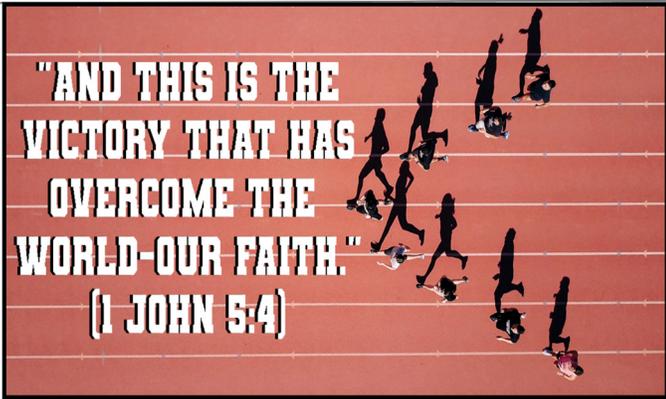
SUNDAY, JUNE 12, 2022:

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- ♦ **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** LEE FISHER
- ♦ **1ST PRAYER:** DERREL HEGINBOTHAM
- ♦ **SONG:** GAYLEN WILLIAMS
- ♦ **SCRIPTURE READING:** TIM MATTER
- ♦ **SONG:** GAYLEN WILLIAMS
- ♦ **SERMON:** PHIL MCINTOSH
- ♦ **INVITATION SONG:** GAYLEN WILLIAMS
- ♦ **SONG BEFORE COMMUNION:**
GAYLEN WILLIAMS
- ♦ **COMMUNION:**
ANDRÉ PETTAWAY & XAVIER SEAY
SONG: GAYLEN WILLIAMS
- ♦ **OFFERING:** ANDRÉ PETTAWAY & XAVIER SEAY
- ♦ **CLOSING SONG:** GAYLEN WILLIAMS
- ♦ **CLOSING PRAYER:** SCOTT DAVIS
- ♦ **AUDIO/VISUAL:** PATRICK SELLERS
- ♦ **SECURITY:** ROGER DEEM & KINGSFORD ASARE

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SCRIPTURE READING

"Prepare Your Soil"
Matthew 13:4-8 (KJV)

*⁴ And when he sowed, some seeds fell by the way side, and the fowls came and devoured them up:
⁵ Some fell upon stony places, where they had not much earth: and forthwith they sprung up, because they had no deepness of earth:
⁶ And when the sun was up, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away.
⁷ And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprung up, and choked them:
⁸ But other fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit, some an hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold."*



**JOIN US FOR OUR
2022 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!
CHAMPION
EMPOWERED BY JESUS!**

July 31st - August 3rd
At the Killeen Church of Christ
⇒ TIMES 6:00-7:30 PM
⇒ THERE WILL BE SINGING
⇒ CLASSES WITH ACTIVITIES
⇒ REFRESHMENTS

SIGN-UP SHEETS ARE IN THE FOYER FOR HELP

