

Dates to Remember

May 29th

Memorial Day

June 14th

Flag Day

June 18th

Father's Day

June 28th

Firsy Day of Summer

Naomi Fay Wall

Passed away on
May 25, 2017.

Visitation will be
Tuesday
May 30, 2017

9:30-10:00 a.m.

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Funeral Service will be

Tuesday
May 30, 2017

10:00 a.m.

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Graveside will be at the
Haynie Flat Cemetery
in Spicewood, TX

Leaving a Vacancy

by Irvin Himmel

Eddie was a clerk in a hardware store. He made a name for himself as the most inefficient and contentious sales-man ever. The atmosphere when he was absent one day was like the tranquil beauty of summer weather after a bad thunderstorm. One regular customer remarked on the difference. "Eddie ain't just away for the day," said the proprietor, "He don't work here no more."

"Do you have anyone in mind for the vacancy?" asked the customer. "Nope," said the proprietor cheerfully, "Eddie didn't leave no vacancy."

This little story reminds us of some folks in the church. It is so seldom that they attend services that no one really misses them when they are absent. They are such that no great loss is felt if they move to another city. Like Eddie, they leave no vacancy. Others can be absent for only one or two services and they are missed. Why? Because they are dependable. When their seat is vacant people take notice.

Church attendance is not the only matter of importance in the life of a Christian. However, it is a pretty good index to the temperature of one's fervor for the Lord. Non-attending members are usually non-participating in other aspects of the Lord's work. One must fill a place, render needed service, and be a participant before he can leave a vacancy.

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Attending church services regularly is like making a path through the forest: the more often you use it, the less obstruction you find in the way."

Sunday Worship:

9:30 am Bible Study

10:20 am Worship

12:30 pm Afternoon

Wednesday Night

7:pm

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It Is What It Is

by T. Doy Moyer

A friend of mine, wise and astute beyond his years (so he tells me), has shared his newly discovered motto with me: "It is what it is." Ok, so I have thought that a few times before, but it is one of those simple statements that forces us back to reality at times when we may feel overcome by our circumstances and disappointments of life. When things aren't exactly as you would desire them to be, you can become focused on reality by telling yourself, "It is what it is."

Circumstances are what they are. There are some things we can change, and some things we can't (we are getting more profound as we go). Our problem is that we often expend more worry and energy on the things we can't change; and this, in turn, can become a stumbling block to our spiritual growth and joy. *"And who of you by being worried can add a single hour to his life?"* ([Matthew 6:27](#)). Paul's own circumstances were often less than ideal, and beyond his control, yet his attitude remained stable: *"I have learned to be content in whatever circumstance I am. I know how to get along with humble means, and I also know how to live in prosperity; in any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need. I can do all things through Him who strengthens me"* ([Philippians 4:13](#)). If I may venture a loose paraphrase: It is what it is, I have learned to deal with "it" through God's help.

"Moses My servant is dead." So spoke the Lord to Joshua in ([Joshua 1:2](#)). Joshua knew this already; they had been mourning for days. But sometimes we need a reminder of the simple truth about reality. Essentially, God was telling Joshua, "Moses is gone, and you can't change that now or have him back. Now it's time to get up and go take the land of promise." In other words, "it is what it is, and you have to work with "it" the way it is."

The only option is not to accept reality. People do sometimes go through phases of "denial." They do not feel mentally able to accept what "is." It hurts too much perhaps. But if we will ever "arise and cross over this Jordan" in our lives, we must learn to accept the facts and circumstances of life as they are. It takes courage. It takes resolve. But, it must be done.

"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your request be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus" ([Philippians 4:6, 7](#)). God gives us the tools to be able to deal with all of our circumstances, including the painful ones. He wants us to cast our cares on Him, pray about them, and then let Him grant us peace in our hearts.

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Those to Serve

(B) Jack Wall (FV) Vernon Houts
(O) Doug Pruett (A) Kyle Stifflemire
1st prayer Keith Stifflemire
2nd prayer Judd Wall
Announcements: Mike Mallett
Singing: Judd Wall

Prayer List:

Letha Sheldon
Mildred Lovell
Janese Lancaster
Ruby Jones
Loyd Crownover
Pray for our Nation
Our Troops
Law Enforcement
Rescue Personal

Happy Birthday

Cassidy Stapp June 2nd
Loyd Crownover June 5th
Jeret Burks June 7th
Naomi Wall June 23rd

Happy Anniversary

June 14th
Will & Autumn Varr

It Is What It Is

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The solution to problems is not denial. We should learn to admit reality, then work with it as it is. When there are matters we can change for the better, let's work to change them. When the circumstances don't meet our concept of ideal, and we can't change them, let's learn to accept them and resolve to move forward with the strength God supplies. In all matters, we must *"seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness"* ([Matthew 6:33](#)). Because, as another one of my favorite "profound" questions reminds us, a hundred years from now, what will "it" matter? We worry about things that will pass into oblivion, and sometimes ignore those matters that have eternal consequences. A hundred years from now, it won't matter that my car has a few scratches on it, or my water heater went out. What will matter is whether or not I have devoted myself to God and His Will. It is what it is.