

### Those to Serve

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

### Prayer List:

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

### Dates to Remember

**August 23rd**

*First Day of School-Evant*

**August 28th**

*First Day of School Copperas  
Cove*

**August 27th**

*Fellowship Sunday*

**Happy Birthday**

**Jack Wall August 20th**

**Cindi Wall August 26th**

In this Book will be found the  
solution of all the problems of  
the world.

**CALVIN COOLIDGE**

### Almost is Not Enough

Barney L. Keith

It is sometimes said of an individual who has not yet obeyed the gospel, "I believe he is almost ready to be baptized," or that "she is close to becoming a Christian!" Friend, are you one of those people? Can we not somehow impress upon you:

That "almost" is not sufficient to make one a Christian;

That being "close" is not the same thing as being "in Christ";

That you are still in a LOST condition;

That Christ is coming in judgment one day?

It is essential for you to note the words of Paul in [2 Thessalonians 1:7-9](#) where he states that those "*who do not obey the gospel ... will pay the penalty of eternal destruction.*" We URGE you to take a serious look at your life, your need of salvation, and the hope that can be found only "*in Christ.*" Obey the gospel **TODAY!**

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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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## When You Thought I Wasn't Looking

(Written by a former child)

A message every adult should read, because children are watching you and doing as you do, not as you say.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you hang my first painting on the refrigerator, and I immediately wanted to paint another one.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you feed a stray cat, and I learned that it was good to be kind to animals.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you make my favorite cake for me and I learned that the little things can be the special things in life.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I heard you say a prayer, and I knew there is a God I could always talk to and I learned to trust in God.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you make a meal and take it to a friend who was sick, and I learned that we all have to help take care of each other.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you give of your time and money to help people who had nothing and I learned that those who have something should give to those who don't.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you take care of our house and everyone in it and I learned we have to take care of what we are given.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw how you handled your responsibilities, even when you didn't feel good and I learned that I would have to be responsible when I grow up.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw tears come from your eyes and I learned that sometimes things hurt, but it's all right to cry.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw that you cared and I wanted to be everything that I could be.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I learned most of life's lessons that I need to know to be a good and productive person when I grow up.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I looked at you and wanted to say, "Thanks for all the things I saw when you thought I wasn't looking."

## Doing God's Will

By Ron Boatwright

How do we make sure that we are among the few who are saved and not among the many who are lost (Matthew 7:13-14)? Jesus says in Matthew 7:21-23, "Not everyone who says to Me, Lord, Lord, shall enter the kingdom of heaven, **but he who does the will of my Father** in heaven. **Many** will say to Me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, and cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name? And then will I declare to them, I **never** knew you, depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness". If we believe and call Jesus, "Lord, Lord", we are still lost if we have not done God's will.

On Judgment Day **many** will be pleading with Jesus, calling him Lord, Lord, and reminding him of the many wonderful works that they had done in His name, but He will say unto them, "I **never** knew you, depart from Me you who practice lawlessness". Why? Why? They had **not done the will of the Father** in heaven. The worst thing that will ever be said to an individual is when the Lord on Judgment Day says to the majority of people, "Depart from Me, I **never** knew you". There will be no appeal to this decision. We have to get it right the first time.

These people in the above scripture seemed to be honest, but they were honestly mistaken as the majority of people are today. Apparently they were good people, because they had "done many wonderful works". But they had not done the will of the Father, which is in heaven. No single condition, that God imposes, can be ignored. **God has no non-essential commands**. When we fail to obey a command of God, we have just broken it. We must obey God by doing what God says to do, when God says to do it, how God says to do it, and for the reason God says to do it. Nothing is more important than pleasing God by doing His will so that we can go to Heaven. God's will is found right in our Bibles.