

### Those to Serve

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



**Kathy Stifflemire Sept. 24th**

**Vernon Houts Sept. 24th**

**Autumn Vann Sept. 29th**

### Dates to Remember

**September 3rd**

*Mission Sunday*

**September 4th**

*Labor Day*

**September 10th**

*Grandparent Day*

**September 22nd**

*First day of Fall*

**September 24th**

*Noon Fellowship*

### Good Exercise

Did you get your exercise today? What if we would walk with the Lord? Walking with the Lord in the Bible means living for the Lord daily.

Second Corinthians 4:16 reminds us to be renewed day by day. We do this by:

1. Every day let God say something to you (Psalm 119:11, 105; Acts 17:11). Read and study your Bible.
2. Every day say something to God (1 Thessalonians 5:17). Pray.
3. Every day do something for God (Galatians 6:10, James 1:27). Be a servant. Be helpful to your neighbor. Let's do good to one another.
4. Every day say something for God (Mark 16:15). Tell something about Christ. Invite someone to church. Will you be my guest this Sunday?

The Bible challenges us to be like Christ every day! Will you do your spiritual exercise and walk with the Lord?

*Mark Tonkery Parkersburg, WV*

*"If we ever forget that we are one nation under God, then we will be a nation gone under."*

**Ronald Reagan**

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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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## Morals in the Pulpit and in the Pew

by Leslie Diestelkamp

Once, when I preached a sermon on morals, a mature man in the congregation asked to speak. For perhaps two or three minutes he exhorted the people, giving complete endorsement to what I had preached. I believe his endorsement may have impressed the people more than my sermon had. It would be a good thing, everywhere, if elders and/or other mature, devout men would publicly concur in teaching of truth on moral matters. The more worldly ones would then come to realize that morality is a matter for all, not just for preachers. We need more morals in the pew as well as in the pulpit.

In the same city where I preached the above-mentioned sermon, an elderly lady attended the services. I visited her, and in the course of such I inquired how she happened to attend. She said that "her church" was far across the city and that her son had urged her to attend with us. Her son was foreman in a plant over the very man mentioned above who exhorted the people when I preached. Her son so admired the morals of his worker that he told his mother, "that church must be all right" because that man went there.

Of course, I do not mean that the morality of the people necessarily makes a church right. People may indeed be moral and still be very wrong doctrinally. On the other hand, regardless of the purity of doctrine that is preached, a church can't be right before God and fruitful among men unless the morals of the members are above reproach. In fact, correctness (scripturalness) in worship, work and organization is made attractive to the world by genuine morality and good works ([Matthew 5:15-16](#)).

When Christians teach the whole truth, many people will reject it and rebel against it. Yet some may be won to receptiveness and later to obedience through the godliness of Christians. Conversely, any scriptural position a church may take is made quite inconsequential to the world if the people do not live in holiness. A preacher's sermon on morals falls very flat if the congregation does not exemplify the highest ideals. Especially the leaders (elders, deacons, preachers, etc.) and their wives need to maintain untainted reputations that will portray the very same ideals as are proclaimed in the sermons.

Instead of always whining and complaining about the morals of the world about us, God's people would do better to just demonstrate, in the pulpit and the pew, the qualities that are desirable. Let us say and do, preach and live moral purity of the very highest possible degree. Let the thoughts of our minds, the words of our lips and the deeds of our bodies be holy, godly and righteous altogether. This would abound to the glory of God, to satisfaction in life and usefulness to the world.

## When Nobody Notices

by Shane Williams

Perhaps you've seen the sign that reads, "Housework is something you do that nobody notices unless you don't do it."

The truth behind that statement applies to more than just housework. People seem to have no trouble noticing our failures -- anger, impatience, criticism, or imperfections. Who notices when we "sometimes" get it right? Sometimes we feel that nobody sees or appreciates what we may do. This may be true except for one reassuring reality: God sees and He appreciates.

There are many great and beautiful things in this world that may go unnoticed: A beautiful sunrise that we are not awake to see, the many beauties that lie underwater, etc. These magnificent things are there and those immense things happen, whether we see them or not. God sees. That reality can also be a source of security or comfort for us. According to the apostle Paul, we are ultimately serving Jesus Christ.

*"Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father" ([Colossians 3:17](#)).*

*"Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men; knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance. It is the Lord Christ whom you serve" ([Colossians 3:23,24](#)).*

We are to serve Him with an attitude of thanksgiving and from the heart. The Lord not only sees and values what we do, but He also will reward us.

*"And let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we shall reap if we do not grow weary" ([Galatians 6:9](#)).*