

Those to Serve

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

Prayer List:

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

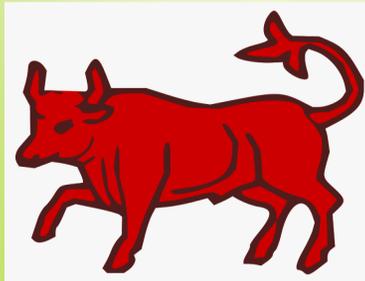


Lynetta Vann Dec. 14th
 Virginia Lovell Dec. 19th
 Letha Sheldon Dec. 25th
 Will Vann Dec. 26th

Dates to Remember

December 21st
First Day of Winter
December 25th
Christmas Day
December 31st
New Years Eve

Mark your calenders for December 16th 5:30 pm , there will be Christmas party at Ruby Jones home. Remember to bring a Christmas Ornament for Chinese Christmas Be sure to attend it might be you year to take the Red Bull Home



Psalm 100:3(KJV)

Know ye that the LORD he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

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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
 6:00 pm

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The Rich Man & Lazarus

By Ron Boatwright

Our Lord, in trying to get us to go to Heaven and to warn us to not go to Hell, gives a true account of what happened to two men in Luke 16:19-31. In verses 19-21 Jesus says there was a "certain rich man who fared sumptuously every day" and "there was a certain beggar named Lazarus full of sores who the dogs came and licked his sores". These are not fictitious characters but were "certain" people. Satan would like for us to reason Hell out of existence. There are those today who falsely teach that there is not going to be a Hell.

In verses 22-24 Jesus says, "So it was that the beggar died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man died and was buried. And being in torments in Hell, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off and Lazarus in his bosom. Then he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am tormented in this flame." Abraham then said in verse 26, "Between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us."

The rich man became the beggar in Hell. The poor man became the rich man in paradise. The rich man was clothed in purple and fine linen but in Hell he was robed in a garment of fire. The poor man was attended by the dogs, but is now attended by the angels of Heaven. The rich man fared sumptuously every day, but in eternity he cannot even get a drop of water to cool his tongue. The poor man suffered evil things but in eternity he is comforted.

After the rich man died, he could still feel, see, hear, talk, and remember. In verse 25 we read, "But Abraham said, Son remember that in your life time you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus the evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented." There is only one of two places that each one of us will spend eternity, Heaven or Hell. After death everyone will be very conscious and aware of what is happening to him. "Son remember." One in Hell will remember all the lost opportunities and how he wasted his life. One will chastise himself throughout eternity because he didn't have to be there in Hell. Hell is permanent; there is no getting out of it.

The rich man then begged Abraham to send Lazarus back to the earth for he said in verse 28, "I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment." The rich man was now a believer in Hell and he could not stand to see his brothers come there also. But in verse 29, "Abraham said to him, they have Moses and the prophets, let them hear them." Today we have the New Testament of Christ, which tells us how to go to Heaven and stay out of Hell. Let us study our Bibles diligently and live an obedient life to make sure we don't end up in Hell with the rich man.

"Preacher/Pastor" - What's the Difference?

In the majority of cases people refer to a preacher as "the Pastor" of a church. Those called such often use the expression, "I pastored a church at . . .," or "I am the Pastor of . . ." This is a misuse of both terms. The New Testament makes a clear distinction between a preacher and a pastor. A "pastor" is a shepherd of the congregation over which he serves (Read 1 Pet. 5:1-3). A "pastor" is one who tends the flock in the way a shepherd watches over his sheep. A preacher is one who proclaims or preaches the word.

Paul identified himself as a preacher, apostle, and a teacher - but never as an elder or pastor. "Whereunto I am ordained a preacher, and an apostle, (I speak the truth in Christ, and lie not;) a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and verity" (1 Tim 2:7). As a preacher he was also an apostle, one sent by the Lord to preach. He also served as "a teacher of the Gentiles." He repeated this to Timothy in the second letter (2 Tim. 1:11). Paul had the right to have a wife, but apparently did not (1 Cor. 9:5). He had a right that he had not exercised. One of the qualifications of a pastor requires him to be "the husband of one wife" (1 Tim. 3:2). No such qualification is given for a preacher.

A preacher is an evangelist. Paul instructed Timothy to "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine" (2 Tim 4:2). He included this as part of doing the work of an evangelist and minister (verse 5). These terms define the work God wants a preacher to do - preach and teach the word. This is his ministry. He must never preach anything other than the gospel of Christ (Read Gal. 1:8-9).

A preacher may also serve as a pastor, but only if he qualifies per 1 Tim. 3:1-8 and Titus 1:5-9. Peter was an apostle but also an elder (1 Pet. 5:1). Another term for pastor is "elder." Some elders (pastors) serve in both ways. Of such, Paul said, "Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially they who labor in the word and doctrine" (1 Tim. 5:17).

This is why we never refer to our preacher as "our Pastor."