

### Those to Serve

(B) Keith Stifflemire

(FV) Vernon Houts

(O) Calvin Burks

(A) Kyle Stifflemire

1st prayer Vernon Houts

2nd prayer Judd Wall

Announcements: Jack Wall

Singing: Mike Mallett

### 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**

**Judd Wall Oct. 10th**

**Kyle Stifflemire Oct. 21st**

**Mike Mallett Oct. 21st**

**Ruby Jones Oct 24th**

### Dates to Remember

**September 24th**

*Noon Fellowship*

**October 1st**

*Mission Sunday*

**October 9th**

*Columbus Day*

**October 29th**

*Noon Fellowship*

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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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### A Listening Ear

When a heart is troubled  
And the pain too much to bear  
A listening ear is needed.

Do you have an ear to spare?

Tears flow freely down the face  
When no one seems to care.

Your listening is needed,  
Will your ear be there?

When troubled words pour out,  
The pain is less to bear,

And hurting hearts are eased.  
A listening ear will care.

Gloomy thoughts come often  
If no one's there to share.

Do take the time to go,  
Your ear will show you care.

Your presence there is needed  
Not words, just nod your head.

Be someone there to listen,  
Just lend your ear instead.

## Indispensable Supports

In his farewell address of 1796, George Washington famously stated, "Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to a political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports."

A couple of years later John Adams said, "We have no government armed in power capable of contending with human passions unbridled by morality and religion."

We can see the results of unbridled human passions. As we consume the news and learn of those advocating anarchy; as we see people beaten and terrorized at "anti-hate" rallies; while we are surrounded by so much turmoil, we seek answers. Anyone claiming to be able to govern self or country without God is confused and mistaken.

While the words of statesmen like Washington and Adams are profound and helpful, the words of Scripture are necessarily prescriptive and universal.

Proverbs 14:12 (16:25) — "There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death.

Jeremiah 10:23 — "I know, O LORD, that the way of man is not in himself, that it is not in man who walks to direct his steps."

Proverbs 3:5-6 — "Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths.

The ugly things we are seeing will not go away, they will not be corrected, until there is a shift in the way people think. Selfishness and chaos lead to destruction. A life patterned after Christ leads to stability and flourishing. A life bought by the blood of Christ leads to security that is to be enjoyed both now and forever (cf. 2 Tim. 4:8; Rev. 7:14-17).

In a world that is increasingly defined by instability, it is good to know that we have support. Our indispensable support is found in Jesus Christ (2 Timothy 1:10). Let us lean upon Him and find true stability.

*Bart Warren  
Glasgow, KY*

## There Are Only Two Ways

By Ron Boatwright

Many times we hear people today say, "We are all headed for the same place, we are just going in different ways". In a sense this is true in that we are all headed first to the Judgment. The Bible says, "And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment." And Romans 14:10 says, "For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ".

After the Judgment we will not all end up in the same place. Jesus in trying to warn us says, "Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it" (Matthew 7:13-14). According to Jesus, the vast majority of people will be lost and eternally punished in the fires of Hell but only a few will go to Heaven. According to Jesus there are only two ways into eternity: the broad way and the narrow way. Each of us is walking either the wide and crowded road into Hell or the narrow road with the few who are determined to go to Heaven. There is no middle road. All those who end up in Hell will only have themselves to blame because they chose to go there.

The vast majority of people are not really concerned about being eternally lost, but the Bible warns us that, "It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God" (Hebrews 10:31). "And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever" (Revelation 20:10). Most people don't believe this. But let's choose the narrow road to eternal life in Heaven.