

Those to Serve

(B) Calvin BURks
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(O) Mike Mallett
(A) Kevin Grant
1st prayer Keith Stifflemre
2nd prayer Doug Pruett
Announcements: Jack Wall
Singing: Judd Wall

Happy Anniversary

**Doug & Theresa
Pruett
January 26th**

Dates to Remember

January 6th

Mission Sunday

January 27th

Fellowship Sunday

February 2nd

Groundhog Day

February 3rd

Mission Sunday

February 12th

Abraham Lincoln's Birthday

Prayer List:

Letha Sheldon
Ruby Jones
Loyd Crownover
Pray for our Nation
Our Troops
Law Enforcement
Rescue Personnel

Why Be Baptized?

by: Mel Martin

The Bible Says

Mark 16:16 That we might be saved.

Acts 2:38 That we might have remission of sins.

1 Peter 3:21 Because it saves us.
Acts 22:16 In order to wash away our sins.

Galations 3:27 That we might be in Christ.

Romans 6:3, 4 That we might be in his death.

Acts 2:38 "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins."

Ephesians 5:26 "That he might sanctify and cleanse it (the church, which is his people) with the washing of water (baptism) by the word."
Acts 22:16 "And now why tarriest thou? Arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins."

1 Corinthians 12:13 "For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body." This one body is the church
(Ephesians 1:22, 23)

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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:

Will Vann, Preacher

9:30 am Bible Study

863-899-0987

10:20 am Worship

Email: wvann@yahoo.com

12:30 pm Afternoon

www.evantchurchofchrist.org

Wednesday Night

6:00 pm

A Great Evangelistic Tool

I think it works better than radio, better than auto-dialers, better than showings of Jule Miller filmstrips, better than mailing out a bulletin, better than Dial-a-Bible-Reading, better than debates, better than cable TV.

What is it? It's brethren not being conformed to the world.

If a church is made up of people who understand 184 current and past issues correctly, but their lives do not show superior conduct, servitude, and holiness, don't expect an auto dialer, computer, printer, broadcast antenna, or cable outlet to compensate for the failure.

When church members think like the world, dress like the world, talk like the world, and chase money and status symbols like the world, it is the world that is winning them, not the other way around. When church members are selfish, egotistical, arrogant, and shallow, then they are not in a position to help the world to a higher plane.

If our families are splitting up, our children are dropping out, and our homes are little different from our neighbors then our "light" gets rather difficult to notice.

But if people learn self-denial (Lk. 9:23), learn submission to God and care for our neighbor (Matt. 22), learn to be servants (Jn. 13), learn to be content (1 Tim. 6:8), learn to invest in family (Titus 2:5; Eph. 6:4; Prov. 22:6), and learn to clean out the inside of the cup, not just the outside (Matt. 23), then bright lights will shine.

"Ye are an elect race, a royal priesthood, a people for God's own possession, that ye may show forth the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light...having your behavior seemly among the Gentiles; that...they may glorify God" (1 Pet. 2:9-12).

"Present your bodies as living sacrifices, holy, acceptable to God...and be not fashioned according to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind" (Rom. 12:1,2).

We are not called simply to know some things different from the world -- we are called to rise above the world, and to "be holy" (1 Pet. 1:15). And when people become that kind of light in the world, they become great evangelistic tools in God's service.

And it will far exceed the effect of debates, radio, TV, and mail outs. -
by Scott Smelser

Be Careful What You 'Like'

Facebook, of course, is the world's most popular social networking website. One of the features of Facebook is the ability to 'like' something that has been posted there by another user. Typically, to 'like' something means that you find it funny, or agree with what is being said. It is a way of indicating that you appreciate it in some way . . . that you are a fan of it . . . that you just 'like' it.

Unfortunately, there are frequent examples of Christians 'liking' things that should actually repulse them. For example:

- ◆ Someone posts an inappropriate picture of them self in immodest clothing
- ◆ yet several Facebook 'friends' will indicate that they 'like' this. - Another discusses some recent immoral behavior – effectively boasting about the sinful thing that has been done – and his Facebook buddies nod their approval with a thoughtless 'like'.
- ◆ Often people will reference some risqué movie, an ungodly television show, or a worldly concert or performance. They suggest that they really enjoyed it and recommend it to others – and many are quick to 'like' this, too.

In all of these things and more, we need to be reminded that God's Word says we should "not participate in the unfruitful deeds of darkness, but instead even expose them," and warns us that "it is disgraceful even to speak of the things which are done by them" (Ephesians 5:11,12). Surely, this is the polar opposite of 'liking' such things.

And, one more thing to consider – increasingly we are hearing of certain brethren who are posting questionable and erroneous doctrinal statements on their Facebook pages. Or, they may 'link' to some article or comments by a religious false teacher. They endorse this, and their 'friends' 'like' it as well. But the Scriptures teach us that we should not "bid him God speed: for he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds" (2 John 10,11)

Be careful about your influence and example before you click 'like' on Facebook. Think! - by Greg Gwin