

Those to Serve

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

Happy Anniversary

**Doug & Theresa
Pruett
January 26th**

Dates to Remember

January 20th
Fellowship Sunday
February 2nd
Groundhog Day
February 3rd
Mission Sunday
February 12th
Abraham Lincoln's Birthday
February 14th
Valentine's Day

Prayer List:

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

Happy Birthday

**Adree Stapp Feb. 4th
Jeffrey Burks Feb. 7th
Avery Vann Feb. 11th
Mac Vann Feb. 14th**

Philippians 2:1-4 (NKJV)

² Therefore if *there is* any ^[a] consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy,

² fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, *being* of one accord, of one mind.

³ *Let* nothing *be done* through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself.

⁴ Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.

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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

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10:20 am Worship

Email: wvann@yahoo.com

12:30 pm Afternoon

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Wednesday Night

6:00 pm

Purity of Mind

by: Bryan McAlister

Someone once aptly said, "A mind is a terrible thing to waste". When Jesus encountered the "mind-set" of the Pharisees, He was less than tolerant with the heavy burdens they placed upon the people of God. Of all the people Jesus encountered, He was the most critical of the Pharisees (See [Matthew 23](#)). In one instance of their meeting Jesus taught the great lesson of what actually brings defilement to a man's life.

[Matthew 15](#) opens with the Pharisees accusing Jesus and His disciples of defilement because they had not observed their imposed tradition of hand washing ([15:2](#)). Yet Jesus spoke to the futility of such traditions, for they are rooted in man's understanding, and not God's revealed plan. Furthermore Jesus explained, whatever goes into a man's mouth is eliminated ([15:17](#)), but the things which proceed out of the mouth, originate in the heart, and these defile man ([15:18](#)). The word used for heart in vs. 18 is a word, which indicates the nature of man, the conviction of man, and the mind of man.

Jesus taught that from the heart, and the mind, come the things of an evil nature. Among the sampling He provides, he began with "evil thoughts". Has any person ever seen an evil thought? We can conceive certain things in the mind, and we can think on certain thoughts, but no one ever has to know. Yet Jesus explained such thoughts are wrong, for they corrupt not only the mind of the individual, but their relationship with God. Our true self is revealed in our heart and mind, for therein lies our real treasure and desire. It is therefore necessary we have a mind centered and focused on things of a heavenly nature, lest we are consumed by the contents of our minds.

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How many spiritual relationships between God and man are jeopardized because man fails to change his mind, elevate his mind to a higher standard? The Bible speaks of the mind in various states. We can learn of (and possess) an anxious mind ([Luke 12:29](#)), a debased mind ([Romans 1:28](#)), a carnal mind ([Romans 8:7](#)), a fleshly mind ([Colossians 2:18](#)), and a corrupted mind ([II Corinthians 11:3](#)). At the same time though, scripture clearly teaches we have the option of possessing, the mind of Christ ([I Corinthians 2:16](#)), or a sound mind ([II Timothy 1:7](#)), filled with purity ([II Peter 3:1](#)). The ultimate mind for the people of God to possess, is a by-product of possessing the mind of Christ, that being the one mind, or same mind of God's people. Paul talked about this one mind, as did Peter. Each promoted among God's people a cooperation of harmony, trust, support, and compassion. Paul would point to the oneness of Christ for our necessity to be of one mind ([I Corinthians 1:10ff.](#)), while Peter would bring to bear the suffering Christ, and now our duty to do the will of God. However, we cannot be of the same mind, if we continue to expose our minds to acts and information of carnal substance ([Romans 8:7](#)). Likewise, should our minds be set on things of the past, we are hindered in changing our minds to the mind of Christ ([Phil 3:13-14](#)). Let "this mind" the mind of Christ Jesus our Savior be the mind you willingly possess.

The Church Has Let Me Down

Does this describe the way you feel? If it does, let me warn you. Don't expect to get more out than you put in. If you choose to stand aloof from the church, refusing to participate in her programs of work, fail to support her financially, and only occasionally attend worship services, the church will always disappoint you. On the other hand, if you become very active in everything the church here is involved in, read your Bible and pray every day, visit the shut ins, fellowship with fellow Christians, etc., you will be amazed at how much your view of the church will change.