

Those to Serve

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

Prayer List:

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

Dates to Remember

February 2nd
Groundhog Day

February 3rd
Mission Sunday

February 12th
Abraham Lincoln's Birthday

February 14th
Valentine's Day

February 18th
Presidents Day

Happy Birthday

Adree Stapp Feb. 4th

Jeffrey Burks Feb. 7th

Avery Vann Feb. 11th

Mac Vann Feb. 14th

Happy Anniversary

Doug & Theresa

Pruett

January 26th

Which Way Are You Headed?

Most of us have seen the little ditty below, which was originally found, we are told, as an epitaph on a tombstone:

Remember, friend, as you pass by,
As you are now, so once was I.
As I am now so you shall be.
Prepare for death, and follow me.

Pretty good, huh? Not too long ago I read it again but with a different twist. A passerby had scratched out this extra note and added it below the verse:

My friend, I've read what you did write,
But, I feel I need a little light;
To follow you I'll not consent,
UNTIL I KNOW WHICH WAY YOU

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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

What One Tolerates, the Next Accepts

John Wesley once wrote, "What one generation tolerates, the next generation will embrace." Both sacred and secular history have proven the truth of this assessment time and time again. Everything from dancing to drinking, from abortion to mercy-killing, has gone from toleration to acceptance. In the home and in the church, everything from immodesty to immorality has been first allowed and then endorsed. Adulterous marriages, gambling, and other similar sins, have gone from being permitted to being sponsored. Remember when wearing shorts and attending dances were generally condemned as sinful? Now, in some places shorts are being worn to church services and dances are sometimes held in church buildings! Truly, "what one generation tolerates, the next generation will embrace." One generation tolerated sprinkling for baptism if a person were seriously ill. The next generation accepted sprinkling for baptism as an option for everyone. One generation approved a "head" elder. The next generation appointed some elders "bishops." One generation introduced instruments of music as an aid to poor singing. The next generation demanded we worship with instruments. One generation accepted the "fellowship hall" (which, at first, was just a few tables in the basement for social meals). The next generation built gymnasiums and "Family Life Centers." One generation apologized for "hard preachers" who opposed denominationalism. The next generation saw their sons and daughters joining those denominations. One generation spoke of the need to reach out in a "nonjudgmental" way to our Catholic and Protestant friends. The next generation welcomed Presbyterians into "our fellowship" with only a handshake. One generation spoke of congregational singing as "one of our traditions." The next generation defended choruses and choirs. One generation applauded preachers who closed their sermons without an appeal for sinners to be baptized for the remission of sins. The next generation denied the gospel plan of salvation in general and baptism in particular.

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What does this say to us? What is our responsibility? "You shall observe to do therefore as the Lord... hath commanded you: ye shall not turn aside to the right hand or to the left" (Deut. 5:32). "Hold fast the form of sound words" (2 Tim. 1:13). "Continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them" (2 Tim. 3:14). "Mark them which cause divisions and offenses contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them" (Rom. 16:17). The next time we are tempted to deviate from the word of God, let us remember that what we tolerate, our children will embrace.

by Mark White

The Power of Baptism

By Rob Albright

The subject of baptism is often misunderstood. We know it is an important subject because Peter tells us baptism saves (1 Peter 3:21). It is not the water that saves, but it is our obedient faith in God's power that brings the result of salvation (forgiveness of sins). Despite the false theology of today, the Bible teaches us that baptism is essential for one to be saved.

Yes, we must recognize our sinful condition – die to it – and begin the new life in Christ. Paul explains how this new life comes about in Romans 6:3-5. Baptism is at the beginning of our commitment to Christ. What follows after baptism is spiritual growth and development, but salvation comes after one is baptized – not before.

Baptism is the place God goes to work and remits sin. In baptism we are cleansed of our sin (Colossians 2:12-13; Acts 22:16) and brought into a spiritual union with Jesus (Rom. 3:5). Think about it: Salvation (2 Tim. 2:10); No condemnation (Rom. 8:1); All spiritual blessings (Eph. 1:3) - All found after one is baptized into Christ.

Do we believe God has the power to do what He says? (Mark 16:16).