

Those to Serve

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



Emma Burks April 28th
Connie Mallett April 30th
Jana Wall May 18th

Dates to Remember

April 21st
Easter
April 28th
Noon Fellowship
May 5th
Mission Sunday
May 12th
Mother's Day
May 27th
Memorial Day

Prayer List:

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



April 18th
Jack & Cindi Wall



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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

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Wednesday Night

6:00 pm

The Plague of Profanity

Are you as sick of hearing it as I am? We are exposed to it at the super market, over the back fence, and at ball games. It fills our novels, movies, and is profuse on television. What is this mysterious influence? Profanity!

We hear it – not just from sailors ("cuss like a sailor"), or from the French ("pardon my 'French'") – but from all strata of society. It used to be the case that a gentleman would never use profanity in the presence of a woman – and deep down he knew he shouldn't use it anywhere. Now, women can swear with the "best (or worst) of 'em." Small children, who have not learned to discuss much of anything yet – on an intellectual basis – can spew forth a "blue" streak. It almost seems as if some of their first words are of the "four-letter" variety.

The Bible is not silent on the proper use of human language. Paul wrote: "

* *Let no corrupt speech proceed out of your mouth, but such as is good for edifying as the need may be, that it may give grace to them that hear" (Eph. 4:29).*

The term rendered "corrupt" is the Greek *sapros*, akin to *sepo* ("to rot"). It denotes that which provides no good service. Our words in the presence of others ought to be such as build men up, rather than debasing them (cf. **Job 4:4**).

Again, the inspired apostle wrote: "

. . . but now do ye also put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, railing, shameful [filthy' KJV] speaking out of your mouth. . . " (Col. 3:8).

The term signifies that which is base, characterized by shame. As a result of their studies of the Greek papyri, Moulton & Milligan suggested that the word generally denotes "foul or filthy" language (Vocabulary of the Greek New Testament, London: Hodder & Stoughton, 1963, p. 14).

Profanity is such an invasive influence; it's a mind-maggot. It gnaws its way into the recesses of one's thinking, and, if harbored, will make its presence spontaneously felt at the slightest provocation. This is what happens when we allow ourselves to be unnecessarily and regularly exposed to its vileness. We may soon begin to "cuss" mentally even if we don't verbalize profanity outright. - by Wayne Jackson

WANTED:

By Mike Riley

- Members who are as interested in attending the worship services of the church on Sunday and Wednesday night as they are on Sunday morning (**Hebrews 10:25**).
 - Members who are as liberal with their money as with their advice and criticism (**2 Corinthians 8:1-5**).
 - Members who are willing to deny themselves in order to serve God (**Matthew 16:24**).
 - Members who love God more than pleasure (**2 Timothy 3:4**).
 - Members who are not only church members but also church workers (**1 Thessalonians 1:3**).
 - Members who are willing to let church work "interfere" with their own work and pleasure (**1 Corinthians 15:58**).
 - Members who are willing to spend at least half as much of their time studying their Bibles as they do watching television (**2 Timothy 2:15** – ASV).
 - Members who can be half as enthusiastic about a gospel meeting as about the World Series or the Super Bowl (**Matthew 6:19-21**).
 - Members who are as "anxious" to tell others the good news of the gospel as they are to tell them the latest gossip (**Acts 20:24-27**).
 - Members who are willing to practice in their lives what they say they believe in their hearts (**1 Corinthians 4:16; 1 Corinthians 11:1; 1 Timothy 3:6-9**).
 - Members who aspire to be leaders in the church purely for the good they can do for others, and the greater service they can render to God (**Acts 20:28**).
- Members who can object to something without becoming objectionable, and who can disagree without becoming disagreeable (**Romans 12:18; Hebrews 12:14**).

Are you a member of the church as described above? If so, you are very much "WANTED" (and needed) in the church today!