

### Those to Serve

(B) Doug Pruett  
(FV) Calvin Burks  
(O) Jack Wall  
(A) Kyle Stifflemire  
1st prayer Mike Mallett  
2nd prayer Keith Stifflemire  
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

There's a new and improved computer available. It combines a word processor and a food processor. It is really helpful for those times when you have to eat your words.

**"IN POLITICS there are no accidents. If it happens, you can bet it was planned that way."  
F. D Roosevelt**



**April 28th**

**Noon**

**Fellowship**

**Graduation**

**Party Honoring**

**Kyle**

**Stifflemire**

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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**

## "There's No Use Talking To Him. It Won't Do Any Good."

Some said that he was "stubborn," "hard-headed," and "mean-spirited." Lots of folks told of run-ins with him and almost everyone knew of his reputation. "It won't do any good to talk to him." Others added, "He'll just get mad, and you DON'T want to make him mad!" That's what people thought about him. Are we talking about someone you know? Maybe a person who has shown absolutely zero interest in spiritual things? No! Actually we have in mind the apostle Paul. Prior to his conversion (when he was still known as Saul of Tarsus) he had a truly bad reputation. At that time he was actively persecuting the church. He was personally responsible for putting many Christians in prison, and when some were put to death, he said, "I gave my voice against them" ([Acts 26:10](#)). Are you surprised that Ananias reacted negatively when the Lord told him to go see Saul? "I have heard by many of this man, how much evil he hath done!" ([Acts 9:13](#)). His argument was basically: 'It won't do any good.' "But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way; for he is a chosen vessel unto me" (vs. 15). Even to this day we hear people excuse themselves from their duty by saying, "he's too stubborn," or "it won't do any good." We have two responses to such statements: 1) How do you know this person is so "stubborn"? How can you be sure "it won't do any good?" Have you ever tried to talk to the individual? Be careful about making unfair and harsh judgments ([Mt.7:1,2](#)). 2) Even if your impressions are accurate, it still does not excuse you from fulfilling your Godgiven duty. No one ever had a better excuse than Ananias, but the Lord said "go thy way. . ." We need to do the same! No one can predict how much good can result when we do what needs to be done. Look at Paul's life! Let's get busy! - by Greg Gwin

## *Easter*

By Ron Thomas

The significance of Easter to a great many people is in relation to the Lord's resurrection from the grave. The importance of the Lord's resurrection is in the message of hope to a people lost in sin (all are lost in sin; [Romans 3:23](#)). With this message of hope, is a message of warning. Paul spoke to those in Athens, saying, "The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead" ([Acts 17:30-31](#), ESV). A coming day of judgment is something people understand as a matter of justice, but some confusion surrounds the idea of justice and precisely how it will be applied. For what will one be judged, what standard will be used to judge and what happens after the judgment is rendered?

Briefly, let us address each question. For what will one be judged? The things done in this life. Paul wrote about this in his letter to the church in Corinth ([2 Corinthians 5:10](#)). "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil." The words "good" and "evil" are understood exclusively in relation to the Lord's express will.

The standard used to judge us is the standard of God's holy will as spoken by the Lord Jesus Himself ([John 12:48](#)). "The one who rejects me and does not receive my words has a judge; the word that I have spoken will judge him on the last day." This means the life we have chosen to live will be measured against the life the Lord wants us to live. If one chooses poorly, then on that day of judgment, the one who chose poorly will not hear pleasant words (cf. [Matthew 25:37-43](#)).

At Judgment, what happens? "When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats" ([Matthew 25:31-32](#), KJV). There is no chance we can escape this day, but there is an opportunity to escape the Lord's disapproval.

Do you believe Jesus is the Son of God? If so, change your way of thinking, confess Him as your Lord, be buried (immersion) with Him in baptism ([Romans 6:3-7](#)). Do this and live faithfully for Him ([Rev. 2:10](#)), and you will hear words that are most pleasant ([Matthew 25:44-46](#)). Before you know it, judgment day will arrive! For the faithful Christian, judgment day will be a grand day, but for the one who refuses to obey, judgment day will be a day of horror! Brighten your day and to Jesus obey.