

Those to Serve

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



Dennis Sheldon March 30th
Doug Pruett April 1st
Steve Sugg April 6th

Dates to Remember

March 31th

Noon Fellowship

April 1st

April Fool's

April 7th

Mission Sunday

April 21st

Easter

April 28th

Noon Fellowship

Prayer List:

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



April 1st
Calvin & Tammy Burks
April 18th
Jack & Cindi Wall

Again, I say to you, with caution and thought, that it is not the work of the church to furnish entertainment for the members. And yet many churches have drifted into such an effort. They enlarge their basements, put in all kinds of gymnastic apparatus, and make every sort of an appeal to the young people of the congregation. I have never read anything in the Bible that indicated to me that such was a part of the work of the church. I am wholly ignorant of any Scripture that even points in that direction." - by **N. B. Hardeman**, Tabernacle Sermons, Vol. 50

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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: wvvann@yahoo.com

12:30 pm Afternoon

www.evantchurchofchrist.org

Wednesday Night

6:00 pm

Trading Freedom for a Dorito

By Adam Faughn

Doritos are a favorite of many people. These potato chips come in several strong flavors, and the crunchy snack is often eaten at cookouts or on road trips. But can you imagine giving up your freedom for a bag of those tasty chips?

That's what a huge pig in Highland, California recently did. The pig, which was described as being the same size as a mini-horse, got loose and was wandering the streets of that community. It seems that this pig has a way of doing that from time-to-time, so some of the local police are used to calls about this particular animal. Knowing that, one deputy had a bag of Doritos in her lunch bag, and simply made a small trail of the crunchy snacks, which the pig followed right back to its pen, where it was secured again.

This pig was free but gave it all up for a crunchy snack. We can laugh at that, or we can see a deeper picture about ourselves. How often do we trade so many great blessings in this life for things that are fun or enjoyable but of far less value to us? How many people trade a lifelong commitment with a spouse for a few moments of intimate pleasure with another? How many trade a reputation and integrity for a night of drinking and partying?

The Bible makes it clear that sin has pleasure attached to it (see [Hebrews 11:25](#)), but that the pleasure is only passing; it is only "for a season." After the moments of enjoyment comes the entrapment of sin. The addictions. The damaged reputations. The harmed relationships. The wasted money. The time that is no longer available. Above all, the sting of a marred relationship with our heavenly Father.

When we think about it that way, that pig on the West Coast seems a little more like us. He got a few minutes of pleasure from those potato chips but ended up right back in the pigpen where he started.

Maybe it is time we start looking past the temporary excitement that seems to accompany sin and start looking at where it will lead us in this life and, ultimately, in eternity. When we do, we will not trade our freedom in Christ for something insignificant.

"Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover - up for evil, but living as servants of God." ([1 Peter 2:16](#))

You Expect Me to Believe That?

- ⇒ In the beginning there was nothing. And suddenly for no reason nothing exploded and created everything. You expect me to believe that?
- ⇒ At some point, by chance the right chemicals happened to float together at just the right moment to be struck by an electrical charge and become life. You expect me to believe that?
- ⇒ Somewhere two non-human mothers each gave birth to a human child. They were born at the same time and in the same place, one was male and one was female. These two new "humans" gave birth to the human race. You expect me to believe that?
- ⇒ One of the descendants of these first humans was born with a knowledge of right and wrong. No longer driven by instinct, this person suddenly was making decisions based on a morality for which there is no real explanation. You expect me to believe that?

I'm sorry. I don't have that much blind faith. It's all just too farfetched to be anything more than a fairy tale. I can't believe intelligent people claim it is "science" (cf. [1 Timothy 6:20](#)).

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth" ([Genesis 1: 1](#)). I can believe that without stretching my imagination. The universe was created by an all-powerful, all-knowing God. That I can believe by Phil Gear

Abortion in a 'Christian' Nation

Nazi Germany killed over 6 million Jews, and millions more from other ethnic groups and those they deemed were not fit for society. We justly condemn the barbarism.

The Soviet Union wiped out--by conservative estimates--12-15 million of its own citizens, in the gulag (though the total may be as many as 20-25 million). Millions more, from other countries, were slaughtered in its drive for power. We rightly denounce the cruelty.

Mao Tse Tung butchered millions of Chinese in his drive for total control of China as a Communist country. We correctly condemn the butchery.

Pol Pot wiped out 2 million Cambodians in the killing fields. Castro...Che Guevara...Nicolae Ceausescu...all these Communists have blood on their hands, and are rightly denounced.

Yet, in the United States—a so-called "Christian nation"—since 1973, over 61 million innocent lives have been killed by abortion!!!!

There is coming a day when the God of heaven and earth will judge the world in righteousness, and will hold accountable those who have the blood of the innocents on their hands.

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