

Those to Serve

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

Happy Birthday

Jana Wall May 18th
Cassidy Stapp June 2nd
Loyd Crownover June 5th

Dates to Remember

May 5th
Mission Sunday
May 12th
Mother's Day
May 24th
Graduation for
Evant & Gatesville
May 26th
Noon Fellowship
May 27th
Memorial Day

Prayer List:

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

The Effective Church...

...Exalts God (Eph. 3:21). The church is a place of heartfelt praise of its Architect.

...Evangelizes the Lost (Matt 28:19-20). The church is a place where the truth of the gospel is presented to all.

...Edifies its Members (Eph. 4:16). The church is a place of great love and encouragement.

...Educates the Unlearned (2 Tim. 2:2). The church is a place of teaching the truths of the Word of God.

...Equips the Saints (Eph. 4:11-12). The church is a place where people are trained for service.

...Eases the Burdens of the Needy (Heb. 13:16). The church is a place of distributing help and hope.

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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:

9:30 am Bible Study

10:20 am Worship

12:30 pm Afternoon

Wednesday Night

6:00 pm

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The Bible is Understandable

by Dwight McGee

The multitude of different church buildings downtown in every city stands as a sad reminder of religious division and confusion. In man's loss of unity, he is tempted to blame God and His word, the Bible. Men conclude that, since we do not understand the Bible, then the Bible cannot be understood. This is a most serious and fundamental error. Furthermore, it is a personal attack on either God's goodness or His ability to communicate to men. The Bible declares plainly that it can be understood.

The Bible gives a man all the truth that he needs to please God: "*All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works*" ([II Timothy 3:16-17](#)). Even though we do not have the complete record of what Jesus did on earth, we have what we need to understand, believe and be saved. "*And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: but these are written that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name*" ([John 20:30-31](#)). It is the truth that will make us free as Jesus said, "*If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free*" ([John 8:31,32](#)). Jesus has provided that truth for us today in the pages of the Holy Bible.

It is clear from the Bible itself that God intended for us to understand and obey it. Paul said, "*Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is*" ([Ephesians 5:17](#)). He also made it clear that God's revelation of the Bible through Him could be understood upon reading. "*... How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words, whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ)*" ([Ephesians 3:4](#)).

Some parts of the Bible are more difficult than others. Peter said, "*...Even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you; as also in all his epistles speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction*" ([II Peter 3:15-16](#)). Even though it takes more study to understand some of the scriptures, you will notice in this passage that God neither condoned or excused the error that was taught because of Bible misunderstanding. He rather pointed out that the misusers of the Bible brought their own destruction. People will be lost in hell because they misuse the scriptures to teach error. (CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE)

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In a time of flooding religious error and misunderstanding of the Bible let us not blame God and His word, but with great determination find the truth revealed within the pages of the Holy Bible and unite on that truth to salvation. May God richly bless our efforts to know and do His will.

Older and Improved?

by Shane Williams

We've all heard the television commercials that tell us about a product that's "new and improved." This is in contrast to an older and therefore inferior product. At least that is what they are hoping will cause you to buy the "new" item. No matter how hard you and I try none of us can hold back the natural process of aging. We can exercise, eat right, take vitamins, put on moisturizing lotions, but guess what...we still get older. That indisputable truth is found in [II Corinthians 4:16](#), where Paul says: "*Our outward man is perishing.*"

As bad as that sounds, though, there is good news in all of this. At the same time our bodies rush with determination toward destruction, we can enjoy a youthful strength in our walk with God. Through the constant renewal of our "*Inward man*" ([II Corinthians 4:16](#)), we grow more and more prepared to be with God. "*Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day.*"

Spiritual age does not have the same effect as physical age. Instead of slowing down as we walk longer with God, we should be enjoying a little more spring in our step. The longer we have fellowship with Him, the better off we should be. We may be getting older on the outside but we can be "older and improved" inwardly.

We should be growing spiritually. The difficulties we bear are helping us store up heavenly glory, not weighing us down. It is true -- if you're walking with Christ, you're not just getting older, you're getting better.

"*For we know that if the earthly tent which is our house is torn down, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens*" ([II Corinthians 5:1](#)).