

Those to Serve

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

Prayer List:

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

Happy Birthday

Keith Stifflemire July 22nd
Jack Wall August 20th

Happy Anniversary

July 25th
Jorge & Valerie Garza
August 7th
Keith & Kathy Stifflemire

July 28th

Noon Fellowship

August 4th

Mission Sunday

August 15th

First Day of School Lampasas

August 19th

First Day of School Evant

August 25th

Noon Fellowship

CUT-RATE RELIGION

We live in a time of discount houses, wholesale firms and direct selling companies, all offering prices that are less than "retail". Many people would never consider buying anything at regular price, and are always looking for a cut-rate price. In the commercial world, this thinking is fine. But, in matters between us and our God, we must understand that FULL PRICE MUST BE PAID. In Matthew 16:24, Jesus said, "...if any man will follow me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." There is no discount rate on this price. Nothing but full payment will do. Remember, Jesus paid the full price for our sins on the cross. It was a horrible price to pay. He even asked God, if it were possible, for His suffering to pass from Him. It not being possible, He paid it! As we consider denying self and taking up our cross, let us not think of trying to get by on less than the full price. John Wright

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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 Trampoline Fiasco

By Will Vann

It all began one warm, sunny, summer day. The day after a storm that was in the realm of a category one hurricane swept through our fair town. On this day we found the neighbor's trampoline in my mother's yard and her trampoline in the pool. It wasn't a problem to lift the neighbor's trampoline over the fence, nor my mother's out of the pool. The problem arose when we realized that a section of her trampoline's frame was bent. We could have just thrown it away, but a new mat and pad to cover the springs had just been purchased. Nothing doing. I decided I could fix it, so I did! Now that was the easy part. The hard part was the 35 times I had to take the whole thing apart and put it back together because I forgot to attach something, put something in the wrong place, or didn't realize that horrid little mat had be put on before the net went up! But, I'm not bitter, not even a little!

The "difficulties" started when one of the poles that held up the net needed to be repaired. It turns out that these poles are to be placed on every other leg and not side by side. You don't realize this however until you have already attached the mat to the frame. Considering the 85 tons of tension the springs place on the frame there is no way to move the bracket the pole goes in from one leg to anther without removing the mat, rearranging the brackets, and then replacing the mat. That done, it's time to attach the top of the net to the poles which are now exactly where they need to be, but the net isn't. You realize that the reinforced sections at the top of the net, which you have already attached to the mat via the springs, are supposed to line up with the poles. There are two options. One, take the mat and net completely down and start over. Two, undo each spring individually and remove the net afterwards replacing each spring before moving on the the next. Once the net is totally removed the mat will still be attached and all you have to do is what you just did in reverse to put the net back on in the right place. Considering the 85 (maybe even 100) tons of tension that the springs exert on the frame, and the bruise on your hip from the first time you attached the mat to the frame, you opt for number 2. Now, since the net is completely up, it's time for the pad. You remember the pad right, the one that covers the springs? The one that you know for sure is not a complete ring, but has a seam in it so that after you have everything in place you can just rap it around the trampoline and tie it off, that pad? After everything is up, attached, and tied off, you realize the pad is in fact a complete ring and will not go on if the net is already up and tied to the poles, which it is. Where are those instructions?

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Sometimes life is like this is in not? Sometimes we feel like Goofy in that instructional video Disney put out on how to ski wondering why it's so hard to pull our pants on over the skis. Many times we see where we want to go, see what we have to work with, then plunge in headlong without first counting the cost (Lk. 14:28-32). If I had stoped and looked at what I had to work with considering what I needed to do step by step to get where I was trying to go I would have saved myself a lot of unnecessary frustration. As Christians we know where we want to go (heaven) and understand what we are working with (ourselves), but sometimes we forget to consider the path we are taking. Scripture tells us, "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path" (Ps. 119:105), and three different times to "examine yourselves" (1 Cor. 11:28; 2 Cor. 13:5; Gal. 6:4). We must realize that the Bible is our step by step guide through life. If we are honest enough to truly examine ourselves and follow step by step God's instructions we will get where we want to go. Not only that, but the journey there will be far less arduous and have far fewer heartaches than will a trip haphazardly undertaken by ourselves!

"Let Me First . . ."

On one occasion Christ heard these words, "I will follow thee, but let me first go bid them farewell, which are at home at my house" (Luke 9:61). Some say, when confronted with the passionate pleas of the Gospel, "Let me first get my education, a better job, a home, a new automobile, and the other necessary things of life." These folks have a place for Christ in their lives – second place! They seem convinced that material security will somehow prepare them to follow Christ. Such a perception fails to grasp the meaning of Christ's words: "A man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth" (Luke 12:15). "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matthew 6:33). Many have actually reversed the saying of Christ and are seeking first the wealth of the world thinking the kingdom of God will be added unto them. To gain the entire world and to lose Christ is to lose all (Mark 8:36,37) There is nothing wrong with having a good education, a better job, a home, a new or better car. The harm is in allowing these things to take precedence over the things of God's kingdom. What is first in your life? Is it money, pleasure, education, or is it Christ Jesus? - by Michael W. McLemore