

### Those to Serve

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

**Jack Wall August 20th**  
**Cindi Wall August 26th**

*Happy Anniversary*

**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*

### CONTENTMENT

It is difficult to have complete contentment. Even knowing that God answers all prayers, provides all blessings, and gives strength to us doesn't deter us from getting a pang of envy, a stirring of discontent, or a slipping away from God. Paul learned the valuable lesson of being content in any and every condition he found himself (Philippians 4:11). To avoid coveting, envy, greed, discontent and ingratitude, God, through the Hebrew letter, instructs us (13:5) "...be content with such things as ye have..." As we ponder the wonderful truths of the Bible, we come away amazed at the longsuffering and love of our God, and a feeling of contentment in His service knowing He is always there for us whatever our need. 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:**

**Will Vann, Preacher**

**9:30 am Bible Study**

**863-899-0987**

**10:20 am Worship**

**Email: [wvann@yahoo.com](mailto:wvann@yahoo.com)**

**12:30 pm Afternoon**

**[www.evanchurchofchrist.org](http://www.evanchurchofchrist.org)**

**Wednesday Night**

**6:00 pm**

## Are You Faithful?

By Caleb J. Rutherford

A used car dealer said to a potential customer: "This one has very low mileage. The former owner drove it only when he could get it started." The church of Christ at First Century Sardis had some members who were like that. All cleaned up and looking good on the outside, but hard to get started. Saying all the right things at church. Showing up on Sunday and singing the songs and praying the prayers and eating the bread and drinking from the cup. Looking alive and well.

And not only that, but the congregation as a whole had a wide-spread and good reputation. Jesus referred to this in Revelation 3:1 where He said of the saints at Sardis: "I know your works, that you have a name that you are alive, but you are dead." This group of Christians had all the appearances of being a vigorous, flourishing church.

Brethren in other places had talked about how sound and faithful they were. Perhaps her elders and preachers were invited from time to time to speak at workshops or lectureships to tell about all the wonderful things that were going on. But it's hard to fake Jesus out. After all, He is the One with eyes like a flame of fire that see right through all the shallow pretenses and superficial put-on's and spiritual games people play (Revelation 1:14b; 2:18b).

Did you catch Jesus' divine diagnosis of this congregation: Actually, it is not a diagnosis but an announcement of death - YOU ARE DEAD. A dead church. Still going through the motions -but they were already dead. Like the old preacher who said of the man whose funeral he was performing: "The deceased has been a member of this church for thirty-five years." In Revelation 3:2-6, Jesus seeks to perform a spiritual "CPR" on this congregation as He calls them to watch, hold fast, and repent. But wait a minute. Unlike some human critics of the church, Jesus is not content simply to condemn and see the negative. Revelation 3:4 reveals there were some unnamed and unsung heroes in the church at Sardis: "You have a few names even in Sardis who have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with Me in white, for they are worthy."

All my life as a Christian, I have listened to preachers and members of the church talk about "the faithful few."

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Some preachers and members of the church insist that 90% of the Lord's work is done and financed by 10% of the members while the other 10% is done and financed by the remaining 90%. I don't know about all that. But I know Someone who does. Whether there are many or few where you worship. Jesus is looking for the faithful, and He knows who they are; and He commends them. Whether there are many or few, are you one of the faithful?

## Get Out Of My Country

By Will Vann

Over the past several years I have seen quite a few posts on social media that say something along the lines of, "If you don't like xyz, you should get out of my country." Others have said, "If so-and-so gets elected, I'm moving to a different country." The idea behind statements such as this is if your values and beliefs do not conform to mine, you ought to get out and not come back! And you know what? They're right!

The Hebrews writer said, "*By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise; for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God*" (Heb. 11:8-10).

One possible reason that we get so riled up at what is going on in this world is that we have made this world our home. We might sing This World Is Not My Home on Sunday morning, but do we really mean it? When we look out and see folks who are doing things that upset us, do we see them as Jesus did lost, scattered, sheep in need of a shepherd (Mat. 9:36), or do we wish that they would go away so that my little corner of the world will be more comfortable? Would Jesus say of us as He did His disciples, "*They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world*" (Jn. 17:16)? Maybe it's time to make like Abraham and leave this world!