

### **Those to Serve**

(B) Kyle Stifflemire  
(FV) Mike Mallett  
(O) Doug Pruett  
(A) Jorge Garza  
1st prayer Jack Wall  
2nd prayer Vernon Houts  
Announcements: Mike Mallett  
Singing: Kevin Grant

### **Dates to Remember**

**July 4th**

*Independence Day*

**July 7th**

*Mission Sunday*

**July 28th**

*Noon Fellowship*

**August 4th**

*Mission Sunday*

**August 25th**

*Noon Fellowship*

### **Prayer List:**

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

### **Abraham Lincoln said of Americans:**

"We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of Heaven; we have grown in numbers, wealth and power as no other nation has ever grown. But we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us, and we have vainly imagined in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us."



**Mike Lovell July 16th**

**Keith Stifflemire July 22nd**



**July 19th**

**Mike & Connie Mallett**

**July 25th**

**Jorge & Valerie Garza**

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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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## “Teach A Man To Study”

By Mike Riley

You've heard the saying, "Give a man a fish, and he'll eat for a day; teach a man to fish, and he'll eat for a lifetime." Relative to God's word, we might express this principle this way: "Teach a man what the Bible says, and he has knowledge for a day; teach a man to study the Bible, and he has knowledge for a lifetime." Many people's approach to Bible study is the "Let George Do It" method. They say to themselves, "I don't have to study the Bible" " that's what we have (insert the preacher's name) for." Several problems arise from this method:

- George isn't always right " That doesn't mean George is intentionally deceptive. It just means he doesn't know everything, and some of what he says may be incorrect ([James 3:1-2](#)).
- On judgment day, George won't be able to stand in your place " You'll have to stand or fall on your own faith and obedience, not George's ([Gal. 6:4](#)).
- George is not your judge, and it's not his viewpoint that should concern you " Jesus Christ will be your Judge in the last day ([Acts 17:31](#); [2 Timothy 4:1](#)), and His word will be the "standard" of judgment ([John 12:48](#)). You need to know what Jesus says in His word, not just what George "thinks" it says.

If you question the prevalence of the "Let George Do It" system of Bible exegesis, try starting a discussion on some challenging point of Scripture with a few of your religious friends. Before long, someone's bound to say, "Well, my pastor says..." or "Well, my priest says..." or "Well, Reverend What's-his-name says..."

While preachers have a responsibility to "preach the word" and in so doing, to "convince, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and teaching" ([2 Timothy 4:2](#)), we need to realize that preaching the Word is more than simply telling the audience what's in the Word. It's also "empowering" each listener to study the Scriptures for himself, and to effectively interpret and use what he logically concludes using all the inspired writings ([Psalm 139:17](#)). It's what Ezra and the priests did: "So they read distinctly from the book, in the Law of God; and they gave the sense, and helped them to understand the reading" ([Nehemiah 8:8](#)). They not only taught what the Law said, but taught the people how to comprehend it for themselves. When Paul had taught Timothy all he had to teach, the apostle admonished him, "But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus" ([2 Timothy 3:14-15](#)). Rather than "letting Paul do it," Timothy learned to study for himself ([2 Timothy 2:15](#)) and gained knowledge for a lifetime ([2 Timothy 3:14-15](#)).

## Let's Talk About 'ME'!

An old joke tells of a fella who had a blind date with a young lady. He spent the whole evening talking about himself. Finally, near the end of the date, he said: "I've talked about myself enough. Now you talk about me." Ouch! That's the first and last date for that guy!

Unfortunately, that joke is played out too literally in these days. Seems folks have lost the skill of common and courteous conversation. So often people spend most of their time talking about themselves, their families, their activities and interests, etc. Have you noticed how seldom certain individuals ask about you, your work, or your family?

This self-centeredness has been encouraged and promoted on the pages of social media. Facebook and similar sites are overrun with people talking about themselves; posting flattering pictures of themselves; telling about their own achievements and those of their children and relatives. There is a new narcissism that exceeds anything ever seen before.

God's Word warns that a person is "not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think" ([Romans 12:3](#)). We are urged to "consider one another" ([Hebrews 10:24](#)), and to do things that will "edify one another" ([1 Thessalonians 5:11](#)). We should "look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others" ([Philippians 2:4](#)). Paul's example was of one who was "not looking for praise from men, not from you or anyone else" ([1 Thessalonians 2:6](#)).

Personal pride and selfish arrogance have no place in the heart of a Christian. Let's be careful not to follow the current trend of 'self-ism'. Think! - by Greg Gwin