

Those to Serve

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

Dates to Remember

June 21
First Day of Summer

June 30th
Noon Fellowship

July 4th
Independence Day

July 7th
Mission Sunday

July 28th
Noon Fellowship



Mike Lovell July 16th
Keith Stifflemire July 22nd

Prayer List:

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

The general principles on which the fathers achieved independence were the general principles of Christianity. I will avow that I then believed, and now believe, that those general principles of Christianity are as eternal and immutable as the existence and attributes of God.
– John Adams



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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Going To Camp

On our way to Florida, Autumn's dad called to ask if Mac would want to go to camp. Ironically enough, just a few days before, we were talking about camp and how we had missed going either as a camper or counselor. We thought this would be a good opportunity for him, but convincing him of that was something else all together because he has never been to a camp so has nothing to compare it to. Considering that Mac loves to swim, we began with, "not only will you get to swim in the river, but there is a chance that you might see a manatee swim by." SOLD!!!

I imagine if we had lead off with, "this is a good opportunity for you to grow spiritually," his eyes would have glazed over and we would have lost him. That seems to happen a lot with six year olds when trying to impress upon them the "*weightier matters of the law*." Do we want him to grow spiritually? Absolutely! Do we want him to get those weightier matters? No doubt! However, there's a problem starting off with "*solid food*," he is too immature to eat it. We read, "*solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil*" ([Heb. 5:14](#)).

Do we sometimes start off with things that are on the heavy side when speaking to someone who has yet to obey the gospel? You might say, "well the Hebrew writer said that, '*repentance, faith toward God, and doctrine of baptisms*'" ([Heb. 6:1,2](#)), are all elementary principles." This is true, but verse one also says, "*not laying again a foundation*," in that one had already been laid. Are we doing the foundational work required for people to mature from milk to solid food? Are we speaking of the blessings that are found in Christ ([Eph. 1:3](#)), the joy, fellowship, comfort, and support found in the church ([Acts 2:42-47](#)). These are the things which those who are suffering in this world so greatly desire while not wanting, or understanding the others.

Mac isn't mature enough yet to understand what it means to be "*spiritually minded*" ([Rom. 8:6](#)), and so he doesn't desire to be spiritually minded. However, in between swimming with manatees, which he understands is pretty awesome, he will be getting fed with spiritual food that can make him grow into what we truly desire him to be some day. A faithful child of God! We must remember that those who are in the world have nothing to compare the church to because there is nothing in this world like the Lord's church! Let us always strive to bring the lost to Christ just as we would a babe, slowly building from milk to solid food while continuously showering them with love!

Will Vann

When Church Is Boring

What do you do when you find that church is boring? It's time for a change! Now the question is, change what?

Many folks think the answer is change the church. I just read an article about a new church created for men only, men who find church boring. Discarding more traditional environments, they meet in a gymnasium one Saturday evening a month. A rock band provides the entertainment. The preacher speaks in front of the scoreboard, with the clock running. He guarantees to have them out in one hour! This sort of innovation is not unusual. Many religious leaders hail it as a positive development, a way to reach out to those who otherwise would have no interest in church.

Some might not go that far, yet they still insist on change. Contemporary music, drama, and short sermons that are little more than pep talks are the order of the day. Clapping and cheering have replaced old-fashioned amens. Celebration and praise are the buzzwords, with the world's calendar dictating the subject celebrated.

Malachi lived at a time when people found "church" boring. Speaking of Israel's worship, God said through the Prophet, "You also say, 'My, how tiresome it is!' And you disdainfully sniff at it" ([Mal. 1:13](#)).

God proposed two changes to these who turned up their noses at His worship. One was to just stay home. "Oh that there were one among you who would shut the gates, that you might not uselessly kindle fire on My altar! I am not pleased with you" (v. [11](#)). The better solution, the change He preferred, was to repent. "If you do not listen, and if you do not take it to heart to give honor to My name," says the Lord, "then I will send the curse upon you" ([2:2](#)). Notice what God did not approve: changing the structure or activities of worship to accommodate individual tastes.

The preacher can work to make his sermons more interesting, the song leader can try to select more meaningful hymns, and the one who leads in prayer can give more thought to what he says. However, when worship as God directed is boring, the main change that is needed is in the heart of the worshiper. - by Frank Himmel