

### Those to Serve

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

### Dates to Remember

**June 30th**

*Noon Fellowship*

**July 4th**

*Independence Day*

**July 7th**

*Mission Sunday*

**July 28th**

*Noon Fellowship*

**August 4th**

*Mission Sunday*

**Happy Birthday**

**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

### Sentence Sermons

- ◆ The real strength of a man is not physical, but moral and spiritual.
- ◆ It does not profit one to go to worship on Sunday if he plans to go to the devil the rest of the week.
- ◆ Greatness depends on who controls us, not on who we control.
- ◆ Some people evidently do not enjoy worshipping God. They come late, leave early, and are bored while they are there.

*Happy Anniversary*

**July 19th**

**Mike & Connie Mallett**

**July 25th**

**Jorge & Valerie Garza**

# Edifier

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**June 30, 2019**



*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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## Fallen Mangos

Will Vann

My father-in-law has a variety of fruit trees in his backyard. Living in Florida, they are not the peaches and plums that we are used to in Texas, but mangos, papayas, star fruit, and loquat. This year he has a bumper crop of mangos and although there are still a few weeks before they are ripe on the tree, the branches are drooping with the heavy fruit. In fact, one branch was so weighted down that it broke off the tree. My in-laws are now the proud owners of 44 unripe mangos.

So what do you do with 44 unripe mangos? We could leave them to rot on the ground. Many agree that fruit left to ripen on the tree is the best tasting, so once the tree is no longer able to do the job what use is the fruit? That, or we could use them now. There are recipes for pickled mango and green mango salad that could be used. The last option is to leave them alone and allow them to ripen before using them. They are already mature and would only take a little care to get to the desired ripeness. What do you do with unripe fruit?

We live in a consumer based society where someone else does the planting and watering, all we have to do is go to the store and pay for the produce. Have we brought this way of life into the church? The preacher plants, the elders water, all I have to do is drop my money in the plate to pay for the produce! What happens when the preacher is on vacation, when brother busy is sick and sister helpful has moved? What do we do with unfinished works, babes in Christ, and those promising prospects? *“Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest! And he who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, that both he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together. For in this the saying is true: ‘One sows and another reaps.’ I sent you to reap that for which you have not labored; others have labored, and you have entered into their labors”* (Jn. 4:35-38). What do you do with unripe fruit?

## When The Lord Established His Church

By Ron Boatwright

When did Christ establish His church? Its beginning was prophesied 700 years before in Isaiah 2:2, "It shall come to pass in the last days that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains." We are now living in the last days or the last dispensation. Hebrews 1:2 says that God, "Has in these last days spoken to us by His Son."

Jesus sent His disciples to tell of His coming kingdom, the church. In Matthew 10:7 Jesus says "And as you go, preach, saying, the kingdom of heaven is at hand." It was at hand and soon to come into being. Jesus says in Mark 9:1, "Assuredly, I say to you that there are some standing here who will not taste of death till they see the kingdom come with power." The Lord's spiritual kingdom, the church, was to come with power. Jesus told His apostles in Luke 24:49 to "tarry in the City of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high." Also notice what was to come with this power in Acts 1:8, "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you." The Lord's kingdom, the church, was to come with power and this power was to come when the Holy Spirit came upon the apostles. We see concerning the 12 apostles in Acts 2:4, "And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. Then Acts 2:47 says, "The Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved." The Lord's church was then a reality.

Any denominational church claiming to have begun before the Day of Pentecost of 33AD was too soon and can't be the Lord's church. All of the many denominational churches that had their beginning after this date were too late and can't be the Lord's church. Only the Lord's church was established on the Day of Pentecost of Acts chapter 2. I would not want to be a member of a church the Lord did not establish. He only established His one church. Psalms 127:1 says, "Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it."