

Those to Serve

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

October 6th

Mission Sunday

October 14th

Columbus Day

October 16th

National Boss Day

October 27th

Noon Fellowship

Nov 3rd

Mission Sunday

Happy Birthday

Judd Wall Oct 10th

Mike Mallett Oct. 21st

Ruby Jones Oct 24th

Valerie Garza Nov 1st

Tammy Burks Nov 3rd

Prayer List:

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

**Don't forget to pickup
the 6 new sheets that
need to be added to
your church directory.
They are on the table in
the foyer.**

God and Man

Remember that God sees the whole picture. He sees all the past; He sees all the present; and He has the power to see all the future. He can see the end from the beginning, and He knows the destiny of every person and the solution to every problem. He loves us and is always available to us, but He will force neither Himself nor His will upon us. As long as we live, we are allowed to choose. He is concerned about our true welfare and happiness - here and hereafter. With Him on our side every thing will turn out well (Rom.8:28,31); but if He must be against us, nothing will turn out right.

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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

12:30 pm Afternoon

www.evantchurchofchrist.org

Wednesday Night

6:00 pm

A Richly Blessed Family

"Pity the Jones family. Poor things, they have to keep the preacher every time the church plans a meeting. And Christians are always stopping in at their place. And they are about the only people in the church that ever invite people in after services. I just wouldn't put up with it myself. .

Spare your pity! The Jones' are a richly blessed family. Oh, occasionally they entertain some ungrateful scoundrel, but the blessings of hospitality far outweigh the problems.

The Bible speaks of some wonderfully blessed people along these lines. For instance, we do not pity Mary and Martha for "having" to have Jesus in their home; we pity those who, not wanting Jesus, were deprived of this blessing. We do not pity Mary the mother of John Mark, in whose home "many were gathered together praying", we pity those homes where Christians never assemble for Bible study and prayer. We do not pity Philemon who was to prepare Paul a lodging; we would love to have Paul as a guest in our home. Christians need to learn the joy and blessings which come to those who are hospitable.

"We are hospitable," someone says, "we often have friends from church in our home for get-togethers and parties." That's fine! We encourage this! But Bible hospitality goes beyond having friends in for an evening which is at least partially for our own selfish enjoyment. "I was a stranger and you took Me in," Jesus will say in the judgment (Matthew 25:35). Gaius was commended for helping "brethren" and "strangers" who were traveling for the Lord's name sake, and was told by John, "If you send them forward on their journey in a manner worthy of God, you will do well" (3 John 5-7). Further, the Bible teaches that we become partakers in evil deeds of false teachers when we receive them into our houses (2 John 9-11). But does this not imply that we become partakers in the good deeds of faithful teachers when we show them hospitality?

A Christian will want to make friends with other Christians, and consequently will plan enjoyable evenings with close friends in his home. But the hospitable Christian will also use his home for conducting Bible classes, entertaining visiting preachers and other workers for the Lord, getting acquainted with newcomers in the church, comforting the bereaved and troubled, and for every good work.

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A Richly Blessed Family

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Our homes are blessings from the Lord. We must not use them selfishly, but rather to His glory. The result will be an occasional scratch on a chair, or a stain on the carpet, or a chipped glass -- really a small price to pay, though, for the warmth that comes to the home from new friends, good influences, rich Bible discussions, participation in the Lord's work, and the satisfaction of knowing that one is pleasing God and preparing himself for eternity. No, it is not the Jones' whom we pity; it's those who do not know the joy of hospitality.

- by Bill Hall

A DIFFICULT LIFE?

Life seems hard at times. Things don't seem to go as we want. Problems arise that become mountains looming before us. At such a time, we know God is with us to strengthen and support us. Talking to Him helps us carry our burdens.

John the baptizer, from his youth, lived a hard life. When he became an adult, he went to live in the wilderness of Judaea, an inhospitable terrain inhabited by wild beasts. His clothing was made from animal skins, and his food was locusts and honey gathered in the wild (Matthew 3:4).

The Word of the Lord came to him there; not telling him of a softer life ahead, but telling him of a great work that had been prophesied by Isaiah (40:3), Malachi (4:5-6) and others. The work was to be very demanding, going against the religious thinking of the day. He would have enemies and would finally be killed for his message (Matthew 14:10).

Knowing how hard his life would be, he put his whole heart and strength into the task. His was a work nobody else could do. Your work and mine is a work nobody else can do - that of trying to convert our family members and friends. **John Wright**

Quotes & Saying

"My concern is not whether God is on our side. My great concern is to be on God's side, for God is always right." Abraham Lincoln, 16th President