

### Those to Serve

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

#### September 1st

Mission Sunday

#### September 2nd

Labor Day

#### September 8th

Noon Fellowship

Grandparents Day

#### October 6th

Mission Sunday

#### October 14th

Columbus Day

**Happy Birthday**

Kathy Stifflemire Sept. 24th

Vernon Houts Sept. 24th

Autumn Vann Sept. 29th

### Prayer List:

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

### Quotes & Saying

**Live in such a way that  
you would not be  
ashamed to sell your  
parrot to the town  
gossip.  
Will Rogers**

### September 8th

**Friends & Family**

**Day.**

**Please make plans  
to attend and stay  
for the noon  
Fellowship.**

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## Evant church of Christ

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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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## ***What If You Were The Last Remaining Christian?***

A tired and discouraged Elijah proclaimed to God, "I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life to take it away" (1 Kings 19:10). He was wrong, of course. The Lord explained that He had 7,000 who remained faithful (vs. 18).

But, what if Elijah had been right? What if he really was the last remaining faithful servant of God in all the earth? Two things seem clear: 1) He could not have used this as an excuse to give up, to surrender, and to stop doing the will of God; and 2) The urgency of his work would have been even greater. The need for his proclamation of God's word would have been even more pressing.

There's a lesson here for us. Have you ever felt like you were alone in your stand for the truth? Has it seemed like no one else was committed to doing what was right? If so, you should take heart in knowing that there are many others who share your convictions and dedication. You are NOT alone. As in Elijah's day, God knows and has an accurate count of all those who are faithfully living for Him.

But, even if you were the last faithful Christian in the entire world, you would still need to work hard to teach and practice the will of God. This would not be an excuse for you to give up or surrender in your service for Him. In fact, your work would be more important than ever.

If all men were to let us down, and we truly stood alone, we would still have this promise from God: "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." And our reaction to this truth should be to "boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me" (Heb.13:5,6).

Christian, you are not alone. You have a host of faithful brethren who stand with you. And, you have the Almighty God of heaven who supports you. Stand fast! - by Greg Gwin

## ***Tell Me The Old, Old Story (but give it to me in digestible bites!)***

Knowing the best approach to use and the right things to say when teaching someone the gospel is a difficult challenge. Our judgments about how to proceed will be flawed from time to time, but good and honest hearts will be ready to accept God's truth despite our failings.

One of the critical things in this process is determining a student's basic level of knowledge. We must be able to determine where to start with each individual learner. Philip did this in an expert way when he encountered the Ethiopian eunuch. A simple question, an observation of the text the eunuch was reading, a statement by the man himself, and Philip was ready. He "began at the same scripture and preached unto him Jesus" (Acts 8:35). We will do well to follow Philip's example. Make no assumptions about what your prospect knows. Find out where your student is in terms of fundamental knowledge and commence your teaching at the appropriate starting place. Failure to do so will lead to confusion and frustration for both the student and the teacher.

Another essential component of effective teaching is to keep the instruction in manageable 'bites'. Too often we see well-intentioned Christians launch off into long discourses that incorporate way too much information. It all makes sense to them, of course – and they sincerely want to share their understanding with the one they are teaching – but it is simply too much. The student will not be able to take it all in. They won't be able 'to see the forest for the trees', and they may very well throw up their hands in despair. So, our best approach is to take it slowly. Methodically walk the student through the necessary foundational truths. While it may be possible to do this "in the same hour of the night" (Acts 16:33), it often will take several carefully planned sessions. Knowing how much and how fast to 'feed' the student is a much needed talent in teachers.

The apostle Paul urged: "Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man" (Colossians 4:6). Salt, of course, is a good thing, but too much ruins the food. The same is true of our efforts to inform others. We need to be doing this essential work, but let us pray for wisdom (James 1:5) so that we serve up the truth in an effective way that does not overwhelm the one we are trying to teach. Think!