

Those to Serve

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

December 1st

Mission Fund

December 7th

Pearl Harbor Day

December 25th

Christmas Day

December 31st

New Years Eve

Happy Birthday

Sarah Vann Dec 7th

Lynette Vann Dec 14th

Virgina Lovell Dec 19th

Kevin Grant Dec 24th

Letha Sheldon Dec 25th

Will Vann Dec 26th

Prayer List:

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

**Judy Grant's brother
Willis Hughes has started
chemo treat. Please keep
him in your prayers**

Quotes & Sayings

- "Believe you can and you're halfway there." - *Theodore Roosevelt*
- "The only person you are destined to become is the person you decide to be."
Ralph Waldo Emerson
- "Nothing is impossible, the word itself says, 'I'm possible!'"
Audrey Hepburn
- "Two things define you. Your patience when you have nothing, your attitude when you have everything." – *Unknown*

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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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Doing the Really Hard Things

There are some difficult things that God commands us to do...

- It's hard, for example, to go to a brother or sister who has sinned, look them in the eye, and tell them that they must repent. It would be much easier to simply "look the other way", but God says we must go to them (Luke 17:3).
- It's hard to approach a weak Christian, point out their serious neglect of duty, and urge them to turn back to God. It would be easier to just "let it slide", but God says we must speak to them (Gal. 6:1).
- It's hard to finally withdraw yourself from a disciple who has sinned and refuses to repent. It would be easier to ignore the situation and act as though nothing had happened, but God says such action must be taken (1 Tim. 6:3-5).

To all of you who obediently do these difficult things, we express our thanks and admiration. You are truly "the salt of the earth" and "the light of the world" (Matt. 5:13-16).

May we say a word to those of you who might be on the receiving end of such actions? We hope that you understand that your brothers and sisters take no delight in doing such things. It gives them no perverse sense of pleasure. There is no morbid gratification that comes from this. Surely you can see that it is truly difficult. Your fellow Christians can think of a thousand things they would rather be doing. There is absolutely no enjoyment in this. But they do it anyway, because they know two things:

1. God commands them to do so, and
2. It is in your best interest.

Please try to understand this, and if it becomes necessary for someone to come to you - in a conscientious effort to serve God and you - please respect them for it. Respect them - even if you don't agree with them - knowing that they are doing one of the really hard things that God calls upon His people to do.

- by Greg Gwin

We Can't Overcome Your Bad Example

As God's people in this local community we have the duty to "*let (our) light so shine before men, that they may see (our) good works, and glorify (our) Father which is in heaven*" (Matthew 5:16). The awesomeness of this responsibility is realized when we recognize that the thousands of lost folks all around us will likely go to hell if we are not effective in getting God's message out to them.

YOU play an important role in this process of evangelizing our immediate community. Day by day you are in contact with others: at school, at work, in the neighborhood, etc. Your conduct, your speech, how you dress, what you do, where you go, are all being observed by those around you. If your example is good, they will be favorably impressed with God's way, and they may choose to pursue it themselves. Many people have been converted because of Christians who displayed good examples in their presence.

On the other hand, if your manner of life is not what it ought to be, the Lord's cause **WILL** suffer. If others can see that you are not serious about your service to Him, then why would they give even a moment's thought to such things? In this matter, actions clearly speak louder than words. No matter how hard other Christians may be working to teach and influence people, they will not be able to overcome the bad example you have set before your acquaintances and peers. All the best Bible classes, sermons, bulletins, meetings, advertisements, and programs, will not offset the damage you have done by your negative influence.

And, we should remind you that you will be held accountable by God for the harm you do by your flawed example. Jesus said: "*It is impossible but that offences will come: but woe unto him, through whom they come! It were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he cast into the sea . . .*" (Luke 17:1-2).

Your good example is essential to the success of the gospel right here in our community.

Think!

- by Greg Gwin