

Those to Serve

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



January 26th

Doug & Theresa Pruett

February 14th

Vernon & Linda Houts



Adree Stapp Feb 4th

Jeffrey Burks Feb 7th

Avery Vann Feb 11th

Mac Vann Feb 14th

One of these days some simple soul will pick up the Book of God, read it, and believe it. Then the rest of us will be embarrassed. Leonard Ravenhill

Prayer List:

Willis Hughes
Mike Lovell
Letha Sheldon
Ruby Jones
Loyd Crownover
Pray for our Nation
Our Troops
Law Enforcement
Rescue Personnel

Quotes & Sayings

- *You must remember that some things legally right are not morally right.*
Abraham Lincoln
- *Elections belong to the people. It's their decision. If they decide to turn their back on the fire and burn their behinds, then they will just have to sit on their blisters.*
Abraham Lincoln

February 2

Mission Sunday

February 12th

Abraham Lincoln's Birthday

February 14th

Valentine's Day

February 23rd

Noon Fellowship

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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: wvvann@yahoo.com

12:30 pm Afternoon

www.evantchurchofchrist.org

Wednesday Night

6:00 pm

The Best Defense Is a Good Offense

By Clarence DeLoach

"The God of Heaven will prosper us" ([Nehemiah 2:20](#))

When trouble and opposition came to the builders, Nehemiah went on the offensive. He developed a powerful and positive strategy for battle against discouragement, danger, derision, discord, distraction, defamation and dismay. The antagonists were overcome and the builders succeeded because they applied five powerful principles that need to be implemented by the builders of the Kingdom today.

1. They prayed. The battles we fight must be bathed in the prayers of the saints. Satan levels the arsenal of hell against the builders of truth and righteousness. Prayer releases the power of God in our struggles. We cannot win alone! ([Phil. 4:6; I Pet. 4:7; Eph. 6:18; Col. 4:2; James 4:2](#))

2. They were alert. Prayer must always be coupled with watchfulness. We must be aware of the enemy - his deception and cunning. His devices are clever and manipulative. ([I Pet. 5:8; II Cor. 2:11](#)) As builders, we cannot afford the luxury of apathy or indifference. ([Matt. 26:41](#))

3. They were prepared. As they worked, they were prepared for battle. Nehemiah put a sword in one hand and a tool to build in the other. ([Neh. 4:16-20](#)) Build and battle at the same time. As builders, we must be suited up in our armor at all times. Put on the "whole armor of God" ([Eph. 6:10-18](#)). Satan is always looking for an opportunity to infiltrate. By keeping "all" the armor on at "all" times we'll be ready when the attack comes.

4. They were united. They worked with organization, cooperation and coordination. The phrase "and next to him" is repeated about 30 times in Nehemiah chapter three and suggests that the builders were a close-knit team. So, the body of Christ is "joined and knit together" which results in edification and growth. ([Eph. 4:16](#))

5. They were determined. They would not be sidetracked or distracted by intimidation from without, or dismay from within. They had "a mind to work." With a focused, determined leader in Nehemiah, the builders persevered and in 52 days the walls were completed.

Read Nehemiah chapter 4 and note these five principles. The church will stand strong against the enemy when we apply these steadfast principles. Remember, a good offense is the best defense!

What Are You Willing To Commit?

By Alan Smith

The story is told of a man in a fancy restaurant who started to choke on a bone. A doctor rushed over, identified himself as a doctor, and reassured the man that he was going to be all right. He performed the Heimlich maneuver and the bone popped out.

As the man's breath and voice returned he said, "I'm ever so grateful, doctor, how can I ever repay you?"

The doctor smiled and said, "I'll settle for one-tenth of what you were willing to pay while you were choking."

It's true, isn't it, that when you're facing a crisis (especially a life-threatening crisis), you would give everything you have to get through it. Money is no object!

We do the same thing on a spiritual level. How many times have you faced hardship and prayed, "Lord, if you'll just see me through this, I'll serve you faithfully the rest of my life!" or something similar? But what happens when the crisis passes? Those feelings of urgency about serving God pass as well. If we could commit ourselves to doing one-tenth of what we're willing to do in those moments, most of us would ascend to a new level of commitment.

Paul wrote, "For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain." ([Philippians 1:21](#))

Father, there are moments in my life when I am reminded of how much I need you and how urgent it is that I commit my life to you. All too often, though, those feelings disappear, and I quickly revert back to a less-than-satisfactory level of commitment. Please forgive me and strengthen me in my resolve to reach the point where I can say with the apostle Paul, "To me, to live is Christ." In Jesus' name, amen.

Have a great day!