

Those to Serve

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

Guest Speaker

January 19th
Lynn Parker

10 Lessons to Instill in Children

- If you're thankful, show it
[Luke 17:11-18](#)
- If you love someone, tell them
[John 15:12](#)
- If you're wrong, fess up
[James 5:12](#)
- If you're confused, ask questions
[James 1:5](#)
- If you learn something, teach others
Colassians 3:16
- If you're stuck, ask for help
[Matthew 7:7](#)
- If you make a mistake, apologize
[Matthew 5:23-24](#)
- If you trip, get back up
[Psalms 37: 23-24](#)
- If someone needs help, help them
[Galatians 6:2](#)
- If you see wrong, take a stance
[Ephesians 6:14](#)

Prayer List:

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



January 26th

Doug & Theresa Pruett



Adree Stapp Feb 4th

Jeffrey Burks Feb 7th

Avery Vann Feb 11th

Mac Vann Feb 14th

January 5th

Mission Sunday

January 19th

Noon Fellowship

February 2

Mission Sunday

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January 5, 2020



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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Why Is Sound Doctrine So Important?

By R. W. McAlister

One may ask, "Where does the Savior command that sound doctrine be taught?" We must keep in mind when we read the New Testament that we're reading the words of the Savior. Paul wrote, "If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord" (I Cor. 14:37). Peter explained how the words of the New Testament came to be. "Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost" (II Peter 1:20-21). No man was given a thought and left to his own discretion as to exactly what to write. All the writers were "carried along" by the Holy Spirit who was communicating the very words of Jesus.

Now, understanding that principle, look at what the New Testament (the words of the Savior) has to say about sound doctrine.

Paul wrote, "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables" (II Tim. 4:3-4). Paul was exhorting Timothy to remain faithful to the doctrine which had come from heaven (I Tim. 1:3; II Tim. 2:2). The young preacher was warned that there would be some who would turn from sound doctrine and turn unto fables. Paul equates sound doctrine with truth in this text, speaking of sound doctrine in one verse and the truth in another. Again Paul wrote: "But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine" (Titus 2:1).

How can those among us today say doctrine isn't important? Jesus said to speak that which is sound doctrine. Sound doctrine is that which is healthy to us spiritually. To teach doctrine which is not sound is to teach a corrupted doctrine that will cause one to be lost, not saved.

Dear reader, it's important that you embrace sound Biblical teaching, without man's additions or subtractions, for this is a matter of eternal importance (Rev. 22:18-19).

Lessons from Nathan

In II Samuel 12 Nathan the prophet confronts King David with his sins. How did Nathan rebuke the King of Israel?

- **Sent by God:** God will not appear to us, but He does "talk" to us through His word. He will not give us a specific name, but He urges us to be aware of sinful behavior of our brothers and sisters ([Galatians 6:1](#)).
- **Told a story:** Like Jesus used parables, Nathan told a story to help David see wrong. It is not wise to hit someone over the head with their sin. Nathan told the story of injustice he knew David would recognize. Jesus used stories and questions with the Pharisees to make His point (Luke 18). Then Nathan ...
- **Called out the sin:** He did not apologize or try to sugar-coat it yet spoke the truth according to God's word. Nathan did not say, "I think ...," or give his opinion. The only truth we should be concerned with is God's ([Psalms 119:160](#)).
- **Pointed out God's blessings:** Nathan reminded David of all the blessings God have bestowed on the King. God loves all, has mercy on all, and shows justice to all. His gifts are not reserved for a select few. Before we can appreciate God's forgiveness, we need to recognize His blessings ([Philippians 4:19](#)).
- **Offered reassurance of God's forgiveness:** We don't have to doubt God's total and everlasting forgiveness ([I John 1:9](#)) however ...
- **Warned of sin's consequences:** David would still suffer consequences that sin brings. Some consequences are immediate and short-lived while others can be life-long and life-altering. Once we have confessed and received God's forgiveness, we should find good in our consequences. Nathan did not minimize the results of David's sin. ([Galatians 6:7](#)).
- **Nathan left:** After David repented Nathan did not "hang around" to take joy in David's suffering or remind him of his poor choices ([Psalms 51:10](#)).

God instructs us to, "reprove and rebuke," ([II Timothy 4:2](#)). It is not something we enjoy and may even run from because of our discomfort. However, a precious soul is involved, and it is our responsibility. But how? Look to Nathan and how he rebuked David the King (II Samuel 14). (Unknown)

Quotes & Sayings

**So, politicians are "professionals"
and business people "amateurs"?**

Amateurs built the Ark... Professionals built the Titanic.

How did that work out?