

### Those to Serve

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



**February 14th**

**Vernon & Linda Houts**



**Adree Stapp Feb 4th**

**Jeffrey Burks Feb 7th**

**Avery Vann Feb 11th**

**Mac Vann Feb 14th**

**February 12th**

*Abraham Lincoln's Birthday*

**February 14th**

*Valentine's Day*

**February 23rd**

*Noon Fellowship*

### Prayer List:

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

### Quotes & Sayings

#### *That's Not My Job*

This is a story told about four people named, **Somebody, Everybody, Anybody** and **Nobody**.

There was one important job to be done. **Everybody** was sure that **Somebody** would do it, but **Nobody** did it. **Somebody** got angry about it because it was **Everybody's** job. **Everybody** thought **Anybody** could do it. **Nobody** realized that **Everybody** wouldn't do it.

It ended up that **Everybody** blamed **Somebody** when **Nobody** did what **Anybody** could have done.

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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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## ***You Have Need of Endurance***

By Kevin V. Rutherford

To Christians who were beginning to drift away, the writer of Hebrews said, "Therefore do not cast away your confidence, which has great reward. For you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise." ([Hebrews 10:35, 36](#)) The Christian life has been compared to a long distance race ([Hebrews 12:1, 2](#)). Because this race is for a lifetime we must "...run with endurance the race that is set before us." ([Hebrews 12:1](#))

There are some Christians who seem to think this marathon run is a one hundred meter sprint. They are active, zealous and energetic in the service of the Lord for just a short period of time. When it becomes difficult to remain in the Christian race, these sprinters fall out. They are like the rocky soil in the parable of the seed ([Luke 8:13](#)). The roots of truth and dedication did not run deep enough, which left the plant susceptible to destruction when conditions worsened. Christians have been prepared to run the race even when things become difficult. We must understand that being a Christian will not always be easy. We must be ready to push on no matter what may come our way.

Other Christians seem to have forgotten that this Christian race is a marathon race to the end of life, also. While they don't see it as a sprint, they view it as a middle distance race. Maybe they think the race is only 1600 meters when in reality it is twenty-seven miles. It is easy for Christians to begin dropping out of the race when life becomes too busy. It is easy for Christians to begin to huff and puff and struggle when they begin to devote themselves to the riches and pleasures of life. These Christians are like the seed that had good, strong roots, but were choked out by the thorns ([Luke 8:14](#)). These thorns are the "cares, riches, and pleasures of life." ([Luke 8:14](#))

The Christians addressed by the book of Hebrews were those who had shown themselves to be very strong and dedicated at one point in their lives ([Hebrews 10:32-34](#)). However, time had taken its toll upon the church and Christians began to slip away ([Hebrews 2:1-3; 3:13](#)). They were not prepared for a long distance run. They had not dedicated themselves to run the race throughout the rest of their lives no matter how long and how difficult the race might have become. The writer of Hebrews, acting like their coach, told them about men and women in the past who had run long distances for the Lord despite much difficulties ([Hebrews 11](#)). Those who had run the race in the past are now figuratively cheering Christians on as we run the race ([Hebrews 12:1](#)).

I hope you are in the race to win. I hope you are in the race to complete the distance. If you don't complete the distance you may as well have never started. When your spiritual legs are weary, when your spiritual heart is aching, when your spiritual lungs are heaving, and when your spiritual feet are tired, keep running. Don't look back. Just keep running. Don't give up. Just keep running. "For you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise." ([Hebrews 10:36](#))

## ***Our Forgiving Of Others***

By Ron Boatwright

Jesus in His teaching on prayer and in asking God to forgive us of our sins says, "For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses" ([Matthew 6:14-15](#)). Our forgiving others may be difficult, but it is essential if we want God to forgive us of our sins. If we aren't forgiven of God then our sins will separate us from God and we will be eternally lost.

In our striving to be Christ-like we are to try to have the same mind-set that Christ has. [Philippians 2:5](#) says, "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus." According to Jesus, how are we to think of others? "But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you" ([Matthew 5:44](#)). Jesus demonstrated this forgiving attitude as He was being nailed to the cross, "Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do'" ([Luke 23:34](#)). Many of these people were later forgiven of God when they repented and were baptized ([Acts 2:38, 41](#)). And also Stephen had a forgiving attitude as he was being stoned to death in [Acts 7:60](#), "Then he knelt down and cried out with a loud voice, 'Lord do not charge them with this sin'. And when he said this he fell asleep".

We must not hold grudges and have hatred in our hearts for the wrongs others have done to us. God's word says to us "Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, and if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you must also do" ([Colossians 3:12-13](#)). We must be forgiving of others if we want God to forgive us so we can go to Heaven.