

Those to Serve

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



April 1st

Calvin & Tammy Burks

April 18th

Jack & Cindi Wall



Eloisa Garza March 2nd

Dennis Sheldon March 30th

Doug Pruett April 1st

Steve Sugg April 6th

Emma Lee Burks April 28th

Connie Mallett April 30th

Romans 12:14 (KJV)

14 Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not.

Prayer List:

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

March 1st

Mission Fund

March 8th

Daylight Savings Begins

March 19th

Spring Begins

March 29th

Noon Fellowship

April 5th

Mission Fund

Quotes & Sayings

- **Seek not greatness, but seek truth and you will find both.** Horace Mann
- **Experience is a hard teacher because she gives the test first, the lesson afterward.** Vern Law
- **All I have seen teaches me to trust the creator for all I have not seen.** Ralph Waldo Emerson

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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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A Squeak in The Pulpit

Recently I read of an entry found in an old church record of a business meeting. It stated: A committee was appointed to investigate the squeak in the pulpit. Upon reading this, I couldn't help but think that today's world, even today's church, desperately needs more than a "squeak" coming from the pulpit. Now, as much as ever, we need the clear tones of the gospel resounding from our pulpits.

We are hearing far too much about churches who are selling out to the culture. The distinctive preaching of New Testament Christianity is seldom if ever heard in some pulpits. Sermons that challenge our morals, expound our doctrine, question our ethics, and rebuke our mediocrity are exchanged for sermons that have an air of religiosity, but are lacking in substance.

In 1 Chronicles 12:32, it was said of some of God's children that they "understood the times." There remains a multitude of God's children who understand the times. They understand that now is not the time for a squeak in the pulpit. There are many godly elders, and godly Christians who are demanding to hear more than a squeak from the pulpit. They have not bought into the idea that distinctive preaching has harmed the church. They want substance over style and flair. They want truth over entertainment. They want biblical authority over pragmatism. And they would rather have the sometimes bitter truth over a watered-down gospel. To put it in the words of John MacArthur, they realize that "the weakness of the pulpit today does not stem from frantic cranks who harangue about hell; it is the result of men who compromise and who fear to speak God's Word powerfully, with conviction."

There are many challenges that face the church today. If we are to rise up to the occasion and defeat our adversary, we must have a strong pulpit; Pulpits that will speak the truth in season and out of season, with all the love it can muster; Pulpits that will not compromise the truth; Pulpits that do more than just squeak!

- by Steve Higginbotham

DID YOU KNOW...?

The Bible was written by about forty men over a period of 1,600 years. It was divided into chapters and verses in 1250 by Cardinal Hugo. (The New Testament was divided into verses by Robert Stephens in 1551.) The Bible contains 3,566,480 letters, 773,746 words, 31,102 verses, 1,189 chapters and 66 books. The average word in the Bible contains fewer than 5 letters.

The words "Jehovah" and "Lord" occur 8,708 times and the word "reverend" occurs only once (Psalm 111:9) referring to God. The Old Testament was translated into Greek in 270 B.C.

The Bible is the first printed book. It was first reprinted in 1450. The first Bible printed in America was in an Indian language in 1663.

The Bible is the best seller in the world, printed in most of today's tongues. It is the only Book that reveals the origin, mission and destiny of man. It is a textbook on salvation. There is no conflict between the Bible and true science. **John Wright**

Moral Relativity Vs. Moral Clarity

Our society is infected with moral relativity, that is, nothing is definitely right or wrong; it all depends on your perspective. Moral relativity has been responsible for a wide acceptance of abortion, adultery, fornication, drunkenness, lying, etc.

The Bible says there is right and wrong, good and evil (Lk. 6:45). The Bible provides us with moral clarity! It states that abortion (murder), adultery, fornication, drunkenness, lying, etc. are evil (Mk. 7:21-23; Gal. 5:19-21; Rev. 21:8).

As the people of God, we are to have moral clarity, discerning between good and evil (Heb. 5:14). The way we distinguish between right and wrong is by having a reliable standard. Men are not that standard, as their opinions and ideas change from one generation to the next. Men are responsible for blurring the line between right and wrong. The only reliable standard of determining good and evil is the Word of God! "Through Your precepts I get understanding; Therefore I hate every false way" (Psalm 119:104). We know good and evil only by knowing God's will (cf. Rom. 7:7).

The hosts of sin assail moral clarity by pushing moral relativity. When the lines are blurred, any sin can be justified. Therefore, we need to maintain moral clarity, knowing right from wrong by knowing God's word. **by Steven F. Deaton**