

Those to Serve

(B) Calvin Burks

(FV) Jack Wall

(O) Doug Pruett

(A) Jorge Garza

1st prayer Judd Wall

2nd prayer Mike Mallett

Announcements: Keith Stifflemire

Singing: Kevin Grant



April 1st

Calvin & Tammy Burks

April 18th

Jack & Cindi Wall



Dennis Sheldon March 30th

Doug Pruett April 1st

Steve Sugg April 6th

Emma Lee Burks April 28th

Connie Mallett April 30th

1 John 4:1 (KJV)

Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.

Prayer List:

Willis Hughes

Letha Sheldon

Ruby Jones

Loyd Crownover

Pray for our Nation

Our Troops

Law Enforcement

Rescue Personnel

March 29th

Noon Fellowship

April 1

April Fools Day

April 5th

Mission Fund

April 12th

Easter Sunday

April 26th

Noon Fellowship

Quotes & Sayings

- **Anger is one letter short of danger.** Eleanor Roosevelt
- **Whatever is begun in anger ends in shame** Benjamin Franklin
- **Anger is never without a reason, but seldom with a good one.** Benjamin Franklin
- **Anyone can give up, it's the easiest thing in the world to do. But to hold it together when everyone else would understand if you fell apart, that's true strength.** Unknown Author

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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: wvann@yahoo.com

12:30 pm Afternoon

www.evantchurchofchrist.org

Wednesday Night

6:00 pm

Plain Preaching

It is the solemn duty of every gospel preacher to proclaim the message of Christ "plainly." When our lessons are shrouded in ambiguity they do little or nothing for the people. As the old saying goes, "you must put the salve where the sore is." To do less is to fail in our duty toward God and man.

The teachings of our Lord were both "positive" and "negative." If I proclaim His message "plainly," then my lessons will be the same. Timothy, the evangelist, was admonished: "Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince (reprove -KJV), rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching" (2 Tim. 2:4). It may come as a shock to some that two-thirds of this instruction about teaching is in the negative. As an evangelist, I must "tell it like it is," whether the people like it or not.

When error is exposed there are always three groups of people who get very upset.

- 1) Those who are involved in unscriptural beliefs and practices. Naturally, they don't want their deeds exposed.
- 2) Those who claim they don't go along with the unscriptural practices of others, but they are in sympathy with the advocates of the error. Regardless of how carefully an evangelist goes about exposing error, regardless of how much love and kindness he uses, it is never "handled right" in the eyes of those who sympathize with the evil doer. They are like the Jews who, even after Jesus told them "plainly," were not happy with the answer.
- 3) There are some who get upset about error being exposed because they honestly think Jesus never did that. Obviously, such people have not read the life, works, and teachings of Christ. Of course, it could be that they have read it, but just don't want to believe it.

- by W.R. Jones

"Let There Be No Strife"

When contention arose between the herdsmen of Lot and the herdsmen of Abram, "Abram said to Lot, 'Please let there be no strife between you and me, and between my herdsmen and your herdsmen; for we are brethren'" (Genesis 13:8). God's friend Abraham knew that brotherhood demands the cessation of strife. I fear that some brethren today believe that brotherhood demands incessant strife. Some practical measures for keeping peace include the following:

1. DO NOT START A QUARREL!

Proverbs 17:14 says, "The beginning of strife is like releasing water; Therefore stop contention before a quarrel starts." While it is true that there are principles of truth that must be defended, argued and contended for (Jude 3, Philippians 1:17), MANY quarrels among brethren are over things that have not even been revealed in Scripture. Others involve judging hearts and motives by appearance, instead of judging with righteous judgment (as Jesus instructed in John 7:24). This kind of strife should be nipped in the bud! We must simply "avoid foolish and ignorant disputes, knowing that they generate strife" (2 Timothy 2:23).

2. DO NOT SPREAD TALES!

Nothing fans the flames of strife more effectively than gossip. Conversation that is seemingly well meant can provide fuel to a fire that would otherwise die out. When a brother begins a conversation (or e-mail message) by asking, "Do you know what brother so-and-so said about you?" he may mean well, but what follows is usually combustible! "Where there is no wood, the fire goes out; and where there is no talebearer, strife ceases" (Proverbs 26:20).

3. LOVE YOUR BROTHER.

"Hatred stirs up strife, but love covers all sins." (Proverbs 10:12). It is amazing how easy it is for folks to tolerate the faults of their loved ones, family, longtime friends, etc., while at the same time refusing to tolerate similar or lesser faults in those outside their circle of friends. If we could learn to show love, without prejudice or partiality, we might find a lot less to pick at in others (cf. 1 Timothy 5:21).

4. FORBEAR.

The instructions given in Ephesians 4:1-3 for "endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" include "forbearing one another in love" (KJV). According to Strong's Dictionary "forbearing" means to "put up with, bear with, endure, suffer". Some have the idea that they "don't have to put up with" anything from a brother in Christ. Nothing could be further from the truth. Even if you are being unjustly mistreated, "putting up with it" and taking it patiently is one of the truest marks of a follower of Christ (cf. 1 Peter 2:20-21). Suffering real or imagined injustice from a brother is a sad excuse for causing strife. It's an excuse Abram would not use, and neither should we. We might learn to be more forbearing if we would stop and realize how much we need others to "put up with" us! "Whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them." (Matthew 7:12). - by Steve Klein