

Those to Serve

(B) Calvin Burks
(FV) Jack Wall
(O) Doug Pruett
(A) Jorge Garza
1st prayer Judd Wall
2nd prayer Calvin Burks
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

Hebrews 11:6 (KJV)
But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

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

- *If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader.*
John Quincy Adams
- *To educate a man in mind and not in morals is to educate a menace to society*
Theodore Roosevelt
- *If you could kick the person in the pants responsible for most of your trouble, you wouldn't sit for a month.*
Theodore Roosevelt

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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

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10:20 am Worship

Email: wvann@yahoo.com

12:30 pm Afternoon

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Wednesday Night

6:00 pm

But He Never Enlisted!

He served in the army but ... "he wasn't a soldier." We believe there is a lesson in the following Associated Press report: "An Army spokesman said Friday that 15 year old Walter Les Martin is not recognized as a soldier—despite two periods of serving in Vietnam, because he did not enlist, was not drafted and did not enter the army through any regular means.

"He was not officially in, did not officially enlist or enter through any normal means," Barranté said. "He was, in fact, not a soldier."

Two periods of service in Vietnam, twice wounded in action; yet no purple hearts, no honorable discharge, no veterans benefits; he did not legally enlist.

This reminds us of a host of men and women whom we have observed serving among the soldiers in the army of the Lord. They serve faithfully and even sacrificially. They reject the sins of the flesh and live a pure life. They attend services regularly, give liberally of their money, and are ready unto every good work. They often study the Scriptures, defend the truth and attack error. Often they are outstanding in their performance as soldiers, except that they never enlisted.

The "Captain of our salvation" knew in advance there would be such individuals. He warned in advance of the fate they may expect: "Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity" (Mt.7:22,23). What a pity to spend a lifetime enduring "hardships as a good soldier" only to miss the veteran's benefits because of a failure to enlist.

There was no way that the young man described above could have legally enlisted, he was ineligible. But anyone who is a sinner can enlist in the army of the Lord if he is willing to leave his sins. The conditions are simple: "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved" (Mk.16:16). "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost" (Ac.2:38).

— by Sewell Hall

Should Mom & Dad's Beliefs Keep Me From Changing My Views?

There was once a man who operated a general store. On his counter top he had nailed a yardstick. He measured yard goods, rope, etc. by that yardstick. Eventually, the man died and his son moved back and took over the operation of the little store. One day, an employee of the Dept. of Weights and Measures came by, examined his "yardstick" and pronounced it a full inch less than a yard in length. All those years the gentleman had honestly thought that his measuring stick was accurate, but he was wrong. His honesty did not make him right.

Now the son was faced with a decision. He could refuse to admit his father was wrong and, therefore, be wrong himself - or he could say, "My father honestly thought he was right. I know something my father did not know. If I do not live up to the knowledge I have I will not be as honest as he was." (No doubt, most people would make the second decision.)

Strange as it may seem, many reason differently in religion. Some learn "the way of God more accurately" than their parents. However, they refuse to make any changes because they fear any change from their parents' religion would cast upon the father and mother an unfavorable reflection.

Let us say that a man's God-fearing parents taught him to reverence the Bible. Yet they were misinformed on some vital points. His parents were honest. If they had understood the truth as he does, would they not have obeyed it? If he turns his back on recognized Bible truth, is he as honest as they were?

The apostle Paul was one who had to make this decision. In Galatians 1:11-14, we find Paul's life before Christianity was one of a Jew, which his parents had taught him. He advanced greatly in that religion and was very zealous in teaching what he believed to be the truth. But in Galatians 1:15-17, when Paul was taught that what he believed was wrong, he changed and began to preach the truth.

Paul did not (as many do today) say, "My parents have been Jews all their lives and so have I, and I will die a Jew" or "If that is true, then that means my parents are lost." Just because we may have been something religiously does not make that religion right, and just because my parents believed a certain way about the Bible does not make it so. Paul was honest and sincere enough to change his life and live right. We need to constantly compare our beliefs with the Bible. Are we as honest as Paul was?

- by Roy Fenner