

Those to Serve

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



April 1st

Calvin & Tammy Burks

April 18th

Jack & Cindi Wall



Kol Stapp March 12nd

Dennis Sheldon March 30th

Doug Pruett April 1st

Steve Sugg April 6th

Emma Lee Burks April 28th

Connie Mallett April 30th

Genesis 1:1 (KJV)

1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

Prayer List:

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

March 8th

Daylight Savings Begins

March 17th

St. Patrick's Day

March 19th

Spring Begins

March 29th

Noon Fellowship

April 5th

Mission Fund

Quotes & Sayings

- In every day, there are 1,440 minutes. That means we have 1,440 daily opportunities to make a positive impact. *Les Brown*
- *No one can make you feel inferior without your consent. Eleanor Roosevelt*
- The propitious smiles of Heaven can never be expected on a nation that disregards the eternal rules of order and right, which Heaven itself has ordained. *George Washington*

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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

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Wednesday Night

6:00 pm

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How Curious Are You?

I suppose most of us have heard this expression: "Curiosity killed the cat." I'm not really sure what that means, but I've heard it all my life. I think it has something to do with the idea that some things are better left alone.

I recently read another quote about curiosity that caught my attention. While not as famous as the one about the cat, it may be more important. "The call of Moses started with the curiosity of Moses." (Jesus in the Present Tense: The I Am Statements of Christ, by Warren Wiersbe, p.17) While Mr. Wiersbe and I would disagree on many things, I think he's right about that. The conversation with God began after Moses became curious about the fact that there was a bush that was burning, "...yet it was not consumed" (Ex. 3:2).

As I thought about this, I began thinking about some other instances in the Bible where curiosity led to something of great significance. I'm sure you can add to this list, but just a few examples would be:

- David's curiosity about engaging Goliath in battle; 1 Sam. 17:26ff.
- A question about the residence of Jesus; John 1:38ff
- A Samaritan woman's question about why Jesus was asking her for water; John 4:5ff.
- The same woman's question about the proper place for worship; John 4:20ff.
- A young man's question about what he might do to inherit eternal life; Matt. 19:16ff.
- The curiosity exhibited by those who didn't understand the unusual occurrences on the Day of Pentecost; Acts 2:7-12
- The question asked by those whose hearts had been affected by the sermon delivered by Peter and the other apostles on that occasion; Acts 2:37ff.

As suggested earlier, that list is not exhaustive. Many other examples could be given. Unfortunately, not all of them would be positive in nature. (Think of Eve and her curiosity about the fruit from a certain tree as one example.)

Can you think of some ways in which curiosity could lead today to things of eternal significance in a positive way? Maybe the following can be used as a springboard for your own thoughts:

- What could curiosity about the true facts about the origin of the universe lead to?
- What could curiosity about the "when does life begin" controversy lead to?
- What could curiosity about the church Jesus promised to build lead to (cf. Matt. 16:18)?
- What could curiosity about the Lord's plan of salvation lead to?
- What could curiosity about "the ultimate question" (where will I spend eternity) lead to?

What will curiosity lead to in your life? What are you curious about today?

By Jim Faughn

Do We Mean What We Sing

My friend and brother, Tom Barton, made a shocking statement a few years ago at the Old Paths Men's Retreat. "More lies are told while singing than at any other time!" I wish he had been wrong, but if you think about it, you see he was right on target.

Tom was talking, of course, about Christians, not folks in the world. While worldlings may lie routinely about anything and everything, Christians at least try to be honest. But what about our singing? Do we mean what we sing?

Brother Barton's assigned topic was "We'll Work 'Til Jesus Comes." Will we? Really? Some of us can't drag ourselves to the assembly on anything like a regular basis; and Biblically, that's not even work! What are the odds that we're doing anything that could be styled even remotely as "work"?

But that's just one of many songs I ask whether we take seriously. "If Jesus Goes With Me, I'll Go Anywhere!" (As long as it's within a few miles of all the rest of my family; and as long as it's a place I like; and as long as . . ." [you get the picture]).

"Lead me to some soul today!" But I don't know my Bible well enough to teach that soul the gospel, so maybe that's not such a good idea.

"Make me a servant, Lord; make me like You!" But wait! People weren't always kind to You; sometimes You suffered greatly while serving. Maybe I don't want to be exactly like You!

"All to Jesus I surrender!" Well, I surrender a little bit, anyway. I'm not an extremist, you know!

If you don't mean it, don't sing it.

By Joe Slater

CHURCH OF BONES

A preacher once categorized his congregation into five types of bones: **(1)** Wishbones—folks wishing for better things, but not willing to work for them. **(2)** Jawbones. – gossiping kind that put others in turmoil. **(3)** Funny bones -touchy people who wear their feelings on their sleeves. **(4)** Drybones – true to faith but dead as fossils. **(5)** Backbones - those who are the spiritual support of the church and keep the body standing.

It's fine to wish for better things, but let's make an effort to bring them about by every means at our disposal.

There are some who need special help and attention to keep them faithful and active. By lending this help, we are rendering a great service to them and to ourselves. When we can strengthen someone, we become stronger in the process.

Finally, let us be patient, knowing that our efforts are not always rewarded with success. We dare not become weary in well doing (Galatians 6:9), and we need to pray to God to help us in our down times. John Wright