

Those to Serve

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



April 18th
Jack & Cindi Wall



Steve Sugg April 6th
Emma Lee Burks April 28th
Connie Mallett April 30th
Jana Wall May 18th

James 4:14 (KJV)

14 Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.

Prayer List:

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

April 5th

Mission Fund

April 12th

Easter Sunday

April 26th

Noon Fellowship

May 3rd

Mission Fund

Quotes & Sayings

- *We cannot solve our problems with the same thinking we used when we created them. Albert Einstein*
- *Getting over a painful experience is much like crossing monkey bars. You have to let go at some point in order to move forward. C. S. Lewis*
- *We live in a moment of history where change is so speeded up that we begin to see the present only when it is already disappearing. R. D. Laing*

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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

Cowboy Logic

By Robert E. Guinn

I saw a sign the other day in a restaurant that caught my attention. The words "Cowboy Logic" were inscribed on it with the following description: "About half your troubles come from wanting your way. The other half comes from getting it."

It was such a simple yet very truthful sentiment.

As we read and study our Bibles, we discover that every human being suffers from the same spiritual problem that separates us from a loving Creator, sin (Isaiah 59:1-2; Romans 3:23, 6:23). James put it this way: "But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death," (James 1:14-15).

Sin offends and hurts our relationship with God. James teaches us, however, that avoiding sin is more than following a check-list of what we should and should not do. Jesus also emphasized this in His Sermon on The Mount (Matthew 5). He taught us that the moral issues of murder, adultery, oath-making, and hating our enemies should be corrected on a deeper level. Jesus also put it this way: "What comes out of a person is what defiles him. For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person," (Mark 7:20-23).

What is our heart's desire? Jesus taught us that we can determine the condition of our heart by knowing what we treasure or desire (Matthew 6:19ff). That desire then motivates the way we live.

If we find ourselves troubled, maybe it is time for us to consider that cowboy logic. Are we struggling because we want something we cannot, or should not, want? Do we find ourselves disappointed because when we get what we wanted it did not deliver what it promised? Sin's promise is tempting, but its pleasure is only temporary (Hebrews 11:25).

The Bible teaches us that when we focus on and set our desire correctly on Jesus and the heavenly promises, we can be content no matter what life brings (Philippians 4:11-13; Hebrews 12:1-2). So, let us set our affections and desires on the things that are above and be satisfied in the Lord (Colossians 3:1-2).

I've Had My Fill!

By Ron Thomas

Perhaps you heard someone say something like the following: "The last time I went to church, some lady named Mary seemed to be very unpleasant. I can move past that, I thought, but when I sat down, I received cold stares because," I was told, "you are sitting in Brother and Sister Pleasant's seats. That was it, I moved on. Thought to myself, if that is 'church,' I've had my fill of it!"

Has this or something similar happened to you? Perhaps not. Many, however, have had an experience like this, maybe even worse. If you've had a bad experience, let me encourage to think afresh about "church."

In the New Testament, the word "church" is directly related to people called out of the world of sin into a world where people assemble to praise the Almighty for the salvation He freely gave and gives to each. With all the baggage they should have left behind, many present themselves to the Lord with it. Sue has been divorced three times and now married to her fourth husband. Mike has spent the last eighteen years fighting his drug addiction. Tim and Mary have children that are very undisciplined because Tim and Mary are also undisciplined. The list of all the baggage that people bring goes on and on. I, too, have my own baggage.

Yet, here they are inside a building where people gather together to be taught the Lord's word, sing and praise His holy name in worship. Not a one has lived life without some blotch (or many) on their personal record of failings. Some hide it well; others live with it openly.

After a moment's reflection, is it not best to be in the environment where people gather to praise the Lord and taught His holy way? It was Peter who said to the Lord, after the Lord asked His disciples if they were also going to turn away from Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go?" To whom will you go?

Why not consider, again, the Lord's church and what He intended the church to be, spiritually sick people who recognize the Lord's mercy and in real need of it.