

Those to Serve

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

Prayer List:

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



Cassidy Stapp June 2nd
Loyd Crownover June 5th
Jeret Burks June 7th



June 14th
Will & Autumn Vann

Please pray for Dora Martinez.
She is the mother-in-law of Clint
Pruett. She has colon cancer and
is in ICU Hospital in Austin

May 31st
Noon Fellowship
June 7th
Mission Fund
June 14th
Flag Day
June 20th
First day of Summer
June 21st
Father's Day

Quotes & Sayings

- *Money buys everything but good sense. Yiddish*
- *Common sense is genius dressed in its working clothes. Ralph Waldo Emerson*
- *The toughest thing about the power of trust is that it's very difficult to build and very easy to destroy. Thomas J. Watson*

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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

Too Late

Are you ever late? Late completing assignments at school or work? Late getting to work, appointments, school or church? Are you ever too late? I've known people who got the time for church services wrong and drove up in the parking lot just as church members were coming out the door. I've also known people to show up for a dinner appointment just as everyone else was finishing dessert! Now that is too late!

What makes us late? Procrastination. Laziness. Failing to recognize and value opportunities. Poor scheduling. Not allowing for emergencies or unexpected circumstances. These are a few of the reasons that people are late for things every day. These same factors will cause some people to be too late when it comes to obeying the gospel.

In Matthew 25:1-13, Jesus tells a parable about ten virgins who were to participate in a wedding feast. They all waited for the appearance of the bridegroom, but the five "foolish virgins" had taken no oil for their lamps. Why not? Procrastination! Laziness! Poor planning! They failed to prepare properly. Then, when the bridegroom was delayed (an unexpected circumstance), the foolish virgins had to go out to buy oil. He came while they were out (another unexpected occurrence), and when they returned, they were too late. They were not allowed entrance to the wedding. Imagine their frustration, sorrow and humiliation.

Another Bible example of folks who were too late is found in Luke 19:41-44. As Jesus approached Jerusalem, "He saw the city and wept over it." He foresaw the day when all that were within would be destroyed and the city would be leveled to the ground, without one stone left on top of another. Why would this happen to Jerusalem and its people? Jesus tells them that it is "because you did not know the time of your visitation." They missed their chance.

On the judgment day, it will be too late to obey the gospel. Those who squandered opportunities to heed and obey in this life will feel a lot like the five virgins who were shut out of the wedding feast - very foolish indeed. They will realize that, like the people of Jerusalem, they missed their chance. And like the children of Israel of old who disobeyed God, they will cry out in despair "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved!" (Jeremiah 8:20)

Don't allow that sickening feeling of despair and loss to be yours for all eternity. Life is too short, eternity is too long, and the risk is too great to wait too late to make your life right with God.

- by Steve Klein

Has This Ever Happened to You?

You went through an entire song service without even thinking about what you were singing?

You bowed your head and closed your eyes during the prayer, but you really didn't become involved in the prayer?

You were more interested in when the preacher would finish the sermon than in what he was saying during the sermon?

You allowed some minor noise near you to completely upset you so that you could not really worship?

**These and many other things often happen, don't they?
Here are some ways to avoid them:**

1. Don't come to services expecting to be entertained - this is not the purpose for our assemblies.
2. Be a participant rather than just a spectator.
3. Prepare yourself mentally when coming to worship.
4. Resolve that you are going to worship no matter what others do. There are many distractions, but we accept them. We do not condone noise in worship, but let us be determined that it will not keep us from worshiping.
5. Examine your motives for worshiping – and do so often. Doing things by habit can become a problem if we're not careful.
6. Don't think that services have to be conducted in new, innovative, or highly emotional ways to be meaningful.
7. Bring your Bible and follow references during the lesson
8. Take notes during the sermon. The time will pass faster and you will retain more of the lesson.
9. Make a list of words in the songs which are unfamiliar to you and find their definition later.

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