

Those to Serve

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

Happy Birthday

Mike Lovell July 16th
Keith Stifflemire July 22nd

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

June 14th
Will & Autumn Vann
July 10th
Kevin & Judy Grant
July 19th
Mike & Connie Mallett
July 25th
Jorge & Valerie Garza

Prayer List:

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

June 14th

Flag Day

June 20th

First day of Summer

June 21st

Father's Day

June 28th

Noon Fellowship

July 4th

Independence Day

Quotes & Sayings

- Each day of our lives we make deposits in the memory banks of our children.
Charles R. Swindoll
- Parents are like God because you wanna know they're out there, and you want them to think well of you, but you really only call when you need something.
Chuck Palahniuk

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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

Thirty Seconds

By Lance Cordle

Alex Trebek is a TV “icon,” “legend,” “stalwart”—you choose the description. For thirty-five years he has hosted the gameshow, *Jeopardy*. *Jeopardy* is that game that tests a person’s general knowledge of facts and world events, as well as how big a risk they would take on that knowledge. The unique format also forces that person to word their answer in the form of a question (i.e. “What is . . .”). Alex Trebek is the man that informs the on-set contestants as to whether they have answered correctly. His name is synonymous with the show and encyclopedic knowledge.

By the way, who among us has not sat down and watched a *Jeopardy* episode and shouted out the question-answer just to have the satisfaction of knowing how much we know? Or being humbled as to how much we don’t know?

Last year, Alex announced to the world that he had stage-4 pancreatic cancer and that he would immediately begin to undergo chemotherapy to treat the disease. He has been in “remission,” as well as in need of more treatment. He recently gave an interview on the ABC network, in which he thanked people all over the world for their outpouring of appreciation for him. He also revealed that he did not yet know when he would retire from *Jeopardy*, or who would be his replacement.

When elaborating on his inevitable exit from *Jeopardy*, Alex said that he had already spoken to his producers and had assured them of the amount of time he needed to say goodbye. I was quite astounded by his simple request. After thirty-five years and worldwide fame, all he anticipated needing and using to bid farewell was thirty seconds!

His simple plan and expectation should humble us all. Because, when it comes down to it, most of us have quite a pretty high view of our importance. Life teaches us (sometimes harshly) that there really is no indispensable man or woman.

I am reminded of the sobering message of Psalm 8:3, 4: “When I think of the heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you visit him?” You might think of it in *Jeopardy* form: Answer: “The subject of the Psalmist’s wonder and amazement of God’s care in Psalm 8:3, 4.” Question: “What is man?”

I Can’t Do It

By David A. Sargent

Keith Wishum recently wrote: “I’m afraid that we sometimes forget the obvious fact that we are not self-sufficient.” Then Wishum illustrated his point with the following story:

A young construction worker was bragging that he was the strongest man on the job. He especially made fun of an older worker.

After several minutes, the elder man had enough. “Put your money where your mouth is!” he exclaimed. “I’ll bet a week’s pay that I can haul something in a wheelbarrow over to the other building that you won’t be able to wheel back.”

“You’re on, old man,” the young man replied. “Let’s see.”

The old man grabbed the wheelbarrow by the handles. Then, nodding to the young man, he said with a sly smile, “All right. Get in.”

Wishum concludes: “We cannot carry ourselves. We did not give ourselves life. We cannot sustain life on our own. There is no such creature as a ‘self-made man.’”

No, we are not self-sufficient. Whether we like to admit or not, we are dependent upon God and others for so many things in our lives. This is even true of our salvation from sin.

In our “self-sufficiency,” we are sinners. “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23). What we “earn” from our sins is death, “for the wages of sin is death” (Romans 6:23).

We cannot save ourselves from sin. We just can’t do it.

But God loves us so much that He sent His Son to be our Savior! “For God so loved the world that He gave his One and Only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish” (John 3:16). Jesus died on the cross to pay the price for our sins (1 Peter 1:18-19).

Jesus said, “I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through Me” (John 14:6). Jesus is the only way to the Father and to the eternal life that He promises.

We cannot save ourselves, but we CAN accept God’s offer of salvation! This is the sense of Peter’s words when he told the Jewish audience on Pentecost Day: “And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, ‘Be saved from this perverse generation’” (Acts 2:40). They couldn’t be saved by their own merits, but they could be saved by accepting God’s offer of salvation on His terms.

God has promised to save those who place their faith and trust in Jesus (Acts 16:30-31), turn from their sins in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confess Jesus before men (Romans 10:9-10), and are baptized (immersed) into Christ for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38). God will continue to cleanse from sin those who continue to walk in the light of His Word (1 John 1:7).

Just as one cannot push himself while sitting in a wheelbarrow, we cannot save ourselves. We can, however, place ourselves in the arms of Jesus through our trusting obedience and be saved by and through Him.

Won’t YOU?