

Those to Serve

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

Prayer List:

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

Quotes & Sayings

- *"We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of heaven: we have been preserved these many years in peace and prosperity: we have grown in numbers, wealth, and power as no other nation has ever grown. But we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us, and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were provided by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us."*
Abraham Lincoln

June 20th
First day of Summer
June 21st
Father's Day
June 28th
Noon Fellowship
July 4th
Independence Day

Happy Birthday

Mike Lovell July 16th
Keith Stifflemire July 22nd

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

July 10th
Kevin & Judy Grant
July 19th
Mike & Connie Mallett
July 25th
Jorge & Valerie Garza

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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

Fathers, We Thank You

A father is more than someone you are connected to by genetics. Having worked with a children's home and now serving as foster parents, my wife and I have had our eyes opened to the reality that many fathers are absent. Not everyone has the blessing of having a father in their life. Whether they are absent physically, emotionally, mentally, or spiritually, the negative impact can be seen on a child. So, I want to take a moment to thank the fathers that fulfill their Biblical roles within the family.

For stressing the importance of God in the Family (Psalm 127:1)

... thank you

- For leading your family as Christ leads the church (Ephesians 5:23)

.... thank you

- For providing for your family (1 Timothy 5:8) thank you

- For cultivating a self-sacrificing love for your family (Ephesians 5:25-33).... thank you

- For training your children (Proverbs 22:6).... thank you

- For encouraging your children in God's way (Colossians 3:21)

.... thank you

- For instructing and teaching your family in the Lord (Ephesians 6:4)

.... thank you

- For showing compassion (Psalm 103:13) ...thank you

- For talking about God's word (Deuteronomy 6:6-9) ... thank you

- For seeing your children as a blessing (Psalms 127:3-5) thank you

- For choosing to serve the Lord with your family (Joshua 24:15)

.... thank you

- For fearing the Lord (Proverbs 14:26) thank you

- For walking in integrity (Proverbs 20:7) thank you

- For being willing to discipline (Proverbs 13:24; 19:18) thank you

- For encouraging your family to walk in truth (3 John 1:4) ... thank you

You have made, and continue to make, a difference in the lives of you family and others by choosing the Lord as the centerpiece of your family. God bless you and help you lead your family in His ways.

By Robert Guinn

A Father's Greatest Responsibility

A man can be a great leader and at the same time be a lousy father. A man can be an outstanding prophet, priest, or king, and still be a failure as a parent. It's such a common problem that there are jokes floating around about preachers' kids and elders' kids. To me, that's tragic. But, even more significant, God thinks it's tragic, too.

Eli was a priest serving the Lord at Shiloh. As faithful as he was in performing his duties to God and the people, his performance as a parent was awful. It was said of his two sons that they were wicked and that "they had no regard for the Lord" (1 Sam. 2:12). They had the nerve to take the fat portions of the sacrifices that belonged to God and keep them for themselves. Eli didn't stop them, even though "the sin of the young men was very great in the Lord's sight, for they were treating the Lord's offering with contempt" (1 Sam. 2:17). Eli neglected his greatest responsibility – to correct his sons and teach them to be obedient to the Lord and to himself. Finally, the Lord sent a man of God to Eli with a prophecy of his accountability: "Why do you honor your sons more than me ... ?" (1 Sam. 2:29). Eli was faithful in performing the duties of a priest, but was unfaithful in his greatest responsibility – teaching his children to be faithful to God.

Unfortunately, Eli's example was not unique. Samuel, the prophet who grew up under the mentorship of Eli, turned out the same way. He was personally faithful as a servant of the Lord, anointing both Saul and David as kings, but his sons were very wicked. In fact, it was because his sons were so corrupt that Israel sought to have king (1Sam. 8).

Even David, the best king Israel ever had, would not have won "Father of the Year." In 1 Kings 1:6 it says of David regarding his rebellious son Adonijah, "His father had never interfered with him by asking 'Why do you behave as you do?'" As a result, Adonijah set himself up as king over Israel when he thought David was too old to do anything about it.

The New Testament teaches that a part of the qualifications of a man who is to be appointed as an Elder of the church is that he must have proven that he can "manage his own family well and see that his children obey him with proper respect" (1 Tim. 3:4). In a similar way, deacons are also to be able to manage their families well (1 Tim. 3:12). It is the responsibility of fathers to teach and train their children in the ways of the Lord (Eph. 6:4).

In this brief study it is clear what God views as one of the greatest responsibilities of fatherhood – to teach and train their children in the ways of God and to expect obedience and respect. Children are not obedient and respectful because they are commanded to be, but because a loving and caring father has consistently trained them in God's ways and demonstrated that kind of life before them day after day.

What greater privilege and responsibility does a father have?

By Joe Chesser