

Those to Serve

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

July 26th

Noon Fellowship

August 2nd

Mission Sunday

August 10th

First day of School

August 30th

Noon Fellowship

September 6th

Noon Fellowship

September 7th

Labor Day

September 13th

Grandparents Day

Happy Birthday

Jack Wall August 20th

Cindi Wall August 26th

Prayer List:

Vernon & Linda Houts
Dennis Sheldon
Odell Mallett
Dora Martinez
Mona Lancaster
Willis Hughes
Letha Sheldon
Ruby Jones
Pray for our Nation
Our Troops
Law Enforcement
Rescue Personnel

Quotes & Sayings

- *A woman is like a tea bag - only in hot water do you realize how strong she is. Nancy Reagan*
- *Don't expect to build up the weak by pulling down the strong. Calvin Coolidge*
- *No man ever believes that the Bible means what it says: He is always convinced that it says what he means. George Bernard Shaw*
- *The Bible is very easy to understand. But we Christians are a bunch of scheming swindlers. We pretend to be unable to understand it because we know very well that the minute we understand, we are obliged to act accordingly. Soren Kierkegaard*

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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:

9:30 am Bible Study

10:20 am Worship

12:30 pm Afternoon

Wednesday Night

6:00 pm

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Uncertain and Unprecedented”

Two words I am hearing a lot are “uncertain” and “unprecedented.” Simply put, this means the times we are in with COVID-19 are unlike anything that came before. Yet, as I am thinking about these words, every day has always been unprecedented and uncertain.

No one knows what tomorrow holds. The phrase, “Here today, gone tomorrow” is very real to many of us. James stated that life is like a vapor (James 4:14). Moses wrote in the 90th Psalm, “The days of our lives are seventy years; and if by reason of strength they are eighty years, yet their boast is only labor and sorrow; and it is soon cut off, and we fly away.” (NKJV) Every day we live is uncertain and unprecedented. Today is given to us. Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow is not certain. Since life is that way, let us live each day. Jesus said, “Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.” (Matt. 6:34) I don’t know about you, but I am still working on this.

No one knows when our Lord will return. Since tomorrow is not certain, our Lord could come back at any time. The rest of today may not remain. Preparing ourselves for that day is vital. I am convinced that if the Lord told us the exact day and exact hour when He would return that some people would wait till the last minute to make the necessary preparations; however, He does not tell us. He tells us of the uncertainty. He stated, “But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only.” (Matt. 24:36) Then He states, “Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour you Lord is coming.” (Matt. 24:42) After illustrating that if the owner of the house knew when a thief was going to break in, he wouldn’t have allowed it to happen, Jesus states, “Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect” (Mt. 24:44 NKJV).

No one knows what will happen after death. The Bible tells us some of what will happen. Paul tells us it is a mystery. In 1 Cor. 15:51, he writes, “Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed.” Then he writes about the uncertainty. He continues, “In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must but on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.” (1 Cor. 15:52, 53) He had already indicated the body we are in will be changed (1 Cor. 15:42-44). John helps us to understand the uncertainty of this by indicating, “Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is (1 Jn. 3:2). So, our bodies will be changed. What exactly will we be like? We don’t know yet, but we will someday. It is uncertain now but will be certain one day.

Based on the uncertainty of life and each day being unprecedented, let us live our lives looking toward heaven. Let us want to be with the Lord one day by living for Him now knowing that every moment we live is uncertain and unprecedented. Let us look, anticipate, and prepare for our Lord’s return.

By Bill Brandstatter

Back to School

This summer has been incredible! But it has also been incredibly busy. What happened to the time when summers were a break and families rested and renewed their relationship together? It seems like today, and my family was as guilty as any, families are on the run just as much during the summer as they are during the school year. At this point most every child, high school and below are back in school. This will present families with another main course on their already full plate. So for the sake of our families let us be resolved to be different this school year. In a world where family time is dinner on the couch while watching television, choose to be different and sit down at the table together. Following is a list of tips for Christian families who are facing the stresses and strains of everyday life in 21st century America.

Eight Tips for Starting School:

- 1.** Plan family time. The goal here is to set up a time when the entire family agrees to be together. No television, no sports, no distractions. Just time to be together and talk.
- 2.** Put your kids in wholesome and uplifting situations. Your kids will be what you put around them so put them in situations where they can grow and mature in and for the Lord.
- 3.** Do not allow your kids to be so involved with life that you have to sacrifice church involvement. Make it obvious to your children what is the most important thing to be involved in, the work of the church.
- 4.** Plan ahead so your mornings will not be rushed. Frustration sets in easily when morning comes around too early so make it easier on yourselves, plan ahead.
- 5.** If one is working outside of the home, leave the job at the workplace. Often time families cannot separate work and home. Make every effort to control one’s job instead of allowing ones job to be in control.
- 6.** Eat a family dinner. Go ahead and clean off the dinner table and use it for what was bought for.
- 7.** Decide to have a family devotional once a week. There is no bond in the world that ties anyone closer than that of our faith. What better way is there to discuss spiritual matters as a family?
- 8.** Be flexible. Everyone knows that the tree that snaps in a windstorm is one that is too firm to bend a little with the wind. A healthy family is one who can bend and move with the storms of life.

By Austin Johnson