

Those to Serve

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

August 30th
Noon Fellowship
September 6th
Mission Sunday
September 7th
Labor Day
September 13th
Grandparents Day
September 22nd
Autumn Begins
September 27th
Noon Fellowship

Happy Birthday

Cindi Wall August 26th
Vernon Houts Sept 24th
Judy Grant Sept 28th
Autumn Vann Sept 29th

Prayer List:

Virginia Lovell
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's mind is cleaner than a man's: She changes it more often. Oliver Herford***
- ***Many men are mere warehouses full of merchandise--the head, the heart, are stuffed with goods. . . . There are apartments in their souls which were once tenanted by taste, and love, and joy, and worship, but they are all deserted now, and the rooms are filled with earthy and material things. Henry Ward Beecher***
- ***Character lives in a man, reputation outside of him. J. G. Holland***

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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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Are We Not Instruments Of Destiny?

By Mike Riley

In looking at history, we see that great events have occurred around some person of great influence, i.e., Harry Truman, Douglas MacArthur, Winston Churchill, Dwight D. Eisenhower. In times of great national distress, it is nothing short of providential that certain people have been placed in certain places with certain qualifications, i.e., George W. Bush and 9-11 attacks.

As Christians, our influence also has far-reaching results (1 Thesalonians 1). We may not even realize the small part that we play in the process, but to the extent that we influence history, we are instruments of destiny.

A case in point is the providence found in the story of Esther. At the beginning of the story, we see the wife of King Xerxes (Vashti) being ousted because of her stubbornness and refusal to attend a royal banquet (Esther 1). Because her defiance was looked upon as a threat to the king's supremacy and authority, a decree was put out against her and fair young virgins were sought to replace her. The king was smitten with Esther's beauty and as a result, was made queen in place of Vashti (Esther 2).

Esther disclosed a plot to exterminate all of the Jews and assassinate King Xerxes (Esther 2:21-23; Esther 3). Because of her position as queen, Esther was able to spare her people from disaster. However, there was a real danger, in that she herself might not survive when her real identity as a Jewess was discovered (Esther 4).

When Esther's relative, Mordecai, saw her unique position as queen, he urged her to reveal the plot to the king. He challenged her with the same haunting question which now lays claim on us:

"And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" (Esther 4:14 ESV).

As lights shining in a world of spiritual darkness (Matthew 5:14-16; Philippians 2:14-16), are we not instruments of destiny? (Matthew 28:19-20; Mark 16:15-16; cf. 1 Corinthians 9:16-23).

"Would Roses Cost A Lot, Mister?"

By Mike Riley

The following bulletin article was written by Brother Morris Thurman, former preacher for the Memorial Road congregation, on June 26, 1977. It's a great human interest story about sacrifice that bears repeating today:

Henry Penn, the Boston florist who originated the slogan, "Say It With Flowers," told how one morning two boys and a girl came into his florist shop and said: "We're the flower committee and we would like some nice yellow flowers, sir. Do you have any yellow flowers? He would like them better if they were yellow. He had a yellow sweater."

"Are they for a funeral?" asked Penn.

The children nodded "yes" and kept back the tears. "She's his sister," one of the boys explained. "He was good kid, a truck yesterday — we were playing in the street — we saw it happen."

Then the other boy added, "Us kids took up a collection. We got eighteen cents — would roses cost a lot, mister? Yellow roses?"

Touched by the story of the tragedy and the loyalty of the kids, Henry Penn replied, "I have some nice yellow roses here that I am selling for eighteen cents a dozen just this morning." The sympathetic florist accepted the eighteen cents and the committee carried away the flowers they had chosen. Said Penn, "I felt uplifted for days. I had been given the inexpressible privilege of sharing something."

As Christians, we too have that inexpressible privilege of sharing. "We have this treasure in earthen vessels" (2 Corinthians 4:7). "We are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us." To share the glorious Good News of salvation in Christ, "we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God" (2 Corinthians 5:20).

We want all to know "the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding" (Philippians 4:7). In love and compassion, we share the knowledge of Christ.