

### Those to Serve

(B) Mike Mallett

(FV) Jack Wall

(O) Doug Pruett

(A) Jorge Garza

1st prayer Keith Stifflemire

2nd prayer Calvin Burks

Announcements: Judd Wall

Singing: Kevin Grant

**October 25th**

Noon Fellowship

**November 1st**

Mission Sunday

**November 3rd**

ELECTION DAY

**November 11th**

Veterans Day

**November 26th**

Thanksgiving Day

**Happy Birthday**

Mike Mallett Oct. 21st

Ruby Jones Oct 24th

Valerie Garza Nov 1st

Tammy Burks Nov 3rd

Jorge Garza Nov 12th

Theresa Pruett Nov 14th

### Prayer List:

David Jones

Virginia Lovell

Dennis Sheldon

Janell Houts Hall

Odell Mallett

Dora Martinez

Mona Lancaster

Willis Hughes

Letha Sheldon

Ruby Jones

Pray for our Nation

Our Troops

Law Enforcement

Rescue Personnel

*Would like to thank Ruby Jones for the souping and good fellowship that we had at her home yesterday afternoon*

### Quotes & Sayings

- *Men give away nothing so freely as their advice.*
- *There can be no rainbow without a cloud and a storm.*
- *After all is said and done, more is said than done.*
- *Heaviest thing to carry, a grudge.*
- *Live as you wish your kids would.*

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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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## ***Is Baptism Essential to Salvation***

Every time you find baptism mentioned in the New Testament you find it placed before the blessing. For instance, Jesus said, "he that believeth and is baptized shall be saved," (Mark 16:16). Clearly faith and baptism precede salvation. And not one time does the bible ever have salvation coming before the baptism, not one. Yet the denominational preacher teaches just the opposite. They teach salvation always comes before the baptism. Isn't it amazing how a preacher's denominational training and bias causes him to reverse Jesus' order. If the Bible places baptism before salvation and it does (Mark 16:16), then who are we to deny that baptism must precede salvation. If the Bible ever says something one time it is as true as if God said it one thousand times. What the finger of God writes is forever bound by God's authority. God will not change it and man dare not change it.

Every time you find baptism mentioned in the New Testament you find it placed before the blessing. For instance, Peter said, "repent and be baptized everyone of you in the name of Jesus Christ unto (for) the remission of your sins; and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:38). Clearly repentance and baptism precede the remission of sins. And not one time does the Bible ever have remission of sins coming before baptism, not one. Yet the denominational preacher teaches just the opposite. They say remission of sins always comes before baptism. Isn't it amazing how a preacher's denominational training and bias causes him to reverse Peter's order. If the Bible places baptism before the remission of sins and it does (Acts 2:38), then who are we to deny that baptism must precede remission of sins. If the Bible ever says something one time it is as true as if God said it one thousand times. What the finger of God writes is forever bound by God's authority. God will not change it and man dare not change it.

Neighbor would you like to see other blessings God has placed after baptism and not before? Then why not notice Romans 6:3-4; Galatians 3:26-27; and 1 Peter 3:21. It might shock you as to the difference of what the Bible says and what you have been taught.

Why not accept the truth and contact a gospel preacher to baptize you scripturally so you may receive the blessings of God and leave the error you may have accepted. May God bless you.

*By Andrew Connally*

## ***Those Words Are Seasoned Just Right!***

If we want to win unbelievers to Christ, we must choose our words wisely. Listen to the words of Paul, "Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of time. Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person" (Colossians 4:5-6, ESV).

There are wise ways and unwise ways to conduct yourself as a disciple around unbelievers. You must learn to "pick your battles" and make the most of the opportunities that are presented you to share your faith. Forcing spiritual conversations at unnatural times often prove to be counter-productive. You must look for moments when people you are talking to are receptive to spiritual discussion. Try and find opportunities to naturally bridge your normal conversation into spiritual discussions. "Make the most of the time" that you have with unbelievers.

Don't be forceful, harsh, or combative in your conversation with outsiders. If you win a religious argument but lose the soul of the person you are talking with, you have lost the battle for the Lord. Let your language be filled with graciousness. Be understanding and patient with them—give them the benefit of the doubt. Try and get in their shoes and look at life from their unique perspective.

The wonderful message of Jesus can become bitter and disgusting to the unbeliever who hears the message in a harsh and bitter tone. The speech we choose must be carefully "seasoned as with salt" to make it as palatable as possible. We must never compromise the message of God's truth, but we must speak it in a spirit of genuine concern and love (Ephesians 4:15).

You cannot approach all people the same way. Ask God for wisdom and direction to help you know how you should "answer each person." Every person is different and each individual deserves a tailor-made approach to hearing the gospel that fits his or her situation and personality.

**By Jonathan B. Jones II**