

Those to Serve

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

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

September 27th

Noon Fellowship

October 4th

Mission Sunday

October 12th

Columbus Day

October 25th

Noon Fellowship

November 1st

Mission Sunday

November 11th

Veterans Day

Happy Birthday

Vernon Houts Sept 24th

Judy Grant Sept 28th

Autumn Vann Sept 29th

Judd Wall Oct. 10th

Quotes & Sayings

- *"God is the silent partner in all great enterprises."
Abraham Lincoln*
- *As Will Rogers wisely said:
"Ignorance ain't our problem. It's what we 'know' that ain't true."*
- *If you don't strike the match, you won't have to put out the fire. If you don't commit the sin, you won't have to suffer the consequences.*
- *"The advertisement is the most truthful part of a newspaper."
Thomas Jefferson*

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Sunday Worship:

Will Vann, Preacher

9:30 am Bible Study

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10:20 am Worship

Email: wvann@yahoo.com

12:30 pm Afternoon

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Wednesday Night

6:00 pm

Biblical Correctness

Tjere is a popular term being tossed around a lot these days—"political correctness."

A person who is "politically correct" is blown along by the winds of popular opinion. He is influenced by the thinking of those who are outspoken about moral and social issues, who sway our thinking in a way that is consistent with the way they think we ought to think!

Even without a certified list of politically correct or incorrect stands on issues, the influence and pressure is there nonetheless.

Our challenge is to take the proper stand on each of these issues, regardless of the way the political winds blow. Oftentimes, being politically correct will require that we be biblically incorrect. Which is more important? *"Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bit-ter."* (Isaiah 5:20).

When it comes to the politics of right and wrong, we need to be on the side of that which is right. Which is more important? To be politically correct, or biblically correct?

It does not matter what our society believes and accepts in this or any other generation. What matters is that we rise above these issues and be what our heavenly Father wants us to be, *"that he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh for the lusts of men, but for the will of God. For we have spent enough of our past lifetime in doing the will of the Gen-tiles—when we walked in licentiousness, lusts, drunkenness, revelries, drinking parties, and abominable idolatries. In regard to these, they think it strange that you do not run with them in the same flood of dissipation, speaking evil of you."* (1 Peter 4:2-4).

People may think it bigoted or narrow-minded to say what the Bible says about these moral issues. They can choose to go along with the crowd if they want, but we have to teach what God said, "politically correct" or not! *"And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall set you free."* (John 8:32).

My friend, it is time to take a stand for what is right! Where do you stand? Jesus said, *"He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters abroad."* (Matthew 12:30).

- by Rob Harbison

Don't Drink the Water

By Alan Smith

"My husband and I were cleaning the church building one evening and our three-year-old son was 'helping' us. We walked up to the baptistry to make sure nothing was in the water that shouldn't be and our son said, 'You can't drink that water.' I asked him, 'Why can't we drink the water?' and he replied, 'Because it has sins in it.'" (taken from "A Sunday Afternoon With the Preachers' Wives")

It does seem to make sense, doesn't it? If all our sins are washed away at the point of baptism (Acts 22:16), it's easy to see how a child could mistakenly think they just collect there in the water. If that were really true, it would be important to drain the baptistry frequently!

I'm thankful, though, that those sins don't collect in the bottom of a pool of water. They don't get piled up in a closet somewhere ready to be pulled out at a later time like a load of dirty laundry. They don't get stored on a hard drive in case a "search" needs to be made to find them. No! Thank God, they are removed, blotted out, wiped clean by the blood of Jesus Christ, and we are able to rise from the water a new creature!

"As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us." (Psalm 103:12)

Singing Is Worship

If we go to the Bible for our authority in matters of religion, we become a distinctive group of believers. Many in the religious world simply do things because others are doing it or because it "feels good." For some people, it does not matter if God authorized it or not, they will always do what they want to do, instead of doing what God says to do.

Jesus taught that it is hypocritical to honor Him with our lips yet continue to do things that are opposed to His teachings. It also makes our worship empty (Mark 7:6-9).

In the matter of music in our worship assemblies God has authorized one kind of music. It's vocal (Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16). Singing is a specific kind of music and when God specifies vocal music that eliminates the other kind of music, which is instrumental. The words sung both edify each other and praise God. Singing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs can do both (edify one another and praise God), but an organ, guitar and drums cannot teach and admonish or praise God.

Why would we want to do that which God has not authorized? Why disrupt unity by doing something that is opposite what God has authorized?

Let's continue to be a people who respect God's way for worship and not be swayed by the traditions of men.

By Rob Albright