

Those to Serve

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

October 25th

Noon Fellowship

November 1st

Mission Sunday

November 3rd

ELECTION DAY

November 11th

Veterans Day

November 26th

Thanksgiving Day

Happy Birthday

Ruby Jones Oct 24th

Valerie Garza Nov 1st

Tammy Burks Nov 3rd

Jorge Garza Nov 12th

Theresa Pruett Nov 14th

Calvin Burks Nov 26th

Linda Houts Nov 28th

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

Amos 5:14-15

¹⁴ Seek good and not evil, That you may live; So the LORD God of hosts will be with you, As you have spoken. ¹⁵ Hate evil, love good; Establish justice in the gate. it may be that the LORD God of hosts Will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph

Quotes & Sayings

- *Elections belong to the people. It's their decision. If they decide to turn their back on the fire and burn their behinds, then they will just have to sit on their blisters. Abraham Lincoln*
- *Justice? You get justice in the next world. In this one you have the law. William Gaddis*

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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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Rocks in a Jar

One day an expert on the subject of time management was speaking to a group of business students and, to drive home a point, used an illustration those students will likely never forget. As this man stood in front of the group of high-powered overachievers he said, "Okay, time for a quiz." Then he pulled out a one-gallon, wide-mouthed mason jar and set it on a table in front of him. Then he produced about a dozen fist-sized rocks and carefully placed them, one at a time, into the jar.

When the jar was filled to the top and no more rocks would fit inside, he asked, "Is this jar full?" Everyone in the class said, "Yes."

Then he said, "Really?" He reached under the table and pulled out a bucket of gravel. Then he dumped some gravel in and shook the jar causing pieces of gravel to work themselves down into the spaces between the big rocks.

He smiled and asked the group once more, "Is the jar full?" By this time the class was onto him. "Probably not," one of them answered. "Good!" he replied. And he reached under the table and brought out a bucket of sand. He started dumping the sand in and it went into all the spaces left between the rocks and the gravel. Once more he asked the question, "Is this jar full?"

"No!" the class shouted. Once again he said, "Good!" Then he grabbed a pitcher of water and began to pour it in until the jar was filled to the brim. Then he looked up at the class and asked, "What is the point of this illustration?"

One eager beaver raised his hand and said, "The point is, no matter how full your schedule is, if you try really hard, you can always fit some more things into it!"

"No," the speaker replied, "that's not the point. The truth this illustration teaches us is: If you don't put the big rocks in first, you'll never get them in at all."

Time is precious. There never seems to be enough of it to go around to do everything we want to do, so we spend our lives making choices. It is crucial that we begin with the "big rocks", those things of greatest importance. That's what Jesus meant when he said, "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you" (Matt. 6:33).

- by Alan Smith

Visual Aids & Instrumental Music

A visitor to our services asked about our practice of using visual aids during the sermon. Specifically, it was asked why we oppose the use of instrumental music, but allow the use of a projector to display charts and graphics during the lesson.

The basic answer to this question involves distinguishing the difference between something which "aids" versus something that "adds." For example, in baking cookies the process is "aided" by use of a baking pan, a spatula and a hot pad. In fact, it will be hard to bake cookies without these "aids." But we will ruin the product if we "add" something to the list of ingredients. (Chocolate chips cookies don't taste right when pickles are in the mix!)

In the same way, we can properly use things which "aid" our worship, so long as we do not change the end result. For instance, the Lord's Supper is "aided" by the use a plate or tray on which the elements of the supper (bread and fruit of the vine) are distributed to each worshipper. This does not change the act of worship. It would be wrong, however, to add jelly to the bread, or to substitute a different drink instead of grape juice.

In the same way, we can use a "visual aid" during the preaching of a sermon. It has been repeatedly proven that people retain more of what they are taught when they both hear and see the main points of emphasis. Therefore, a printed outline or words written on a blackboard are helpful to the learning process. Similarly, a computer driven video projector is a significant "aid" in teaching God's Word. As long as the end result (teaching Biblical truth) is not changed, the use of appropriate "aids" is not wrong.

Now, what about music in worship? Some things will serve as valuable "aids." A pitch pipe or tuning fork can help the leader start the songs correctly. Song books (or the projection of the songs on a screen) definitely improve our worship by keeping us all on the same verse, singing the same words. These are simply "aids," and the end result is not altered – we sing (Eph. 5:19, Col. 3:16). However, if we "add" an instrument to the mix we are doing something different. We are now "singing" and "playing," and the latter is not authorized in New Testament worship (Col. 3:17).

- by Greg Gwin