

Those to Serve

(B) Keith Stifflemire
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1st prayer Keith Stifflemire
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Announcements: Jack Wall
Singing: Mike Mallett

December 21st

Winter Begins

December 25th

Christmas

December 31st

New Years Eve

January 1st

New Year's Day

January 3rd

Mission Sunday

January 31st

Noon Fellowship



Lynette Vann Dec 14th

Virginia Lovell Dec 19th

Kevin Grant Dec 24th

Letha Sheldon Dec 25th

Will Vann Dec 26th

Prayer List:

David Jones
Virginia Lovell
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

How to Live for Christ

1. Do good to all people no matter what they do to you (Galatians 6:10). Christ is our example of doing good (Acts 10:38). We must follow in His steps (1 Peter 2:21).

2. Bless and love your enemies (Matthew 5:44). Christ was hated, mocked, spat upon, beaten...yet He prayed, "Father, forgive them" (Luke 23:34). When we do this, we have the mind of Christ (Philippians 2:5).

3. Feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit the sick (Matthew 25:34-36). Christ went about helping the downhearted (Matthew 9:35). By us doing this (especially to the brethren), it is the same as us doing it to Christ (Matthew 25:40).

4. Count others better than yourself (Philippians 2:3). This is truly being Christ-like. When we do this, we are serving as Christ did selflessly (John 13:4-5).

5. Put the kingdom (church) first in all things (Matthew 6:33). Jesus died for the church (Acts 20:28); we need to live for it. Put Christ's body above all earthly things. **By Robert H. Martin**

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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:

Will Vann, Preacher

9:30 am Bible Study

863-899-0987

10:20 am Worship

Email: wvvann@yahoo.com

12:30 pm Afternoon

www.evantchurchofchrist.org

Wednesday Night

6:00 pm

Perplexing Mysteries That Plague the Church

1. The mystery of the empty pew. Why are members absent? It would seem that for some the freedom to worship can be interpreted as freedom from worship – at least freedom from the assemblies for worship (Heb. 10:25).
2. The mystery of the disappearing church member. Some drop out and no one knows why. They may fall back in love with the world (2 Tim. 4:10). Since they cannot serve God and mammon, they give up God (Mt. 6:24).
3. The mystery of the unaccompanied child. They are dropped off by parents who never attend any church services or activities. They are sent off alone or in the care of neighbors. This condition seems to apply to others besides children too. The wife, and sometimes the husband, comes without the mate. Parents sometimes come without their children – it is a mystery to the parents that the children do not want to attend and actually refuse to attend with them. Does Proverbs 22:6 apply?
4. The mystery of the indisposition of one that renders a whole group incapable. One person is sick, so all members of the family stay at home.
5. The mystery of the closed Bible. In the homes the Bible is a seldom opened dust catcher. Even in the church's assemblies the Bible is opened only by the preacher or teacher. Can one be an approved student of scripture without studying the scripture (2 Tim. 2:15)?
6. The mystery of buried talents. Most members enjoy seeing work done, but too many neglect their own opportunities and abilities (Mt. 25:14-30).
7. The mystery of uncommitted money. Conversion seems to miss the pocketbook and checkbook in some cases (2 Cor. 9:7).
8. The mystery of the misused day. The Lord's day is used for everything except worship and service to the Lord.
9. The mystery of worried and fearful saints. With a concerned and loving Savior to defend and preserve us, what do we really have to fear?

By Gerald Cowan

Does This Appeal to You?

A church that is nondenominational - striving to restore the organization, doctrine, and actions of the church of the New Testament without the problems and trappings of a man-made structure. A church like this would truly be striving to be the Lord's church (Matthew 16:18; Colossians 1:24).

A church with no creed but the Bible - exalting Christ as the only head of the church and His gospel as the only source of authority and doctrine, knowing that adding to or taking away from the New Testament authority is dangerous and deadly (Galatians 1:18; Revelation 22:18-19).

A church with spiritual and truthful worship (John 4:24) - worshiping simply as the first-century Christians were instructed to do. Since the Lord built the church (Matthew 16:18) and purchased it with His blood (Acts 20:28), shouldn't He be the one to determine how the church worships Him?

A church that is active and zealous for the Lord - evangelizing, edifying, doing benevolent deeds, and exalting the Lord in everything it does (Titus 2:14).

A church whose members are striving for righteousness - knowing that the church will be presented to God perfect and holy (Ephesians 5:27), but in the meantime, doing their best to live pure and holy lives and aspiring to "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 3:18).

A church that feels like a family and where love is expressed - fulfilling the Lord's command to "love one another" (John 13:34-35), having pure and sincere fellowship with one another and with Christ (1 John 1:3,7).

We in the churches of Christ are doing our very best to be this church. We invite you to join us to help make this effort a reality.

If you have any questions about our worship service or concerning anything we do as a church, we encourage you to talk to our elders or myself.

By Edd Sterchi