

### Those to Serve

(B) Jorge Garza

(FV) Jack Wall

(O) Doug Pruett

(A) Calvin Burks

1st prayer Mike Mallett

2nd prayer Judd Wall

Announcements: Keith Stifflemire

Singing: Kevin Grant

"People seldom change towards being more conservative or more strict in adherence to the Scripture. It seems they are ten times more afraid of being narrow than they are of being unscriptural. They are more afraid of being out of step with the crowds than out of step with Christ."

- Gardner S. Hall

### ***You, Me, and The Bible***

You may understand the Bible and I may misunderstand it.

I may understand it and you may misunderstand it.

We may both misunderstand it – but differently.

We may misunderstand it alike.

However, we cannot both understand it – but differently.

What kind of book would the Bible be if it said something to you that it didn't say to me? - by Eugene Britnell

### 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

***January 31st***

*Noon Fellowship*

***February 7th***

*Mission Fund*

***February 14th***

*Valentine's Day*

***February 15th***

*Presidents Day*

### *Happy Anniversary*

***January 26th***

*Doug & Theresa Pruett*

***February 14th***

*Vernon & Linda Houts*

### ***Proverbs 4:14 KJV***

14 Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil men.

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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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## ***Who's Flying the Plane?***

A photographer from a well known national magazine was assigned to cover the fires at Yellowstone National Park. The magazine wanted to show some of the heroic work of the fire fighters as they battled the blaze.

When the photographer arrived, he realized that the smoke was so thick that it would seriously impede or make it impossible for him to photograph anything from ground level. He requested permission to rent a plane and take photos from the air. His request was approved and arrangements were made. He was told to report to a nearby airport where a plane would be waiting for him.

He arrived at the airport and saw a plane warming up near the gate. He jumped in with his bag and shouted, "Let's go!" The pilot swung the little plane into the wind, and within minutes they were in the air.

The photographer said, "Fly over the park and make two or three low passes so I can take some pictures."

"Why?" asked the pilot.

"Because I am a photographer," he responded, "and photographers take photographs."

The pilot was silent for a moment. Finally he stammered, "You mean you're not the flight instructor?"

When it comes to our spiritual lives, we better be certain that someone competent is in control. If we assume (as did the two men above) that someone else has the ability to guide us safely, we may well be headed for disaster (unless that someone else is Christ).

"And He spoke a parable to them: 'Can the blind lead the blind? Will they not both fall into the ditch? A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone who is perfectly trained will be like his teacher.'" (Luke 6:39-40)

Take a moment to check the cockpit. Who's in control of your life?

- by Alan Smith

## ***The Sawdust In Our Spiritual Diet***

By Mike Riley

The story is told of a thrifty man who one day decided to save money on donkey feed. Every day, he would add increasing amounts of sawdust into the donkey's feed. Because the process was gradual, the donkey did not notice any difference as he cleaned up his manger. The man's plan was working well, until the donkey suddenly died because of living on 100% sawdust.

Similarly, spiritual food that contains the pure Word of God, once mixed with worldly sawdust [watered-down or social gospel], will eventually lead to spiritual death (2 Peter 2). It is indeed sad to see some members of the church act as though they cannot understand why so many spiritually malnourished Christians die [abandon the Lord's church] even after being members of the church for many years.

The Psalmist tells us that God's word is "lamp" to the feet and a "light" to one's pathway (Psalm 119:105; cf. Proverbs 6:23). However, how can members of the Lord's body make application of that "light" in their everyday living, if they remain ignorant of that light? (Hebrews 5:12-14). What is the use of chiding weak Christians about their little faith, if spiritually strong Christians do not teach them enough of the pure Word for them to be able to develop strong faith? (Psalm 51:12-13; Romans 10:17; 2 Timothy 2:1-2).

All of the church pep-rallies, sermons, and lectures about Christian duty, won't do much good for weak-in-the-faith Christians, until they are taught the pure word of God (Proverbs 30:5; Psalm 19:7-8).

Brethren, if there is any sawdust in our spiritual diet, we need to get rid of it, and start feeding our spiritually weak brethren, the pure "milk" of the Word (1 Peter 2:2), gradually bringing them up to the "strong meat" of the Word (Hebrews 5:14 KJV), so they might grow into spiritually mature workers for the Lord and His church (1 Peter 2:1-2; Ephesians 4:11-16; 2 Peter 3:18; Colossians 1:3-10).