

### Those to Serve

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

### What Happens When God Forgives Us?

Some amazing things happen when God forgives our sins. Several are well expressed and implied in Col. 2:13: "And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses."

- 1) We go from dead to living.
- 2) We go from separation to being with Christ.
- 3) We go from trespassers to belongers.

Do you want to be alive, in a relationship with Christ, and have an eternal home in heaven? Then make sure you have contacted the blood of Christ and are in constant contact with it (Rom. 6:3-5; 1 John 1:7-9). It is the only way God grants His forgiveness. It's the only way we go from death to life.

By Edd Sterchi

### 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*

**Romans 13:1** KJV

Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.

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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: wvann@yahoo.com**

**12:30 pm Afternoon**

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**Wednesday Night**

**6:00 pm**

## Stuff About Things

Robert F. Turner

One man, intent upon becoming wealthy, determined to invest only in ventures which gave him advantage of others. A second, equally ambitious but wiser, determined to build a business which offered the greatest advantage to others.

Guess what? The first man became filthy rich, with four wives and three Cadillacs. (His third wife got the fourth Cadillac in her settlement, but had to sell it for taxes.) He never knew a quiet, satisfied moment in his life.

The second man worked like a dog, and nearly everyone took advantage of him — which worried him little. He made a modest living, earned respect for what he was, and bored folk to tears with pictures of his grandchildren. (oh yes, he bought the used Cadillac at a court auction.)

Moral of the story is: What Most People Want, Costs Too Much!

Moses chose rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season: Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompense of the reward. (Heb. 11:25-26) (That last part means, in every —day English, he could see beyond the end of his nose.)

Short-sighted people quit school early,— to work on the road, escape class-room discipline, or otherwise prove their immaturity. Others overgraze their land, misuse their credit, or mistake a bragging drunk for a man.

But the shortest short-sightedness of all is that which ignores the brevity of life, the certainty of judgement, and the awfulness of Hell.

Riches for riches sake (built on selfish desires) cost too much. They seem pleasant enough, viewed from afar; but they exact their toll both in this life, and in that to come. We can build only one true security, and that consists of the treasures we lay up in heaven. A lifetime of service to the Lord is not too great a cost for this end.

If you think you do not need this particular lesson, try depriving yourself to give to some worthy cause. Give something you think you cant do without. I have tried it a few times, and — Man, does it hurt!

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## Social Distancing

To start off this article, I was going to make up a joke about social distancing, but this was as close as I could get! (Give it some thought, it will come to you.)

Now that we are starting to get more and more out into society, we are asked to pay special attention to the social distancing measures that are in place. This is to prevent viral contraction of COVID-19 and becoming infected. The recommended distance to stay away from others is 6 feet. This is common sense.

There is another “social distancing” that God wants us to do. He wants us to social (and private) distance from sin. God knows that if we get too close to sin’s fire, we will get burned. Satan wants us to sin and turn our backs on God. That’s why he tempts us so – for he knows that temptation can lead to sin and sin to spiritual death (James 1:14-15). That’s why God wants us to practice social distancing from sin – so that we do not become spiritually infected.

The Bible is replete in warning us to practice social distancing from sin:

“Do not enter the path of the wicked, and do not walk in the way of evil. Avoid it, do not travel on it; turn away from it and pass on.” (Pro. 4:14-15).

“For this you know, that no fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God...Therefore do not be partakers with them.” (Eph. 5:5-7)

“And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness” (Eph. 5:11).

“Do not...share in other people’s sins” (1 Tim. 5:22)

“Flee also youthful lusts” (2 Tim. 2:22)

“Abstain from every form of evil.” (1 Thess. 5:22)

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