

### Those to Serve

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

### Contentment

Have you ever noticed how the world promotes dissatisfaction? We are constantly bombarded with something newer and better that will make our lives complete once we buy it. If we listen to the world, we will always be comparing the lifestyles and possessions of others with our own, and we will always be dissatisfied. Paul had enjoyed the benefits and pleasures of life, yet he could give them all up and still be filled with the joy of the Lord. His contentment did not depend on his environment but on his obedience to Christ (Philippians 4:11). Contentment frees you to enjoy every the good God has given you (James 1:17). Work hard to be grateful for all that God has given you. - by Kyle Campbell

### 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*

#### *February 14th*

*Vernon & Linda Houts*

### *Happy Birthday*

*Adree Stapp February 4th*

*Avery Vann February 11th*

*Mac Vann February 14th*

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## **Evant church of Christ**

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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](mailto:wvann@yahoo.com)

12:30 pm Afternoon

[www.evantchurchofchrist.org](http://www.evantchurchofchrist.org)

Wednesday Night

6:00 pm

## **Concerns about “The Powers That Be”**

Many are concerned, and with reasonable cause, about the incoming presidential administration and the newly elected Congress. Will their economic policies help or hurt the working man? And, what about their views on national security – will our country be at risk from foreign enemies and terrorists? What will they do in handling the current pandemic? All of these questions, and a host of others, are on the minds of concerned citizens.

Actually, for those who fear God, the greatest concern should be about rules that will affect morality. Will the new president, the prevailing powers in Congress, or prospective appointees to the judiciary enact laws and regulations that promote abortion? Will they further act to ‘normalize’ same-sex marriage? Will our ability to speak and teach on such subjects be restricted and persecuted? These, and similar moral issues, are causing great apprehension for God’s people.

Whatever our concerns may be, the Scriptures provide wisdom and comfort. Never forget that first century Christians were living under the rule of one of the most corrupt governments that ever existed. These Christians were instructed (and so are we) to pray for civil authorities (1 Timothy 2:1-2). They were taught (and so are we) to obey the laws they enact and demonstrate honor to the position of authority they hold (1 Peter 2:13-17). Obedience to “the powers that be” is necessary “for conscience sake” (Romans 13:1,5) – in other words, failing in these matters will make us accountable to God.

The great caveat to our submission to civil government is this: “We ought to obey God rather than men” (Acts 5:29). We must teach the lost, condemn sin, assemble to worship, and live righteously even if our newly elected governmental leaders (or anyone else for that matter) tell us that we cannot.

Serious challenges potentially lie ahead for God’s people. But even in the face of “tribulation” the Lord gave this promise: “Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life” (Revelation 2:10). Think!

- by Greg Gwin

## **The Value of Work**

Working is a part of God’s plan for man’s fulfillment and happiness. After creating the world and making man of the dust, “the LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it” (Gen. 2:15). Paradise was not then nor is now a place of constant leisure and no responsibilities.

Whether we are thinking of work by which we provide a living for our family or a task we do in the Lord’s service, there are some biblical principles that will help us.

1. Find a work suited for you. Because of background, natural ability, education, experience, and interest, we do some things better than others. “For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another” (Rom. 12:4-5).
2. Do your best. Whether we are doing “church work” or whether we are on the job, we are working for the Lord. “And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ” (Col. 3:23-24).
3. Schedule times of rest. God set the example by resting on the seventh day after creating the world in six. When the apostles had completed some work and reported to Jesus the results, Jesus said, “Come aside by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while” (Mark 6:31).
4. Be training others to do your work. It is no compliment to anyone’s effectiveness and leadership for any work to show a decline after he or she moves, is promoted, or retires. Paul gave the principle to Timothy when he wrote, “And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also” (2 Tim 2:2).
5. Prepare for work in the future that will call for growth. The challenging task of an elder is being addressed when Paul wrote to Timothy, “If a man desires the position of a bishop, he desires a good work” (1 Tim. 3:1).

Work is designed by the Lord to be a blessing - not a curse. How do you plan to be blessed in your work?

“For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.” (Ephesians 2:10).

By Jerrie Barber