

### Those to Serve

(B) Jorge Garza

(FV) Judd Wall

(O) Keith Stifflemire

(A) Calvin Burks

1st prayer Keith Stifflemire

2nd prayer Calvin Burks

Announcements: Keith Stifflemire

Singing: Mike Mallett

**Matthew 9: 4-5** "Have you not read that He who <sup>4</sup>made *them* at the beginning 'made them male and female,' <sup>5</sup> and said, 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'?"

### Quotes & Sayings

- *Integrity without knowledge is weak and useless, and knowledge without integrity is dangerous and dreadful. Samuel Johnson*
- *Following the path of least resistance is what makes both men and rivers crooked. Unknown*
- *Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work. Thomas A. Edison*

### 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

**May 30th**

Noon Fellowship

**May 31st**

Memorial Day

**June 6th**

Mission Sunday

**June 20th**

Father's Day

**June 27th**

Noon Fellowship

*Happy Anniversary*

**June 14th**

**Will & Autumn Vann**

*Happy Birthday*

**Jana Wall May 18th**

**Cassidy Stapp June 2nd**

**Jeret Burks June 7th**

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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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## ***News from Those We Support***

Greetings brethren. We thank God upon every remembrance of you. I hope that you are well physically, and especially spiritually.

First...here's our good family news:

Hannah is getting married in late June to Brian Stitt, faithful brother in Christ that was converted about 18 months ago. He is out of the Army and served under Garland in the Infantry. He and Hannah plan to live in Hondo at least until he graduates from college with his Bachelor's degree as an RN. And... Rebekah is getting married to Justin Angle who is a Staff Sgt. in the Army assigned to Army Intelligence in San Antonio. He has three more years to serve before he gets out and plans to go into private cybersecurity. Justin was baptized into Christ this past winter and has taken over the re-build of the church's website. Their wedding is planned for August. Both Justin and Brian are working with me as I prepare them to preach. I'll let you know how their first sermons go before long.

Garland has preached recently and his shift with the Converse Police Dept. allows him to be here every Sunday and Wednesday. His new career as a police officer has been exciting, to say the least. Two weeks ago, a man who was the suspect in a domestic violence call tried to kill Garland and his partner with a gun. The man has been charged with Attempted Capital Murder, and Garland is fine but it is somewhat of a commentary on the changing view of society towards law enforcement today. Our society knows nothing of Romans 13:1ff and God's intention to have "peace-keepers" in society.

Preston Heimbarger, our son-in-law, continues to speak every Wednesday evening. I preach Sunday mornings and teach the Sunday afternoon study sessions as well as the Wednesday night Bible classes. Preston is scheduled to graduate from law school in just a few weeks. I told him he has exactly that many weeks before I start disliking him! But seriously, he has done so much for the Lord's cause and continues to do that even now. He and Caroline always seem to have Bible discussions/studies going with somebody.

One of the things we are planning—long-range—is to get the summer youth camp going again as well as a family and autumn Seniors' retreat. We will start looking for camp property within a few months as we try to put the entire program and plan together. Your input will be welcome.

Here are sermons that I have preached recently:

It Is Too Far To Go To Jerusalem  
Forgetting God (2)  
Help Me To Grow  
Spiritual Divas  
How To Tell If One Genuinely Penitent  
Bad Men Of The Bible  
Bad Women Of The Bible  
Difference Between Denominations & The Church of Christ

My appreciation to you all for your support. Keep us in your prayers.  
Brother, Lynn Parker      For the family and the congregation

## **Stuff About Things**

An effort was made to establish a church in a rough mining town of Arizona. Preachers were sent in, supported by other churches; personal work campaigns were conducted; a place for assembly was provided. Nothing seemed to "jell," and finally a preacher who had pushed the work, and preached there frequently, reported through a "brotherhood" journal that the whole work was "dead, and needed only to have its funeral preached."

So, the ballyhoo stopped, the high-powered preachers quit taking their "messages" down there, and the few brethren who remained were left to shift for themselves. One of them, a worker in the mine, began to "make talks" and carry on as best he could. The work grew — became self-supporting in every way, and the gospel began to reach the hearts of others.

A "poor wise man" "by his wisdom delivered the city; yet no man remembered that same poor man." Solomon said, "The words of the wise heard in quiet are better than the cry of him that ruleth among fools. Wisdom is better than weapons of war; but one sinner destroyeth much good." (Eccl. 9:13-18) Surely there is a lesson in this somewhere. Who will hear?? Then there was the fellow who had a good job offer — in a town where there was no functioning church. I urged him to go, and start a congregation. Of course he protested, "I can not do that — I never did anything like that in my life."

But he went. He put notices on the billboards, in the papers, etc. A few began to meet with him and his family, to read the scriptures, pray, sing, and partake of the Lord's Supper. He wrote me to know if they should send their contributions to us. How absurd can one get? They began to give with God's **purposes** in mind, and soon they had purchased an old barrack as a meeting place to accommodate the growing assembly.

Our friend, who "never did anything like that in my life" baptized his first convert. He wrote me of the plans to expand their facilities, and how they needed a preacher to "take over" the work.

And I wrote that they were "fixing to make a mess out of that church." No, I am not against preachers, or any scriptural effort to grow. But we underestimate God's power to use the small, poor, willing man to His glory.

*Robert F. Turner*