

### Those to Serve

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

### **Luke 6:38** *kjv*

“Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.”

### Quotes & Sayings

- Your task will not be an easy one. Your enemy is well-trained, well-equipped and battle-hardened. He will fight savagely  
Dwight D. Eisenhower
- Two roads diverged in a wood and I - I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference.  
Robert Frost

### 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

#### **June 6th**

*Mission Sunday*

#### **June 20th**

*Father's Day*

#### **June 27th**

*Noon Fellowship*

#### **July 4th**

*Mission Sunday  
& Independence Day*

### *Happy Anniversary*

#### **June 14th**

**Will & Autumn Vann**

### *Happy Birthday*

**Jeret Burks June 7th**

**Mike Lovell July 16th**

**Keith Stifflemire July 22nd**

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## **Evant church of Christ**

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**June 6, 2021**



*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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## ***The Scriptures Are Our Guide***

Two different views exist as to how one comes to a knowledge of God's will. The first view is that one comes to this knowledge by carefully reading and understanding the Scriptures; that Jesus promised His apostles that they would be led into all truth by the Spirit (John 14:26; 16:13); that they, along with other inspired men, wrote that truth in the Scriptures; that when we read what they wrote, we may "understand (their) knowledge in the mystery of Christ" (Eph. 3:3,4); that the Scriptures, consequently, are an all-sufficient guide from earth to heaven.

The second view is that each child of God is led in some direct way by the Spirit in understanding God's will. People are often heard to say, "God is leading me into this understanding," or "God is leading me in this way," and in saying this they mean that He is leading them through some direct guidance. While they do not disregard the Scriptures altogether, they feel that they are led in some additional way into an understanding of God's will, applying John 14:26 and John 16:13 to every "believer."

This writer confesses to holding the first view and would ask those who hold to the second view the following questions:

(1) If, indeed, all believers are led directly into an understanding of God's will, why was it necessary for the first converts to continue "steadfastly in the apostles' teaching" (Acts 2:42)? Would they not have had the same understanding of God's will as the apostles had?

(2) How do we explain the differences in doctrine and practice that exist among those who claim to be led into their understanding directly by the Lord? Differences abound among those who claim direct guidance, while the Scriptures teach only "one faith" (Ephesians 4:4-6). Is the Lord really leading all these people into conflicting ideas? Is He the author of confusion (1 Cor. 14:33)?

(3) If you could accurately communicate to me - either orally or in writing - this understanding into which you have been led, could I place as much confidence in it as I do in the writings of Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Paul, etc? Could I continue steadfastly in your teaching as the early Christians did in the apostles' teaching? If so, how would I know to continue steadfastly in your teaching rather than in the teaching of some person whose understanding conflicts with yours? With all these conflicts, would we not have to go back to the Bible to know what was right? And wouldn't that, in reality, take us to the first view stated in this article, which I already accept?

The truth is -- the Scriptures are God's divine truth (John 17:17). One can read and understand them (Eph. 3:3,4). They are all-sufficient as a guide from earth to heaven (2 Tim. 3:16,17). They will provide the basis for our judgment in the last day (John 12:48). Read them carefully and obey them in love.

by Bill Hall

## ***Immaturity***

King Ahab had a palace in Jezreel. Next to it was a vineyard owned by Naboth. Ahab wanted that vineyard and offered to buy it, either with cash or in exchange for another vineyard. But Naboth did not want to sell. "So Ahab came into his house sullen and vexed . . . and he lay down on his bed and turned away his face and ate no food" (1 Kings 21:4).

Poor Ahab! He did not get what he wanted so he pouted like a spoiled child. We read this account and think how silly for a grown man, a king, to act this way. But before we are too quick to condemn Ahab's childishness, let us take a look at our own.

Have you ever known of brethren who got upset because someone else was called on to do something they wanted to do? Or who placed membership at another church (took their toys and went elsewhere) because some little something did not suit? Or who stayed home because the preacher or elders did not come to visit often enough, or perhaps because of some misunderstanding with another Christian? Paul said when he became a man he put away childish things (1 Corinthians 13:11). Let us do the same.

by Frank Himmel

## ***Taking God's Name in Vain***

Due to the fact that we live in a society that for the most part shows little if any respect for God, we are inundated by people constantly taking the name of the Lord in vain. Often we Christians inadvertently pick up these habits.

I am confident most (hopefully all) of us do not commit the sin of using God's name in conjunction with any type of cursing or swearing. But I have heard some Christians using words and phrases that are equally as vain and therefore sinful, and I am sure they did not even realize it.

Phrases such as "Oh my God" and "Dear Lord", as used in common speech and on many TV shows, definitely fall within the category of condemned speech. The words "gosh" and "golly" are vain because they are euphemisms (mild expressions) for the name "God." Likewise the word "gee" (as in "gee whiz") is vain because it is a euphemism for the name "Jesus" (per the Random House College Dictionary).

We who love and respect God should avoid these expressions and words because they detract from God's nature as the Eternal Creator and Master of the universe.

by Steve Garrett