

Those to Serve

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

Quotes & Sayings

- We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give.
Winston Churchill
- In the long run, we shape our lives, and we shape ourselves. The process never ends until we die. And the choices we make are ultimately our own responsibility.
Eleanor Roosevelt
- Life is not measured by the number of breaths you take, but by every moment that takes your breath away.
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Prayer List:

Virginia Lovell
Janell Houts Hall
Odell Mallett
Dora Martinez
Letha Sheldon
Pray for our Nation
Our Troops
Law Enforcement
Rescue Personnel

Please keep Mark & Breta Kirby in your prayers. Mark has been diagnosed with stage 4 Melanoma in the torso/ abdomen area. It has metastasized, so no surgery .

July 25th

Noon Fellowship

August 1st

Mission Fund

August 29th

Noon Fellowship

Happy Anniversary

July 10th

Judy & Kevin Grant

July 25th

Valerie & Jorge Garza

Happy Birthday

Mike Lovell July 16th

Keith Stifflemire July 22nd

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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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'Do We Have To Go To Church?'

Most parents have either already heard this from their kids, or will hear it in the future. Seems most children go through a phase in which they question the need for faithful attendance at all of the assemblies. When this happens, what's a parent to do? Here are some suggestions:

1. Set a good example - Never let your children see you compromise your commitment to the Lord for any other thing. This means, in particular, never let them see you miss the assemblies for the activities of this world. Be careful not to allow recreational pursuits to come between you and God. If you do, you'll be teaching your kids a lesson that you don't want them to learn! Ballgames and golf, hunting and fishing, even vacations, can't begin to compare in importance to serving God. Use caution, too, in regards to your work. Too often Christians let their jobs interfere with their spiritual service. And NEVER, NEVER, NEVER let them observe you staying home simply because you "don't feel like" attending the services. In other words, be sure that you have your own priorities in order!

2. Teach them to love God - Really, there's something wrong with the "do we have to" mentality. Anything we do for God should be done out of deep and sincere love for Him. "We love Him, because He first loved us" (1 John 4:19). Work hard to instill this attitude in your children. Any other motivation will ultimately fail. Again, be sure that you have this attitude firmly fixed in your own mind. They are watching you, and imitating what they see!

3. Bottom line: Be sure that they are present at all the assemblies - no matter what! Kids are kids - they need to be taught. They do not naturally understand all the things that are in their own best interest. For that reason we MAKE them do some things that they don't always want to do (i.e., take baths, do homework, etc.). Learning to love and serve God is the most important lesson of all. Therefore any parent who really wants what's best for his child will make sure he's present even when that means forcing the situation a little. Keep working, of course, at developing the right attitudes in your kids - but get them here one way or the other!

Remember parents, it is your job to "...provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lords (Ephesians 6:4).

- by Greg Gwin

Stuff About Things

The local team was being slaughtered on the football field. The quarterback was dumped repeatedly, and if the ball got out of his hands the receiver seldom left his tracks. But the home fans believed in their favorite runner, and every time their boys went into a huddle, grandstand advice was plentiful. They pleaded, over and over, "Let Leroy have the ball! Let Leroy have the ball!!"

Finally, after a severe crushing, a lone figure arose from the huddle, cupped his hands toward the fans, and shouted, "Leroy say he don't want the ball'."

This old story came to mind recently as I punched home a lesson on the priesthood of believers. There were nods of approval as I showed the error of clergy-laity distinctions. All seemed to agree that each saint had "equal rights" before God. Each could study the Bible for himself. Each was equally "called" to teach others. But when I began to remind them of responsibilities, according to ability and opportunity, I could almost hear the call from the playing field: "Leroy say he don't want the ball!"

There are scores of half-dead churches scattered about, monuments to the folly of "mutual edification" by brethren who would not prepare themselves to "carry the ball." Other congregations are wrecked by "equal rights" campaigners, envious of those who are leaders, but who would not "carry the ball" of responsibility if given the opportunity. The glory" of ball carrier seems not so bright from the bottom of a brutal pile-up.

Yes, there are men in the pulpit, editing papers, overseeing churches, who are unsuited to the work. Sometimes they are put there in desperation, as though an "opening" qualified. But in the absence of excuse, when they should be replaced, and experienced men are available, it is often difficult to persuade "qualified" (?) men to take the job. (In my book, the man who feels no responsibility to God and His work, has highly questionable "qualifications.") We want it done, but "Let John do it." We run the game from our TV chairs.

In a church of workers there is usually little complaint about overseers or ball carriers. The mutual desire for results overwhelms petty differences, and leaders are spurred to greater visions by solid support. Leroy might even want to carry the ball, if he had better blockers. Robert F. Turner