

### Those to Serve

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

### Salvation

In the matter of salvation, why would we think we can be saved anyway we want, instead of being saved the way God says to be saved? Could it be that we become so selfish and just want what we want?

Jesus is the one who calls us – invites us to come to Him and learn from Him to be saved (Matthew 11:28-29; John 14:6; John 8:30-36). So, we can be free of sins domination (Romans 6:12) if we will just listen to the author of eternal salvation. Notice that coming to Jesus and answering His call means a willingness on our part to obey Jesus – follow Jesus.

Jesus is the One who shed His blood so we could have the forgiveness of our sins and only in Jesus is there salvation (Acts 4:12). We have a choice to make. Will we accept the salvation Jesus offers or will we reject Him? Jesus is not asking us to be saved any way we want. Jesus is offering salvation on His terms. Matthew 16:24-25 By Rob Albright

### Prayer List:

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

### August 29th

Noon Fellowship

September 5th

Mission Sunday

September 6th

Labor Day

September 12th

Grandparents' Day

September 22nd

Autumn Begins

September 26th

Noon Fellowship

October 3rd

Mission Sunday

### Happy Birthday

Vernon Houts Sept. 24th

Judy Grant Sept. 28th

Autumn Vann Sept. 29th

Judd Wall Oct. 10th

Mike Mallett Oct 21st

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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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## ***The Mission***

David Urey was desperate. He, his wife, and their son were involved in an automobile accident in West Virginia. Urey suffered only minor injuries but his son suffered a concussion and his wife had a broken back and a severe scalp injury. Mrs. Urey was also in her fifth month of pregnancy.

A surgeon at Grant Memorial Hospital in Petersburg, WV, told Urey he could perform basic surgery to keep his wife alive, but she needed to see a neurosurgeon as soon as possible. The closest one was 150 miles away at Georgetown Hospital, and Urey's wife would probably not survive if transported by ambulance, the doctor said.

Searching for a helicopter to airlift his wife to D.C., in desperation Urey called the White House. He was able to explain his situation to Gen. James Hughes, President Richard Nixon's military aide. Gen. Hughes called Lt. Col. Abe Wolson to see if the President's helicopter could make the round trip to WV and back to Georgetown Hospital so Urey's wife could have the life-saving neurosurgery. Lt. Col. Wolson said that the flight was possible so the order was given.

The rescue mission was successfully completed. "The outcome was that Brian, their son, fully recovered from his head injury in a few weeks. Mrs. Urey gave birth to a normal baby boy and she eventually recovered," Wolson said proudly. \*

Because of our sins, we were in a fatal condition, unable to save ourselves, and desperately in need of rescue (Romans 6:23).

Although our sins are an offense to Him, God loves us so much that He sent His only Son to rescue us. This divine rescue mission would demand that Jesus give His life to pay the price for our redemption from sin (1 Peter 1:18-19). Jesus willingly laid down His life for our salvation, so that we might live (John 10:17-18).

God will save and give eternal life to those who place their faith and trust in Jesus (Acts 16:30-31), turn away from their sins in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confess Jesus before men (Romans 10:9-10), and are baptized (immersed) into Christ for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38). He will continue to cleanse from sin those who continue to walk in the light of His Word (1 John 1:7-9).

The Apostle Paul extolled the glory of this rescue mission as he opened a letter to Christians in Galatia: "Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for our sins to rescue us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen" (Galatians 1:3-5).

Jesus came to rescue YOU. He will save you, if you will only accept His offer on His terms.

By David A. Sargent

## ***Social Media Concerns***

Many brethren enjoy being able to contact folks via Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc., but we are alarmed that some are not exercising a proper degree of caution. Consider these issues when engaged in 'social networking':

**Inappropriate photos and text:** Some are guilty of sending photos of themselves dressed immodestly or while participating in activities that are, at best, questionable. Likewise, texts are sent out that convey things that a Christian should never say or think. Several 'red flags' are obvious. Why are you doing such things? Why are you thinking and saying such things? And, why are you effectively destroying your influence and example by publishing such things? Many need to be reminded of: 1) their duty to God, and 2) their responsibility to "let your light shine" (Matthew 5:16).

**Excessive loss of valuable time:** Without putting a stopwatch on any specific individual, it is easy to conclude that some are wasting way too much time on these sites. Various studies have concluded that they have an addictive potential. Can we be blunt? TURN OFF THE COMPUTER, SHUT DOWN THE SMARTPHONE, AND GET BUSY!!! Your family, the Lord's church, your job, and many other important things need your attention. Some are neglecting their duties while spending excessive time on social networking sites. As a child of God you are responsible for "making the most of your time" (Ephesians 5:16 – NASV).

**Fellowship implications:** Think about the terminology that describes these websites --- they are called 'social networking' sites, and those who participate are identified as 'friends', etc. The problem, as we see it, is that some are interacting without regard to those who have been disciplined by local congregations. We are obligated to sever our social dealings with such brethren until they repent. We are told "not to keep company" with them (1 Corinthians 5:11), and to "have no company with him, that he may be ashamed" (2 Thessalonians 3:14). If we join with them – 'keep company' with them – on these social networking websites (as though there is no problem) how have we fulfilled our duty to "admonish him as a brother" (2 Thessalonians 3:15)?

We are sure that Satan is thrilled to have a whole new array of weapons to use against us. Beware of how he can use social media to our spiritual demise. Think!  
**- by Greg Gwin**