

### Those to Serve

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

### Prayer List:

Teresa Camacho-Valerie's  
Mother  
Mark Kirby  
Virginia Lovell  
Janell Houts Hall  
Odell Mallett  
Dora Martinez  
Letha Sheldon  
Pray for our Nation  
Our Troops  
Law Enforcement  
Rescue Personnel

### ***If we tell our children . . .***

- *If we tell them that the Bible is the only source of spiritual food, but they never see us feasting on the precious promises, what are we teaching them?*
- *If we tell them that the Christian must pray without ceasing, but they never see us on our knees, what are we teaching them?*
- *If we tell them the church is the pillar and ground of the truth, but they see us attend irregularly, and give grudgingly, what are we teaching them?*
- *If we tell them that our Father knows our every need and that our future is secure in Him, but they see us taking anxious thought for tomorrow, grasping for the things money can buy, what are we teaching them?*

### ***September 6th***

*Labor Day*

### ***September 12th***

*Grandparents' Day*

### ***September 22nd***

*Autumn Begins*

### ***September 26th***

*Noon Fellowship*

### ***October 3rd***

*Mission Sunday*

### ***October 11th***

### ***Happy Birthday***

***Vernon Houts Sept. 24th***

***Judy Grant Sept. 28th***

***Autumn Vann Sept. 29th***

***Judd Wall Oct. 10th***

***Mike Mallett Oct 21st***

***Ruby Jones Oct 24th***

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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 Difference*

An elderly man, who is also a veteran, was at the grocery store register purchasing his groceries when he realized he didn't have enough money to cover all of the items. The veteran has used up a \$25 grocery store gift card but still owed \$3 more to obtain the rest of the things that he needed.

His cashier, Briar Poirier, from Oxford, Massachusetts, said, "I've got this," and he pulled out his own wallet to get the money to pay the difference. "The gentleman had a couple basic necessities and looked like he was a little down on his luck and the man fought for our country, fought for our freedoms," Poirier told WBZ. "It's the least I could do for him."

Renee Falcioni, from Killingly, Connecticut, witnessed Poirier's act of compassion. She said she saw the veteran's eyes "light up" at Poirier's deed. "He shook his hand and said thank you and had a big smile from ear to ear," Falcioni told WBZ.

Falcioni also posted about Poirier's kindness on Facebook. Her post received thousands of likes and hundreds of comments and shares. Falcioni commented: "Thank you Briar for being such an amazing young man and a big thank you to your parents for raising such an amazing, kind-hearted, conscientious, and caring young man!!!"

May I turn your attention to another act of compassion that has a few similarities to Poirier's act of kindness? There are some differences in the actions as well:

1. The debt is far greater. In fact, it is too great for any of us to pay with our own resources.
2. Each of us owes this unpayable debt.
3. The matter of the debt has eternal implications.
4. Only one Person could pay this debt. He willingly did so for each of us.
5. He paid this debt for us, not because we were good or kind or merited the repayment in some way.

The debt that each of us has and cannot repay is the debt of sin (Romans 3:23). None of us has the resources to pay the debt ourselves, for sin is an offense to a Holy God (Isaiah 59:1-2). But God loves each of us so much that He gave His Son Jesus to pay the debt of our sin so that we can be reconciled to Him (John 3:16; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21). Jesus paid the debt for us with His life; He died on the cross for our sins (1 Corinthians 15:1-4). Jesus did this for us when we were weak and unable to pay the debt, sinners offending the Holy God, and even enemies in rebellion against Him (Romans 5:6-10). The wonderful news is that if we accept His offer of salvation, He will give us eternal life. If we reject His offer, we will receive eternal destruction (Matthew 7:13-14; Romans 6:23).

God will save and give eternal life to those who place their faith and trust in Jesus (Acts 16:30-31), turn 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).

Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection make all of the "difference" in our lives now and forever. Won't YOU accept His offer of salvation and eternal life?  
By David A. Sargent

## *"All the Counsel of God"*

Paul's final words to the elders of the church at Ephesus included this statement: "Wherefore I take you to record this day, that I am pure from the blood of all men. For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God" (Acts 20:26-27). His conscience was clear. He had no regrets about his work there. If any were lost it would not be because they had not been taught, encouraged, and warned by the apostle. He had done his work well. He knew that he had not failed to teach them on every necessary subject.

Many preachers of the modern day could not make the same claim. They shy away from preaching on many essential themes, citing them as 'too controversial,' or 'too negative.' Instead, they present a steady diet of 'positive' sermons aimed at making their hearers feel good about themselves.

While we all need to hear the positive truths of God's Word that reassure us of His love, grace, and mercy, we also need to be warned of the "terror of the Lord" (2 Corinthians 5:11). If error is not exposed, and if sin is not rebuked, how will necessary repentance be produced? (Luke 13:3)

Those who have not been taught "all the counsel of God" will be ripe for apostasy. Young people will grow into adulthood without a firm foundation in the gospel. Even those who are older will begin to forget the needed admonitions of the Scriptures (2 Peter 1:12,13). Any slight challenge will be too much for their fragile faith, and they will 'leave the church' – oftentimes not even realizing the seriousness of their spiritual condition.

In too many congregations it has been years since lessons have been taught on instrumental music, the role of women, marriage-divorce-remarriage, etc. With little or no teaching on these essential subjects, they become ever more vulnerable to false teaching and departures from the faith.

Brethren we can not afford to soft-pedal the truth. Let us declare "all the counsel of God." Think!

- by Greg Gwin