

### Those to Serve

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

### 2 Peter 3: 8-10 KJV

<sup>8</sup> But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

<sup>9</sup> The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

<sup>10</sup> But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

### 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

#### September 5th

Mission Sunday

#### September 6th

Labor Day

#### September 12th

Grandparents' Day

#### September 22nd

Autumn Begins

#### September 26th

Noon Fellowship

#### October 3rd

Mission Sunday

#### October 11th

Columbus Day

### 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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## Evant church of Christ

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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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## Garage Sale



Every so often, I take the time to go to some garage sales. I am hoping to find something that someone else does not want, and buy it cheaper than I thought I wanted to pay for it originally. Many items you can get for pennies on the dollar.

What was it that turned these items into junk for these people? Was the product not as good as was advertised? Was the product truly a piece of junk? Or perhaps they found another toy to play with.

Some people treat their Christianity like that. They count the cost and decide to live for Jesus, then later on their souls do not seem to have the importance that it once had, and they trade it in on a new experience, or revert back to their sinful lifestyle.

Still others, not willing to pay the true price of salvation, will look around for a cheaper version. One that does not require as much cost. By that, I mean that Jesus asked us to give Him our all ([Luke 14:33](#)), yet some choose to only give a portion that they are comfortable with. Sadly, there are many religious groups that cater to these types of people. They do not hold people accountable enough. They do not teach the truth enough. They tell people what they want to hear, and allow the cost to not be so burdensome on folks.

Please, do not treat your soul like this. It is your most valuable possession. Do not sell it for pennies on the dollar. [Proverbs 23:23](#) reads in part: *“buy the truth, and sell it not.”* Your soul is too valuable to treat it like junk. Jesus died on the cross for you, and that shows that God thinks your soul is valuable. Let us help you realize the value of your soul, and help you to acquire salvation which is what God wants, and what Jesus died for.

by Carrey Scott

## I Confess!

I confess I belong to that part of the United States' population identified as the "religious right" (expression to be said with a sneer or contempt in the voice). I am unabashedly religious, believing that one's life should be conducted with devotion to God and my moral and social values are decidedly conservative, i.e., to the "right." But it is becoming popular to characterize the "religious right" as a bunch of fanatical nut-cases who are trying to put a stranglehold on social progress. We are supposedly responsible for whatever bad happens in this great nation of ours.

Let me tell you about myself. I still think that it is wrong to lie and deceive, regardless of what power or position one may have in society ([Eph. 4:25](#)). I believe that it is wrong to cheat my fellow man in business ([Eph. 4:28](#)). I see very little difference between the man who steals from me by means of dishonesty in a business transaction and the thug who holds me up at gun-point. The dishonest businessman merely hides behind the appearance of respectability, but he is a thief just the same. I believe that character is crucial, both in public and private life.

I believe that life is a gift from God ([Psa. 127:3](#)) and abortion is the taking of an innocent human life. Abortion displays selfishness and an astonishing lack of natural affection and is an abomination in the sight of our Creator ([Prov. 6:17](#); [Rom. 1:31](#)). I believe that God makes parents responsible for raising their children -- not the government, schools, the church or Little League ([Eph. 6:4](#)). I believe in the appropriate discipline of children in the molding of character, including the spanking of a child who refuses to accept instruction or correction ([Prov. 13:24](#); [19:18](#); [22:15](#)). I prefer to see the tears of a disciplined child than to have to read about how he shot his classmates at school. I despise the physical abuse of children.

I believe that adultery and fornication ought to be cause for shame ([Heb. 13:4](#)) and not rewarded, financially or otherwise. Homosexuality is not simply an "alternate lifestyle," it is unnatural behavior and a sin ([Rom. 1:26-28](#)).

I believe that the poor should be helped, but the lazy should go without ([Eph. 4:28](#); [2 Thes. 3:10](#)). I believe in personal accountability, that each person should be held responsible for his/her actions, including those who commit their injustices against others in the name of religion. I believe that it is fitting that individuals are rewarded for hard work, but I don't believe that wealth gives anyone the right to break the laws of the government. I believe that punishment under the law should reflect the seriousness of the crime.

I confess to holding all of these values, but I deny that such values will destroy this nation or impede the progress of society. In fact, if our country is to remain great and free, we must return to these values ([Prov. 14:34](#)).

By Allen Dvorak