

Those to Serve

(B) Doug Pruett

(FV) Calvin Burks

(O) Jack Wall

(A) Jorge Garza

1st prayer Keith Stifflemire

2nd prayer Judd Wall

Announcements: Mike Mallett

Singing: Kevin Grant

"Life cannot be divided into compartments in some of which God is involved and in others of which He is not involved; there cannot be one kind of language in the church and another kind of language in the shipyard or the factory or the office; there cannot be one kind of conduct in the church and another kind of conduct in the business world. The fact is that God does not need to be invited into certain departments of life, and kept out of others. He is everywhere, all through life and in every activity of life. He hears not only the words which are spoken in His name: He hears all words; and there cannot be any such thing as a form of words which evades bringing God into any transaction. We will regard all promises as sacred if we remember that all promises are made in the presence of God." (William Barclay)

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

September 26th

Noon Fellowship

October 3rd

Mission Sunday

October 11th

Columbus Day

October 31st

Noon Fellowship

November 7th

Mission Sunday

Daylight Savings Time Ends

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

Edifier

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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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Things of Value

Louis Cook

A painting sold recently for 179 million dollars. Someone put a great deal of value on that painting by Picasso but to me, a person of no knowledge of art, it looks like blobs of paint on a canvass. We place value on many things in our lives: homes, cars, jewelry, Apple watches, and many other things that will break, wear out, or are stolen [Mt. 6:19]. We spend years, blood, sweat, and tears to educate ourselves so we can earn a living and provide for our families and those in need [I Thess. 1:11, 3:10].

This precious value, then, is for you who believe; but for those who disbelieve, "THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED, THIS BECAME THE VERY CORNER stone," I Peter 2:7 (NAS95). The apostle Peter uses this passage to contrast the *inestimable* value of Jesus Christ to the things of the world. Three times in the first seven verses he uses the word precious to describe the One chosen by God. However, men rejected Him as having no value, not worthy to be given a place of honor or importance and despised, treated shamefully all the way to the cross.

There are times and events in our lives that may cause us to pause a moment, to stop and think about our lives and our time here on earth, to think about how things are going for us. Sometimes there are events that bring us into position to approach the worth of what we have. We may need to be hungry to appreciate fully the value of food; we may need to feel the cold winter wind to appreciate the warm clothes we have, and sickness or disease to give us a far greater appreciation for the health we have.

To see the true value of Jesus Christ, we must "SEE" that we are poor, helpless, dying sinners. Have we, like the builders of old, "rejected" Christ, who offered us [poor, helpless, dying sinner] a way of escape from this lost dying state?

Many people spend a great deal of time, and effort for physical fitness, which is a good practice to maintain a healthy state; however, even in that, fitness is something we do not own. [I Cor. 6:16]

The only thing of value that we have is our soul! What value do we place on our own? What action are we taking to protect our only asset of value?

Remember you were brought with a price, a very high price: [I Cor. 6:20] the blood of Jesus Christ, God's son, our Savior. Most of the world today has rejected this most valuable gift from the God of heaven, Jesus Christ.

Each one of us is demonstrating how much value we place on serving the Lord by our actions. Do we honor Him, respect and reverence Him OR do we reject Him to the point that we have chosen to give Him the ultimate insult of ignoring Him? II Pet. 2:20-22

What is protecting your most valuable asset, your soul?

"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord..." (Psalm 33:12)

"When America ceases to be good, it will cease to be great," said Alexis de Tocqueville. In this statement we are reminded that the greatness of a nation does not rest in its military power, social advancements, political acumen or its national wealth. A nation's greatness is found in the quotient of its righteousness. Righteousness is the determining factor in a country's future. Solomon, the wisest of men, said "Righteousness exalteth a nation; but sin is a reproach to any people" (Proverbs 14:34).

Theodore Roosevelt warned, "The things that will destroy America are prosperity-at-any-price, safety-first instead of duty-first, the love of soft living and the get-rich-quick theory of life." Is

it possible that this day is drawing near? To a great extent our objectives have become: success, status, and security. These are followed closely by self-indulgence, pleasure, and comfort. Our permissive society turns freedom into license, rights into riots, and pornography into profit.

Concerned about a higher standard of living, we often fail to live by a standard. Riches are elevated above righteousness; power over piety; and science above the Savior. We abandon the moral law then shake our heads in disbelief as crime increases. Look out, America! Remember the words of Will Durant: "No great nation has ever been overcome until it has destroyed itself."

If you really desire to be a patriot; if you are truly concerned about America; if you earnestly want God to bless her – Then live a life in harmony with the will of God.

- by John Gipson