

### Those to Serve

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

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

**Party will be  
December 31st at  
Calvin & Tammy Burks  
home at 5:30  
Please bring finger foods**

- Sir, my concern is not whether God is on our side; my greatest concern is to be on God's side, for God is always right.  
Abraham Lincoln
- You cannot build character and courage by taking away people's initiative and independence. You cannot help people permanently by doing for them what they could and should do for themselves.  
Abraham Lincoln

### Prayer List:

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

**December 25th**

*Christmas*

**January 1st**

*New Years Day*

**January 2, 2022**

*Mission Sunday*

**January 30, 2022**

*Noon Fellowship*

**February 6th**

*Mission Sunday*

*Happy Birthday*

**Kevin Grant Dec. 24th  
Letha Sheldon Dec. 25th  
Will Vann Dec. 26th**



**Doug & Theresa Pruett  
January 26th**

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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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## Our Christian Example

By Mike Riley

The story is told of a Christian high school senior who was honored as one of the best and brightest in his community because he provided a forceful demonstration of integrity.

When his school team was given the word “auditorium” in a regional spelling bee, he glanced down to ponder his response and noticed that the word was printed on the microphone stand. He called this to the attention of the judges who responded with a more difficult word. The young man did what he knew was right whether others noticed or not.

We don’t know when our actions may become an example to others — we’re always on display. But if we live each day to honor Jesus, our behavior will model His righteous life (Gal. 2:20; 1 John 2:5-6), no matter who is watching.

Uprightness and honor should be goals for Christians of every age. Paul told Timothy:

*“Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity” (1 Timothy 4:12 NKJV).*

As Christians, one of our goals in life should be to change the world around us for good while never compromising ourself — one person at a time (Acts 10:38 NKJV; cf. 2 Timothy 2:1-2 NKJV; 1 Timothy 4:16 NKJV).

*O to be like Thee! blessed Redeemer,  
This is my constant longing and prayer;  
Gladly I’ll forfeit all of earth’s treasures,  
Jesus, Thy perfect likeness to wear.  
O to be like Thee! O to be like Thee,  
Blessed Redeemer, pure as Thou art;  
Come in Thy sweetness, come in Thy fullness;  
Stamp Thine own image deep on my heart. —W.J. Kirkpatrick*

## Resolutions for the New Year

By Johnny Hester

Stress and pressure are building. The year 2021 will soon be history. My wife, Linda, still hasn’t told me what my New Year’s Resolutions are. But I’m not going to worry about it.

It momentarily occurred to me that perhaps I should resolve to give up all my annoying habits for 2019. Then I remembered my high school coach years ago telling me: “No one respects a quitter.” An obvious dilemma, but I’m not going to worry.

For multitudes of people, deciding to develop a healthier lifestyle is a common resolution with which to begin the New Year. However, to my pleasant surprise my annual yearend physical indicates that my weight is perfect. However, it seems that in height I am approximately 9 inches too short. My carefully considered response is, in the words of one of my all-time favorite philosophers, Alfred E. Neuman: “What—Me Worry?” After all, years ago I memorized the New King James Version of Jesus’ question in Matthew 6:27, “Which of you, by worrying, can add one cubit to his stature?” So, worrying would be a waste of time.

Now—if you hear a grinding noise, it’s my brain trying to switch gears. On a more serious level it should be observed that there is a difference between profitless anxiety and legitimate concern. Worrying about things over which we have no control brings frustration to the mind and negativity to the spirit. On the other hand, legitimate concern—if rightly directed—can produce noble resolutions and significant improvements in the life one lives.

In Proverbs chapter six God warns us about the folly of indolence, discourages procrastination and commends to us the wisdom of acting with resolve and energy in our own best interest.

Go to the ant, you sluggard!  
Consider her ways and be wise,  
Which, having no captain,  
Overseer or ruler,  
Provides her supplies in the summer,  
And gathers her food in the harvest.  
How long will you slumber, O sluggard?  
When will you rise from your sleep?  
A little sleep, a little slumber,  
A little folding of the hands to sleep —  
So shall your poverty come on you like a prowler,  
And your need like an armed man.

The Lord willing, this Sunday morning I plan to share some worthwhile information from the Word of God that will help us to develop a proper perspective regarding the future. Linda and I are thankful for you all—our spiritual family at Matthews—and as always, we joyfully anticipate being with you for Bible study and worship.