

### Those to Serve

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

### Life Lessons

- Life is too short to waste time hating anyone.
- Your job won't take care of you when you're sick. Your friends and parents will, so stay in touch.
- Make peace with your past, so it won't mess up the present.
- If a relationship has to be a secret, you shouldn't be in it.
- Burn the candles; use the nice sheets; eat off the good china. Today is special and you are not promised tomorrow.
- No one is in charge of your happiness but you, always choose life.
- Your children only get one childhood.
- No matter how you feel...get up, get dressed, and show up.
- Life isn't tied with a bow, but it's still a gift.

### Prayer List:

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

#### January 1st

New Years Day

#### January 2, 2022

Mission Sunday

#### January 30, 2022

Noon Fellowship

#### February 2nd

Groundhog Day

#### February 6th

Mission Sunday

### Happy Birthday

**Avery Vann Feb. 11th**

**Mac Vann Feb. 14th**



**Doug & Theresa Pruett**

**January 26th**

**Vernon & Linda Houts**

**February 14th**

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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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## ***What Can I Do In The Coming Year?***

Many times Christians feel as though there is nothing they can do to positively assist in the work of the church. This, of course, is a huge mistake. There is something for everyone to do. Let us suggest these things that EVERY member of the local congregation can do that will help our collective service for the Lord:

1. You can read your Bible every day. There are few things that can compare to regular Bible reading when it comes to strengthening the soul and maintaining focus on spiritual priorities. What are you waiting for? Make the commitment right NOW to read your Bible this year.
2. You can attend the services faithfully. We all push ourselves to do certain things. We'll go to real extremes to attend family gatherings, keep a doctor's appointment, go to a ballgame, have a regular time at the beauty shop, etc. Unfortunately, some are not nearly so determined to attend worship services and Bible studies. If you can get out for other things, why can't you get out for services? Think! You can really help by simply being present.
3. You can pray fervently. Do you consistently spend time in prayer every day? Pray for the church, for the elders, for those who are weak, for our work in reaching the lost, etc. *"The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much"* (James 5:16).
4. You can invite a neighbor, co-worker, or family member to attend the services with you. You might be surprised how many would be willing to come with you if you simply invited them.
5. You can set a good example. Don't forget that others are watching everything you do, everything you say, everywhere you go. If you let down, even once, they will notice it, and your influence will be damaged. Be conscious of your impact by way of your example.
6. You can be positive and enthusiastic. Too many are "doom and gloom" Christians, always looking for negative things to complain about. Look up! Be thankful for what you have and excited about what you can do for God's glory.

**Greg Gwin**

## ***Keeping it Clear***

I read a story about a young girl who loved playing skeet-ball at the local arcade. The story talks about how the little girl loved the arcade and an exciting trip to the arcade. Once they arrived, the little girl asked her dad for some money. Not having anything smaller, dad hands her a twenty-dollar bill with instructions to get change in the amount of two fives and a ten. It wasn't long before dad went searching for her, and as you can imagine, found her playing the skeet-ball game and having the time of her life.

Dad, wondering where his change was at, says, "Where's my change? Tell me you didn't put that twenty-dollar bill in the machine." "No, daddy," said the little girl, "I put in two fives and a ten just like you said." Then, as dad started to get upset, mom reminded him that he didn't tell her to bring the money back.

The problem in this story is amusing and reminds us of an important lesson. Far too often, we are not clear in our expectations or instructions to others. Yet, somehow, we expect them to just know what we intended to say, even though we didn't say it.

Church, this is a lesson we need to learn. We all need to be more transparent with the people in our lives. It might be your loved ones that need us to be more straightforward. Tell them how you feel, what you want, need, and expect. It might be your work colleagues who need you to be more transparent, and it might be your brothers and sisters at church. But unfortunately, clarity is a rare commodity in today's world.

It also reminds us that our God is always clear in His Words. He doesn't try to confuse or mislead us. There are plenty of people who would like to confuse the issues, but God is not the author of confusion (1 Cor. 14:33).

Just like our Lord is clear with us, He expects us to be clear with the people in our lives. They are not mind readers who simply know what we're feeling, need, or want. We must tell them lovingly and graciously. So, let's commit to keeping it clear and verbalizing our feelings and desires with those the Lord has placed in our lives.

By Jeff Arnette