

Those to Serve

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

Diaper Shower

There will be a Baby Diaper Shower for Sarah Flores Sunday February 13th at 2:00 pm at Lynette Vann's home.

Men's Business Meeting February 13th after Second Service

Quotes & Sayings

The Bible is very easy to understand. But we Christians are a bunch of scheming swindlers. We pretend to be unable to understand it because we know very well that the minute we understand, we are obliged to act accordingly.
By Soren Kierkegaard

Prayer List:

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

February 6th

Mission Sunday

February 14th

Valentine's Day

February 21st

Presidents' Day

February 27th

Noon Fellowship

March 6th

Mission Sunday

Happy Birthday

**Avery Vann Feb. 11th
Mac Vann Feb. 14th**



**Vernon & Linda Houts
February 14th**

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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:

Will Vann, Preacher

9:30 am Bible Study

863-899-0987

10:20 am Worship

Email: wvann@yahoo.com

12:30 pm Afternoon

www.evantchurchofchrist.org

Wednesday Night

6:00 pm

Forgiving Others

There is no doubt that one of the conditions of our own forgiveness by God is that we forgive others who sin against us. Jesus said: "If ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: but if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses" (Matthew 6:14,15). He also taught us that we should extend this forgiveness again and again. Notice: "Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times? Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven" (Matthew 18:21,22).

The question arises, though, about a situation where an individual is not interested in our forgiveness. They do not ask to be forgiven and may, in fact, continue the offending act against us. What should our response be in such a situation?

Jesus gave valuable information about dealing with this problem in Luke 17:3,4: "Take heed to yourselves: If thy brother trespass against thee, rebuke him; and if he repent, forgive him. And if he trespass against thee seven times in a day, and seven times in a day turn again to thee, saying, I repent; thou shalt forgive him." The teaching here clearly indicates that forgiveness must be sought before it can be granted. We must be ready to forgive - willing to forgive - even anxious to forgive. But, until the offender seeks our forgiveness, there is no way that forgiveness can be accomplished. (A moment of reflection will remind us that this is exactly the pattern that God has established for us to be forgiven by Him. He is continually ready to forgive us, but we must repent and seek His forgiveness before we can receive it.)

It's worth noting that the apostles realized the difficulty of forgiving a brother who continues to commit the same offense over and over. After hearing His command in this matter, "the apostles said unto the Lord, increase our faith" (Luke 17:5). It takes a strong faith to fulfill the Lord's will concerning forgiveness.

by Greg Gwin

Two Men Have an Unfaithful Child

Bill and Fred are both faithful in their attendance and active in the work of the local church, but unfortunately both men have a grown child who does not serve the Lord faithfully. The spiritual lives of Bill and Fred seem similar in many ways, but when it comes to dealing with the unfaithful child there is a big difference.

When Bill is asked about his son, he is honest in describing the situation and urges everyone to do all they can to help restore his son to faithfulness. On the other hand, if anything is said to Fred, he immediately becomes defensive and makes excuses for his son. While Bill wishes people would be more direct in dealing with the soul-threatening sin in his son's life, Fred continually worries that someone is going to say the wrong thing to his son and "offend" him.

There are a lot of "Bills" who understand the danger their erring children are in and seek the help of all. But tragically, there are far too many "Fred's" who seem so worried about the feelings of their children that they make excuses for them, cover up for them, perhaps try to keep people from even finding out about them and become resentful toward those who do try to help.

When people are overtaken in sin fellow-Christians have an obligation to restore them (Galatians 6:1; James 5:19, 20). As parents, we must make certain that we do not stand in the way of those seeking to restore the erring. To carry it even further, are the parents themselves excused from the obligation to "restore such a one"? It has to be truly heart-breaking and gut-wrenching for a parent to see the church withdraw from one of their children (see 1 Corinthians 5:1-13; 2 Thessalonians 3:6-15), but a parent who has the proper faith in God and a true love for his child rejoices that others care enough about their child to follow God's plan. Though painful, they trust that the desired end is that "his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus" (1 Corinthians 5:5).

Let us love our children; seek to train them when they are young and then remember two things if they should choose not to remain faithful:

We must love Jesus (and His teachings) even more than our children (Matthew 10:37).

Our love for our children is a very shallow love if it does not extend to their souls. Parents, please think carefully about this painful subject. Do not ever allow your love, pride,

embarrassment, shame or anything else to stand in the way of that which is needed to bring your child to repentance. by John R. Gibson