

Those to Serve

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

April 1st

April Fool's Day

April 3rd

Mission Sunday

April 10th

Business Meeting

April 17th

Easter

April 24th

Noon Fellowship

May 1st

Mission Sunday

May 8th

Mother's Day



April 1st

Calvin & Tammy Burks

April 18th

Jack & Cindi Wall

Prayer List:

Robby Houts
Windham Family
David Neal
Mona Lancaster
Cheryl Burks
Tammy Parker
Sue Skelton
Mike Mallett
Mark Kirby
Virginia Lovell
Janell Houts Hall
Dora Martinez
Letha Sheldon
Pray for our Nation
Our Troops
Law Enforcement
Rescue Personnel

Sentence Sermon

- Be "conservative" in your thinking and "liberal" in your giving.
- Your work is a commentary on your character.

Happy Birthday

Doug Pruett April 1st

Steve Sugg April 6th

Connie Mallett April 30th

Jana Wall May 18th

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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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McDonald's Syndrome

God give me more patience and give it to me RIGHT NOW! Can you relate to that? We live in an age of fast everything. Fast food, fast cars, fast computers, fast news. Nobody wants to wait on anything. I call it "McDonald's Syndrome." We no longer have time to walk into the store to buy our fast food, we can just drive past the window and grab it on the fly. It's incredible how impatient our society has become. We complain if we have to wait in line at Kroger's or Wal*mart for more than a few minutes. I pity the new cashier in training that still hasn't mastered using the laser scanner. CNN gives us the latest world news every 30 minutes and for some folks even that's not fast enough.

I experienced this myself a couple of times this week as I was working on the new church website. I was trying to install a piece of software that I was unfamiliar with and I couldn't get it to work correctly. The web host the church is using advertises they have 24/7 tech support, so I sent them an e-mail about the problem. 2 hours later I was still waiting for a reply. Where was their 24/7 support? I finally decided the 24/7 meant it takes 24 hours before they return your e-mail and 7 tries before they fix the problem. Anyway, I switched to a different brand of software and got it working without their help.

The software creates a message forum where members of the church can leave notes to each other online among other things. Once I had it running I sent out an e-mail to about a dozen or so members of the church encouraging them to log on and try it out. Several hours later nobody had tried it yet. Once again I was impatient...however I guess I can forgive them...I sent the e-mail at 2 in the morning. Doesn't EVERYBODY check their e-mail in the middle of the night? I realized that I was expecting too much, but that still didn't help my frustration.

It's a fact of life that sometimes we have to wait on things. No matter how much you want it, some things take some time. You can't have everything RIGHT NOW. 1 Thessalonians 5:13 advises us to "be patient with everyone." Patience is encouraged often in the Bible. Of all the words used to describe love in 1 Corinthians 13:4-8, patience is the first. Proverbs tells us that wisdom produces patience and conversely that patience provides understanding. A patient man can persuade a ruler. Remember the persistent widow? She had patience that produced results.

It's easy to get caught up in the fast pace of today's world, but we must realize that patience is a virtue that we all need to cultivate more. Slow down, take it easy, don't get stressed out so easily. Moses waited 40 years in the desert, I guess I can wait a few more minutes for somebody to respond to my e-mail.

Alan Graff

Sunday Shoes

When I was a child, I had play clothes, school clothes and church clothes. Each had its own function and should not be used inappropriately. When I grew up, I added another category, work clothes. Now that I work virtual, the work clothes category merged with the others. I also learned from my youth that school clothes were appropriate for church on Wednesday night.

The concept of church clothes is relatively new. Just a hundred years ago, clothing was consistent for all functions. The only difference was the quality of the garment. New clothes were reserved for church. As they weathered, they became school clothes, then play clothes. Now we have different footwear for various functions.

What does it mean when someone says to dress appropriately for church? Traditionally that means a suit and tie, or a dress. But what does it mean Biblically?

"Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as braided hair and the wearing of gold jewelry and fine clothes. Instead, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight." - 1 Peter 3:3-4 (also 1 Timothy 2:9-10)

"Young men, in the same way be submissive to those who are older. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, 'God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.'" - 1 Peter 5:5

"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience." - Colossians 3:12

I wonder if the early church may have had a problem with Christians overdressing for church. It looks like some were not dressing humbly. I also wonder about Peter and Paul who wrote this. I don't think they had special clothes for church. They were with the church daily. They worked together and played together.

I'm not saying to dress down for church, but I do encourage you not make Sunday clothes a requirement for others. Under the Law of Moses attire was important, as Aaron's clothing (Exodus 28). But most external requirements were done away with under Christianity. It is nice to have clean clothes when with the church, but a clean heart is better (Psalm 51:10).

Jay Crook