

Those to Serve

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

Quotes & Sayings

- *Kindness is the language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see.*
Mark Twain
- *Socialism is a philosophy of failure, the creed of ignorance, and the gospel of envy, its inherent virtue is the equal sharing of misery.*
Winston Churchill



April 1st
Calvin & Tammy Burks
April 18th
Jack & Cindi Wall

Prayer List:

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

March 13th

*Men's Business Meeting &
Daylight Savings Time Begins*

March 17th

St. Patrick's Day

March 20th

Spring Begins

March 27

Noon Fellowship

April 3rd

Mission Sunday

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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That Old Rugged Cross

By Al Behel

“On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross.” These words have been sung for over a hundred years in churches around the world. Cities and churches have erected crosses to symbolize the suffering and death of our Savior, and many believers wear cross-shaped jewelry to proclaim faith in the risen Lord.

That “Old Rugged Cross” is the object of affection for all faithful Christians. The postle Paul expressed his love for the cross by saying, “God forbid

that I should glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified to me and I to the world” (Galatians 6:14). The cross is the center of our faith and the hope of our salvation.

That cross is “rugged”. It is not polished gold or silver. It is ugly and bloody. It is rough and contemptible. There is nothing beautiful about it’s physical appearance. The cross was a place where criminals died. The One who made Mount Calvary would come down and die there. On a wooden cross made from a tree he had created.

What does that rugged cross mean to you? Does it make a difference in your daily thoughts and actions? Does it alter your conversations? Does it cause you to look at relationships differently? Do you cling to that old cross? Does it still have a wondrous “attraction” to you?

I love that old cross, so despised by the world. It tells me that God loves you and me. It tells me that the Lamb of God left the glories of heaven to bear our sins on dark Calvary. That fact alone gives that old rugged cross a wondrous attraction to me, because on that cross Jesus suffered and died to “pardon and sanctify me.”

That cross tells us how wretched our sin is and how hopelessly lost we are without it. It tells us how a loving God came and died an innocent death on a cross that should have been for us.

The power of that cross today is in the hearts of believers, not on top of church buildings or mountain sides. It’s beauty transforms us and fills us with awe and gratitude for His infinite love and grace. That “Old Rugged Cross” is still our greatest hope.

Equal Rights

By Joe Slater

How could a Christian possibly oppose equal rights? God doesn’t show favoritism (partiality, “respect of persons”) and neither should His children.

That being said, corrupt people have redefined “rights” to suit their own purposes. When Christians reject those new definitions, we are tarred as bigots who supposedly support inequality. This holds true in both spiritual and earthly concerns.

In religion, many have equated equal rights with identical functions. Thus, Christian women supposedly have the “right” to be elders in the church. Biblical teaching that an elder must be “the husband of one wife” is written off as a mere vestige of an outmoded patriarchal society. Redefined “equality” surpasses plain Scripture.

Now, what about secular issues? Fifty years ago Americans were debating the Equal Rights Amendment to the Constitution (ERA). It reads: “Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex.” Though the time for it to be adopted has long since expired, the President is pressuring Congress to adopt it since more states have subsequently ratified it.

The amendment sounds simple enough. However, even half a century ago we knew that politicians, judges, and lawyers would “spin” it to mandate abortion on demand and who knows what else, despite the fact that an average person wouldn’t make such absurd applications. Today the secular progressives would see special accommodations for so-called “transgender” persons as being not only legal but mandated by the Constitution!

Biblical “equal rights” ought to be recognized and respect by all. But what the world means by “equal rights” and what God means are two different things!