

Those to Serve

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

Quotes & Sayings

- **"Character, in the long run, is the decisive factor in the life of an individual and of nations alike." - Theodore Roosevelt**
- **"This world of ours must avoid becoming a community of dreadful fear and hate, and be, instead, a proud confederation of mutual trust and respect." - Dwight D. Eisenhower**



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 20th
Spring Begins
March 27
Noon Fellowship
April 3rd
Mission Sunday
April 10th
Business Meeting
April 17th
Easter

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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Message from Those that we Support

Greetings for Spring, 2022. We are thankful for your support and interest in the work here in the Hondo area.

In good news, an older brother—Dale—was restored. He became unfaithful several decades ago, and he went through years of substance abuse. He is free of that abuse and after Bible study and numerous conversations with Garland and Preston, he confessed fault and we prayed with/for him. He attends each week and is trying to convert his children and bring his grandchildren to Bible classes and worship but the parents are standing in the way. Dale deeply regrets his years of prodigal living and how he hurt his family--another reminder that how we live has a profound influence on others.

Here are sermons I've preached the past several weeks:

Whatever Happened to Hell

Whatever Happened to Christian Men, Husbands, & Fathers

Whatever Happened to Christian Women, Wives, & Mothers

When The Last Curtain Falls

Lessons On Sin from David & Bathsheba

Christianity Changes You

Our Sunday afternoon study on Genesis continues—slowly. We are beginning chapter 7 and are looking especially at skeptics' attack on the worldwide Flood as well as practical lessons that we need from Noah's account.

On to the gender identity matter with the college district. The lawyer for the college district is now refusing to grant an accommodation to me but needed more time to address the matter. Our lawyer has given them a couple of weeks before we file a federal lawsuit.

We have now had recent sermons presented by Justin Angle and Brian Stitt. Both were converted within the last 24 months. They are good, young men and growing in the faith.

The congregation has had two more neighborhood flyer-drops but we have had no response from the communities yet.

If you can, visit with us. It would do everyone here good.

Brotherly,

Lynn Parker

How to Pray in the Midst of Tragedy

Anytime there is a mass shooting or tragedy, many people in the media and news will say something like, "Our prayers are with them." For many, it's a throwaway line- something you're just supposed to say. But for the Christian, it's more than that. It has to be if we are seeking to adorn the gospel of Jesus Christ in every aspect of our lives.

So, how exactly are we supposed to pray in moments like these? What do we say to God? What prayers do we need to offer for the victims and the survivors? I realize these are tough questions to unpack, so I won't attempt to do so. Instead, let me offer some basic prayers that every Christian can pray in times of tragedy. I'm not suggesting this is the full extent of what you should be praying for, simply a starting point.

1. Prayer for Unbelievers- There are always people affected by tragedies who are not followers of Christ. Pray that their eyes may be opened to the evils around us and that they may recognize these evils as indicative of a fallen, sinful world. (Romans 5:12) May they come to hear the gospel message and follow Jesus.
2. Prayer for Evildoers- I'm specifically talking about those who commit these atrocities to harm and kill others. We must recognize that there are many evil people in this world. Pray that they may repent of their sins and turn from their evil ways. (Romans 12:21)
3. Prayer for Christians- When we see people around us hurting, we ought to show compassion as Jesus did. This is especially true in times of deep tragedy. Our prayer is that Christians around the world may be effective in their witnessing to unbelievers. Pray that all Christians seek opportunities for witnessing and that they may be used by God to accomplish his purposes. (Matthew 9:37-38)

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