

Those to Serve

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

Rachel Marie Flores

**was Born to
Michael & Sarah Flores
on Wednesday
March 2, 2022
at 10:41 PM.
8 lbs 1 ounce
and 20 inches long.**



**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 6th

Mission Sunday

March 13th

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

March 17th

St. Patrick's Day

March 20th

Spring Begins

March 27

Noon Fellowship

Happy Birthday

**Doug Pruett April 1st
Steve Sugg April 6th
Connie Mallett April 30th
Jana Wall May 18th**

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March 6, 2022



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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Insulting Jesus

My Grandfather Prince Albert used to play "Bears" with me. I'd go hunting right in the middle of the living room of our upstairs apartment. He would crawl around on the floor, up on the couch, growling and swatting at me with his big claws and I would shoot him. He'd roll off the couch, hit the floor, and lay there dead until I poked him. Then we'd do it again. One time the landlady, who lived on the first floor, came up and yelled at him to quiet down. Being a very gentle, sensitive man, he sat quietly on the couch for the rest of the day, shushing me in a low voice every time I'd walk across the floor. Yet, Pa and I were never confused about the fact that he was not a bear and I was not a hunter. Temporary pretense is a part of childhood.

When CS Lewis and his brother were boys, they erected a model of an "animal world" in a big, unused, upstairs room of their home in Ireland. They assumed the role of the animals and put speech into their mouths and developed rules by which these "animals" lived and died. For instance, you could hunt and kill a squirrel for food and clothing, because it couldn't talk. However, if a beaver was oversized and had the gift of speech, it would be murder if you slew it. You laugh, but years later, some of Lewis's acclaimed children's books featured such things.

It seems to me that the game of "Santa" that we play with our children is much the same. Some parents have struggles of conscience with the whole idea of their children believing a myth. If you think that's what you're doing, then by all means, tell your children the literal facts. Don't forget to remind them that Grandpa is not a bear and Donald is not a duck.

What is genuinely dangerous is when the deeply held convictions of our faith are regarded as myth—the virgin birth, the resurrection of Jesus, the inspiration of the Bible. So then, Jesus becomes like King Arthur, who may or may not have lived. A fascinating, thrilling myth grew up around and beyond Arthur. Myth can invigorate, motivate, but one doesn't actually believe the story. Instead, you merely aspire to the qualities of courage, justice, and benevolence which the Arthur legend inspires—in Texas terms, "the cowboy way."

However, it is an insult to Jesus to regard Him in this way. The apostle said, *"By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard was coming and is now already in the world."* (1 John 4:2,3).

Someone Wrote A Book

If they wrote a book, then they are the authority on that given subject. That's what is implied when we believe everything we read. Are you like that? Someone said just because someone wrote book doesn't make it so! And that's true.

Many years ago, another preacher gave a preacher friend of mine a hard time because he had not read a certain book that was being promoted as the answer to a certain issue. My friend refused to read the book, and was therefore put on that preacher's "list," as if this was some sort of test of fellowship. I remember the same thing being done to me when some elders were interviewing me years ago. My answer was much like my preacher friend. If I know His book, then I don't need to read a book that is being promoted. It is easy to rely on what someone else has written, but if we are not careful we will be just like those religious experts that Jesus addressed. How many times did He say, "You have heard it said, but I say unto you..."? They were used to hearing man-made commentary, but they had not read what God's Word really said. If we are going to be a people of the Book, then let's use it as our guide.

What do you know about the Book? Have you really studied it, or just read what someone else has written? This is serious business.

In Acts 8:30, we notice when Philip ran up to the Ethiopian and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet, he asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" So Philip pulled out a book someone had written and gave the Ethiopian official instruction from the book someone had written. Now if you have studied this passage you know that didn't happen. Verse 35 says "...Philip opened his mouth, and beginning from this Scripture he preached Jesus to him." And because Phillip preached Jesus to him, the man asked him in verse 36 if he could be baptized. In verse 39 we see that this important official was baptized.

No, there is nothing wrong with books. But God's Word should be our guide!

If you want to know more about His Word, why not attend Bible Study?