

### Those to Serve

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

#### **May 1st**

*Mission Sunday*

#### **May 8th**

*Mother's Day*

*May 19th*

*Last Day of School  
Lampasas & Gatesville*

#### **May 26th**

*Last Day of School  
Evant & Hamilton*

#### **May 29th**

*Noon Fellowship*

#### **May 30th**

*Memorial Day*

#### **June 5th**

*Mission Sunday*

- "It is better to be alone than in bad company." - George Washington
- "Discipline is the soul of an army. It makes small numbers formidable; procures success to the weak, and esteem to all." - George Washington

### Prayer List:

Diane Savage (Virginia's niece)  
Robby Houts  
Windham Family  
David Neal  
Mona Lancaster  
Cheryl Burks  
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



#### **June 14th**

**Will & Autumn Vann**

#### *Happy Birthday*

**Connie Mallett April 30th**

**Coryell Day May 7th**

**Jana Wall May 18th**

**Cassidy Stapp June 2nd**

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## **Evant church of Christ**

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**May 1, 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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## ***It Is Never Too Late To Start Over***

By Steve Boyd

Captain John Callender of the Massachusetts militia was found guilty of cowardice at the Battle of Bunker Hill. George Washington had to order his court martial. Callender re-enlisted in the army as a private, and at the Battle of Long Island exhibited such conspicuous courage that Washington publicly revoked the sentence and restored his captaincy.

It is the same way in the Lord's army. We can start over. We may feel that our actions and deeds are such that seeking to live for Jesus is useless. We try and then stumble. We make an effort and then do something that seems to blot out that effort, and we want to simply quit. But it is not too late to start over. One benefit of forgiveness is the starting over principle. John said in 1 John 1:9, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

Peter was one who went to sleep when the Lord needed him, denied the Lord, and followed him from a distance. Yet in the beginning of the church, who preached the first sermon? Who was a strong leader among the Lord's disciples in the early history of the church? It was Peter! For many of us, to have failed Jesus as often as Peter did, we would have said we can't start again. But Peter demonstrates that we can try again and succeed.

Each new day is an opportunity to start over. The sight of the rising sun is a beautiful reminder that we have a new and marvelous beginning ahead of us. It is an opportunity to overcome the mistakes and wrong doing of yesterday and be a better person today. Don't get discouraged when you do not live up to the goals you set. It is not too late to start over.

## ***Inconvenient***

Suppose we changed our meeting time to 3 AM on Sundays. While we might not like it, many of us would be here despite the inconvenience. Now, relax! There are no plans to change the meeting time! It brings up the question, though: How willing are you to be inconvenienced in your service to God?

Antonius Felix, governor of Judea, didn't like what he was hearing as Paul was instructing him in the gospel. "Go away for now," Felix said. "When I have a convenient time, I will call for you" (Acts 24:25). As far as the record goes, that convenient time never came. The governor wasn't much interested in becoming a Christian anyway; mostly he was hoping Paul would pay a bribe.

Unlike Felix, Christians are interested in hearing and doing the will of God. (Or we're supposed to be, anyway.) Are you willing to be inconvenienced for the Lord? Let's be specific: Are you willing to make a visit instead of watching your favorite TV program? Or does that visit have to wait until you have "spare time"? Would you reschedule a vacation if it conflicted with a Gospel Meeting? Would you attend services rather than getting an early start on that business trip? In short, are you willing to put God (not your convenience) first?

The early Christians certainly did not practice a religion of convenience! How convenient was it to be beaten or imprisoned for proclaiming the gospel? Was walking all over the country to tell people about Jesus convenient? And if we can believe the historical records, the early Christians often met around sunrise on the first day of the week since that was the only time that the slaves could attend. No doubt it would have been more convenient for everyone, especially the slaves, just to stay home to get a little extra sleep.

Two thousand years ago, Jesus left the splendor of Heaven to come to this earth, taking upon Himself a body of human flesh. What if He had said, "No, it just isn't convenient for Me right now." Think of the times Jesus spent all day teaching and healing, only to spend all night in prayer. Not exactly convenient, wouldn't you say? And where would we be if, when His crucifixion was imminent, Jesus had backed out because it wasn't convenient?

There is nothing wrong with accommodating convenience where we can. But brethren, God has gone to a great deal of trouble for us! May it never be that we would insult Him by serving Him only when it is convenient.

By Joe Slater