

### Those to Serve

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

#### **May 26th**

*Last Day of School  
Evant & Hamilton*

#### **May 29th**

*Noon Fellowship*

#### **May 30th**

*Memorial Day*

#### **June 5th**

*Mission Sunday*

#### **June 6th**

*D Day*

#### **June 19th**

*Father's Day*

#### **June 21st**

*First Day of Summer*

### Sentence Sermons

- Genuine charity does not care if it is tax-deductible or not.
- Don't let your financial interests cloud your moral interests.
- To go to heaven, follow your GPS (God's Plan of Salvation).

### Prayer List:

Diane Savage (Virginia's niece)  
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*

**Cassidy Stapp June 2nd**

**Mike Lovell July 16th**

**Keith Stifflemire July 22nd**

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## Evant church of Christ

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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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## Some Facts of Life

All around us we see changes being made. I have noticed changes that happen very fast are usually short term - they won't last. It is the changes which are made slowly that are dangerous. I at one time had the opportunity to drive a truck hauling heavy loads. In Arkansas there are very steep hills that are hard to pull when loaded. But the steep inclines were the easiest to make. It is the long gradual ones that pull you down.

Take the church for example. When people try to make immediate changes we stand up and resist; probably because we are afraid of changing our comfort zones. This was a lesson I learned early in my Christian life. It is important that we are continually watching our actions. We let a little thing slip unnoticed and it grows.

Here is an example I am continually trying to teach managers I train. A dirty spot starts with one very small and often unnoticed particulate of dust. This piece of dust collects another if not removed and now we have a particle of dirt. What was once just a little dust is now dirt. One spot of dust not removed goes unnoticed until a major cleaning is required and we did not know it because it changed so slowly.

Our children grow the same way. We still remember them as just babies. But, look again - they are adults. Sin happens the same way, just a little change today and tomorrow we are fallen away. This explains Paul's quote, "I buffet my body daily to bring it under subjection." I read this again the other day, "Character is destroyed one compromise at a time." Time passes on the clock one tick at a time. Second by second, one second until eternity.

"Go to now, ye that say, Today or tomorrow we will go into the city-, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain: Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appears for a little time and then vanisheth away." James 4:13-14 (We are just a puff of smoke.) Watch very carefully for changes being made within the church. Something that doesn't really matter right now may be big tomorrow.

By Darwin Cooper

## Friend Or Enemy?

At first the Galatians Christians counted Paul as a friend – indeed, as a beloved brother who had led them to the Lord. They would have done anything to help him, even to the extreme of plucking out their own eyes, had that been possible (Galatians 4:15). Now, however, false teachers had slandered Paul, and the fickle Galatians had fallen for it. The frustrated apostle asked in the next verse, "Have I therefore become your enemy because I tell you the truth?" How tragically foolish to treat a faithful proclaimer of truth as an enemy!

But it was nothing new. Centuries beforehand, God sent Elijah to rebuke King Ahab for murdering Naboth to steal his vineyard. Ahab reproached the prophet thusly: "Have you found me, O my enemy?" (1 Kings 21:20). Truth be told, Elijah was Ahab's best friend. Warning the king of impending judgment gave him opportunity to repent. But evil Ahab and his wicked wife, Jezebel preferred to kill the messenger!

Even before the time of Ahab, the apostate King Saul attempted to murder his faithful warrior David despite having sworn in the name of the Lord not to do so. Saul reprimanded his own daughter for hiding David, referring to him as "my enemy" (1 Samuel 19:17). Like Ahab and the Galatians, Saul's own sins twisted his mind into treating a true friend as an enemy.

Loyal servants of God will not simply tell you what you want to hear. Because they are your friends, they will tell you the truth.

Do not expect worldly people to appreciate you when you speak the truth. They may well see you as their enemy! "If the world hates you, know that it hated Me before it hated you" (John 15:18).

By Joe Slater