

Those to Serve

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

October 2nd
Mission Sunday

October 9th
Mens Business Meeting

October 10th
Columbus Day

October 30
Noon Fellowship

November 6th
Mission Sunday
Daylight Saving Time

Prayer List:

Larry Kuckols (Lynette Vann's Brother)
Diane Savage (Virginia's niece)
Cheryl Burks
Virginia Lovell
Dora Martinez
Letha Sheldon
Pray for our Nation
Our Troops
Law Enforcement
Rescue Personnel

A Life of Faith

The Bible teaches that Jesus is God (**John 1:1, 14**). I know there are people who deny Jesus is God, but there will always be some who deny Bible teaching.

Jesus was called "God" by God in **Hebrews 1:8**. Jesus is omnipresent (**Mt. 18:20**) and He forgives sins (**Mt.9:2-7**). In **John 10:30** Jesus said, "I an my Father are one."

There is nothing Jesus does not know. There is nothing Jesus cannot do. Why? Because He is God.

So, when we see Jesus in action and read His words in the New Testament, we see God and are listening to the words of God.

Far too many people just give Jesus lip service and call that faith. True faith is not lip service. True faith is "life service" (**Matthew 15:7-9**). A life of faith in Jesus as God will submit to the commands of God.

By Rob Albright

Happy Anniversary

Terry & Haley Day Oct 15th

Happy Birthday

Judd Wall Oct. 10th

Mike Mallett Oct. 21

Haley Day Oct. 21

Ruby Jones Oct 24th

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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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Neglected Widows

In Acts chapter six we find the account of a problem that the growing church had. Verse one tells us that “there arose a complaint against the Hebrews by the Hellenists because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution.” One of the marvelous characteristics of the Lord’s church is the care we are to have for one another which is inherent in it (Gal. 6:10; Jas. 1:27). That being said, because we are human and fallible, sometimes things that ought to be done get overlooked or become neglected. Sometimes, because we are human and fallible, we allow sin to creep into our lives, and because of prejudice or spite, we intentionally overlook or neglect what we should not. I tend to believe the Grecian widows were overlooked not because of sin, but because the Apostles, who were in charge of the distribution (Acts 4:35), were overwhelmed. Some have estimated that the church was upwards of 20,000 strong at this time. Considering the apostle’s focus on their spiritual needs (Acts 6:2) it is understandable that some physical needs fell through the cracks.

When the problem was brought to their attention they proposed a solution that seemed pleasing to everyone. Because they were not willing to let the spiritual work of the church go so as to focus on its physical needs they had the congregation select from among them seven men to do this work. These men were to be of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit, and full of wisdom. To be of good reputation means that their characters had to be known among the people (c.f. 1 Tim. 3:7). This was necessary because they were going to be handling the church’s money. As for being filled with the Holy Spirit, some see this as the miraculous gifts which were given by the laying on of the apostle’s hands. However, this is unlikely because a miraculous gift was not something that would qualify a person for good works, but was an aid to the work. The Apostles would eventually lay their hands on these men after they were chosen (Acts 6:6). It seems to me that a man full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom would be one that would “walk not according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit” (Rom. 8:1). He would be like Apollos, “mighty in the Scriptures” (Acts 18:24), and like what Paul exhorted Timothy to be, a diligent worker approved by God rightly dividing the word of truth (2 Tim. 2:15).

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And he would be like Barnabas whom no specific miraculous work is attributed, but who “was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith” (Acts 11:24).

There are several things that we can learn from this matter. One, there will be problems in the local congregation even with the godliest of men overseeing it. Thanks be to God that He has given us His word in which we have instructions to follow and examples to learn from so that we can handle any problem. Two, the word is more important than the world, just as the Apostles prioritized the spiritual over the physical so should we. This does not mean that we should ignore physical needs (Jas 2:15-16), but that our focus should first and foremost be on the spiritual. Remember, Lazarus died a beggar (Lk. 22ff), but the rich man who lived sumptuously, well... Third, because the Apostles focused on spiritual matters while appointing these seven men to oversee the physical needs of the church it grew. We can see here a pattern laid out for the future work of elders and deacons where both the spiritual needs and the physical needs of the church are met. The thing we ought to take away from this account is when we follow the will of God, it follows that the church will grow. “Then the word of God spread, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly” (Acts 6:7).

By Will Vann

Lord Make Me Good – Period

Many people who want a relationship with God often add qualifiers to the mix. They want the Lord to make them good, but with a stipulation added. Here are a couple of examples:

* “Lord, make me good, but not yet.” These people want to live in sin as long as possible. They want to be able to sow their “wild oats” and then for God to save them before they die.

* “Lord, make me good, but not completely.” These folks want to have the “best of both worlds”. They want to be saved, but also still want to hang on to certain sins.

But we should simply say to God “Lord, make me good.” (Notice the period at the end.) We should say that with no modifiers and with the attitude of doing what God wants us to do and fully trusting Him to make us good and righteous. “For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.” (2 Cor. 5:21) **By Edd Sterchi**