

**Those to Serve**

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

**October 30**

Noon Fellowship

**November 6th**

Mission Sunday

Daylight Saving Time

**November 11th**

Veterans' Day

**November 13th**

Men's Business meeting

**November 24th**

Thanksgiving Day

**Prayer List:**

Valerie's sister-in-law  
Anita Adams  
Diane Savage (Virginia's niece)  
Cheryl Burks  
Virginia Lovell  
Dora Martinez  
Letha Sheldon  
Pray for our Nation  
Our Troops  
Law Enforcement  
Rescue Personnel

**Thanks to Ruby Jones  
for opening up her  
home for the souping  
and fellowship**

**Have You Stumbled?**

Stumbling is considered a bad omen in many countries. When Napoleon's horse stumbled as he led his army to attack Russia in 1812 many of the French soldiers thought they should immediately turn back. Napoleon continued the advance, but it turned out his soldiers were right. When it comes to faith, stumbling is more than a bad omen. It is a cause for missing out on the blessings God gives us. Don't stumble (2 Peter 1:10-11)!

Matt Clifton

**Happy Anniversary**

**Terry & Haley Day Oct 15th**

**Happy Birthday**

**Mike Mallett Oct. 21**

**Haley Day Oct. 21**

**Ruby Jones Oct 24th**

**Valerie Garza Nov. 1st**

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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:**

**Will Vann, Preacher**

**9:30 am Bible Study**

**863-899-0987**

**10:20 am Worship**

**Email: wvann@yahoo.com**

**12:30 pm Afternoon**

**www.evantchurchofchrist.org**

**Wednesday Night**

**6:00 pm**

## ***Message from Those We Support***

Dear brethren:

We have been busy, and the work is going well. Here are a few details.

First, on Oct. 29 and 30, we are having a Gospel Meeting in Castroville. There is no congregation of the Lord's people meeting there, and the last I can find was that there were a few families meeting there almost 20 years ago. Castroville is 18 miles from us. Preston and I are doing the preaching and we just spent almost \$2,300 to mail custom invitations to every address in Castroville, LaCoste, and Rio Medina. We have also had recent door-knocking on the far west side of Bexar County where Justin & Rebekah, and Preston & Caroline, and Samantha ("Sam") Rodriguez live.

Last month we had an opportunity to meet with the preacher (who is one of the elders) and one other elder from the Grissom Road congregation in San Antonio. The meeting arose because Sam met another young lady at work who is a member at Grissom Road church of Christ. After discussions, Sam approached me and Preston about the Grissom Road congregation. We mentioned that they have held to false doctrines such as binding where God has not: i.e., saying that helping orphan's homes and non-saints out of the church treasury, cooperating in evangelism, and eating in the church building are unauthorized and therefore sinful. We had a family years ago that came from Grissom Road and tried to introduce those doctrines here at Hondo. We rejected those doctrines and they left to attend at Grissom Road again. The young lady told Sam she just could not believe that Grissom Road held to those "anti" doctrines, and she had never heard them teach that.

The meeting was cordial but after more than an hour and a recorded exchange, it became apparent that (1) at least some in the eldership still held to those false doctrines, (2) the eldership there does not want to state much of this publicly, (3) they are willing to fellowship people who are not united in doctrine as long as they don't make any waves. As I mentioned, the entire meeting was recorded. It became clear that the Grissom Road leadership is reluctant to defend their views, and they do not want the membership there to hear much about this. The young lady who attended there was no doubt surprised to hear what they said. They have neglected passages such as 1 Cor. 1:10 and Eph. 4:4-6. By binding where God has not, they are in sin. It is just as wrong to bind where God has not as it is to loose here God has not (liberalism). The preacher there had-- a couple of years ago-- refused to answer Preston's emails as to what they believed. He was again reluctant to state his convictions. Their position is a strange, bizarre mixture of anti-ism and liberalism.

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Anyway, the young lady won't talk to Sam anymore, and refused to answer questions about where he now stands. So much for 1 Thess. 5:21. We have rightly chided denominations for refusing to study and discuss what they believe, especially when those beliefs are scrutinized in light of Bible truth. It's sad that some of our brethren are very denominational in their unwillingness to honestly search the truth and be ready to give answer (1 Pet. 3:15).

We have two visitors still attending regularly. One is a member of the church and the other is not. Attempts at studying the Bible with the non-Christian have not yet been fruitful but we will continue trying.

Garland is working for Dilley Police Dept. and stays involved in numerous events every week—primarily stolen cars and high-speed pursuits with human traffickers and illegal aliens. Yesterday, for example, saw him in three pursuits and recovery of 2 stolen trucks. Two of the pursuits involved other agencies such as DPS and Border Patrol. Keep him in your prayers. When he has to work a Sunday day shift, we have another worship assembly here at the house after he gets off. Preston is doing well in his law practice (primarily contracts, real estate, and some wills). Zade (17 yrs. old and 6' tall!) still works at Whataburger and of course, we home-school. Lauren turns 19 in November and is working now in her "dream job" as a Vet Tech for the local animal hospital. They are even paying for her schooling to become state-certified as a Vet Tech.

We continue our "preaching school" class in Genesis on Sunday afternoons. Every young man (all 7 of them) here has preached at least once, and Brian (Hannah's husband) preaches now about every month. The young women take turns teaching the children's class. We must get these people ready to step in as I won't be here forever!

Lastly, here are some of the sermons that I've preached recently:

- Pitfalls For The Christian To Avoid (we are in a 5 part series)
- Prescription For an Unhappy Life
- God is No Respecter Of Persons

Take care brethren. Pray for us as we do you.

--Lynn

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