

Those to Serve

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

**We would like to thank
Ruby Jones for opening
up her home for the
Christmas party.**

Cleanliness, Godliness

For a parent to require a child to wash his face and keep his body clean and not require him to learn and obey the Bible, is to teach him the body is worth more than a pure heart and clean spirit. For a parent to require a child to learn spelling and reading and not require him to study the Bible is to teach him that it is much more important to be qualified to live in this world than to be fitted to live in heaven.

by David Lipscomb

Prayer List:

Elyza-(Esperance Garza
Daughter)
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

***December 25th
Christmas***

***December 31st
New Years Eve***

***January 1st
Mission Sunday***

***January 29th
Noon Fellowship***

***February 5th
Mission Sunday***

Happy Birthday

Virgina Lovell Dec. 19th

Kevin Grant Dec. 24th

Letha Sheldon Dec. 25th

Will Vann Dec. 26th

Happy Anniversary

January 26th

Doug & Theresa Pruett

Edifier

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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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Those we Support

Just a brief note wishing you a warm and refreshing holiday season and giving you an update. We appreciate you brethren.

First, Brandi Carr was baptized into Christ. Brandi, 19 years of age, comes from a Pentecostal background and after several weeks of study, she obeyed the gospel despite intimidation and threats from her grandfather. Brandi realized that this might very well change her grandparent's response to her since they are strong Pentecostals. We are happy with Brandi and her desire for truth. Please pray for her.

Since my last letter, I preached these sermons...

Death In The Pot

Are You Sure You're A Christian?

Persuasion -- As Used in the Bible

The Ideal Husband & Wife

Respiratory illness has swept through the congregation. If it was a cold, it was severe enough to keep some of families at home this past month. All are on the mend now.

We are preparing another mailout campaign in the winter, and this one will be to the Hondo area. We last mass mailed the Hondo area several years ago and we are getting costs and figures now. We are also looking into renting a billboard on the highway. Estimates will be in within the month.

I have a special request for you...one in which you might know of a congregation with certain songbooks that they have retired to a storage closet. We are trying to find SONGS OF THE CHURCH, ed. By Alton Howard, the 1977 edition. Cover color is unimportant but we would like to find at least 40, and more if possible. Would you check with any other congregations that members might know of that could possibly have these books? They are out of print so we cannot find new ones.

We look forward to seeing you next month, Lord willing.

--Lynn

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Truth and Error: How to Tell the Difference

We learn about a thing by experiencing it. Babies learn sweet from sour, hot from cold, and wet from dry by experiencing these things. Even so, we learn spiritual truth by experiencing it in God's word, which is truth ([John 17:17](#)). Our use of God's word enables us to readily distinguish between truth and error. Haddon Robinson relates the following story that illustrates this point:

A Chinese boy who wanted to learn about jade went to study with a talented old teacher. This gentleman put a piece of the stone into the youth's hand and told him to hold it tight. Then he began to talk of philosophy, men, women, the sun, and almost everything under it. After an hour he took back the stone and sent the boy home. The procedure was repeated for weeks. The boy became frustrated-when would he be told about jade?-but he was too polite to interrupt his venerable teacher. Then one day when the old man put a stone into his hands, the boy cried out instantly, "That's not jade!"(Biblical Preaching, p. 102).

In [Hebrews 5:12-14](#), the inspired writer is addressing Christians who were not mature enough to tell the difference between right and wrong. He admonishes them with these words:

"For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food. **13** For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. **14** But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil."

There are two words in the text that shed much light on our current topic. The first is the word "unskilled" and it means "inexperienced." The Hebrew Christians had not progressed and developed because they did not have enough experience in the word. As a result, they were like children who cannot discern right from left; they were spiritual babes who could not tell right from wrong. The second word to consider is the word "exercised." It comes from the Greek word "gymnazo" from which we get our word "gymnasium" - the place where athletes practice and train. Those who regularly use God's word have their senses trained to "discern both good and evil."

Why is it that some brethren don't seem to be able to identify obvious error when they hear it? Why are so many Christians bogged down in their spiritual lives by moral relativism and compromises with the world? Can we not tell the difference between good and evil? Could the root of the problem be that we have had no meaningful experience with the "word of righteousness"?

My friends, may we this day resolve to hold God's word in our hearts - to study it, meditate on it, and practice it -- so that when we're given something else we will be able to simply exclaim, "That's not truth!" - by Steve Klein