

Those to Serve

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You Can – But You Can't

You can ignore God's warnings; you can refuse his blessings; you can reject all his wondrous love, but you can't go to heaven doing so.

You can believe any doctrine you choose; you can belong to the church of your choice; you can worship God as you please, but you can't please God doing so (2 John 9; Mt. 15:9,13; Rom. 10:1).

It seems that Satan has done a remarkable job of convincing the people that their religion is a matter of their choice, not God's; that it is a matter of their being pleased,

- by Grover Stevens

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

January 1st

Mission Sunday

January 15th

Men's Business Meeting

January 29th

Noon Fellowship

February 5th

Mission Sunday

We would like to thank
Mrs. Vann for opening up
her home for the
New Years Eve Party. It was
great fellowship together.

Happy Birthday

Avery Vann Feb. 11th

Mac Vann Feb. 14th

Happy Anniversary

January 26th

Doug & Theresa Pruett

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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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What Can I Do In The Coming Year?

Many times Christians feel as though there is nothing they can do to positively assist in the work of the church. This, of course, is a huge mistake. There is something for everyone to do. Let us suggest these things that EVERY member of the local congregation can do that will help our collective service for the Lord:

You can read your Bible every day. There are few things that can compare to regular Bible reading when it comes to strengthening the soul and maintaining focus on spiritual priorities. What are you waiting for? Make the commitment right NOW to read your Bible this year.

You can attend the services faithfully. We all push ourselves to do certain things. We'll go to real extremes to attend family gatherings, keep a doctor's appointment, go to a ballgame, have a regular time at the beauty shop, etc. Unfortunately, some are not nearly so determined to attend worship services and Bible studies. If you can get out for other things, why can't you get out for services? Think! You can really help by simply being present.

You can pray fervently. Do you consistently spend time in prayer every day? Pray for the church, for the elders, for those who are weak, for our work in reaching the lost, etc. "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" (**James 5:16**).

You can invite a neighbor, co-worker, or family member to attend the services with you. You might be surprised how many would be willing to come with you if you simply invited them.

You can set a good example. Don't forget that others are watching everything you do, everything you say, everywhere you go. If you let down, even once, they will notice it, and your influence will be damaged. Be conscious of your impact by way of your example.

You can be positive and enthusiastic. Too many are "doom and gloom" Christians, always looking for negative things to complain about. Look up! Be thankful for what you have and excited about what you can do for God's glory. **By Greg Gwin**

God At Work

Road signs used to urge is to reduce our speed in construction zones: "Slow! Men At Work!" Political correctness forbids such gender-specific signs nowadays, but using "slow" to describe the men instead of our driving (several men leaning on their shovels while one actually works) still brings a smile to our face.

Usually, we can perceive when men are working. But what about God? Yes, God works! He worked in the six creation days, though no human was there to observe it (**Genesis 1**). He works in sustaining His creation (**Hebrews 1:3**). Our five senses don't perceive that either.

God works when a sinner obeys the gospel, being "buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God who raised Him from the dead" (**Colossians 2:13**). That's a spiritual operation not seen by eyes of flesh.

Does God continue to work in lives after we become Christians? "It is God who works in you, both to will and to do for His good pleasure" (**Philippians 2:13**). Once again, His working may not be outwardly obvious.

Sometimes we might think God is slow in His work. Job suffered at great length before God delivered him. Joseph spent many years as a slave and a prisoner before God exalted him as governor of Egypt. But be assured, God knows exactly what He is doing, and His timing is always impeccable. He always acts in our best interest! "The Lord is not slack concerning His promises, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance" (**2 Peter 3:9**).

"Wait on the Lord; be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart. Wait, I say, on the Lord" (**Psalm 27:14**).

By Joe Slater