

**Those to Serve**

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

**December 4th**

*Mission Fund*

**December 7th**

*Pearl Harbor Day*

**December 21st**

*First Day of Winter*

**December 25th**

*Christmas*

**December 31st**

*New Years Eve*

**January 1st**

*Mission Sunday*

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**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

*Happy Birthday*

**Calvin Burks Nov. 26th**

**Linda Houts Nov. 28th**

**Terry Day Nov. 30th**

**Lynette Vann Dec. 14th**

**Virginia Lovell Dec. 19th**

**Kevin Grant Dec. 24th**

**Letha Sheldon Dec. 25th**

**Will Vann Dec. 26th**

**Longest Book  
In the Bible?**

Psalms is often said to be the longest book in the Bible due to having the largest number of verses. But when Hebrew words are counted, **Jeremiah** comes in as the lengthiest!

*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:**

**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**

## ***When You Read The Scriptures***

Paul said, "Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ" (**Ephesians 3:4**). The Bible can be understood if we will learn how to study. A few simple rules will help us as we study.

### **Read the Bible knowing that it is inspired of God.**

"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness" (**2 Timothy 3:16**). The Scriptures are authoritative. Christ has all authority (**Matthew 28:18**).

### **When you read the Scriptures, ask, "Who is doing the speaking?"**

In **Genesis 3:4** we can read, "Ye shall not surely die." If I know the Devil said this, then I will have no trouble understanding that this is not a true statement.

### **We need to know to whom the message is spoken when we read the Scriptures.**

Sometimes the Bible speaks to the Jews as under the Law of Moses, sometimes to the man, sometimes to the woman, sometimes to elders of the church, or the deacons. Some passages have their application in the life of the individual, like in the story of the Good Samaritan, and some to the church as a group.

### **One must love the truth when he reads the Scriptures.**

Paul said that some "perished because they received not the love of the truth" (**2 Thessalonians 2:10**). Truth cannot be handled carelessly. If one loves the truth, he will study and accept the truth as it is without trying to pervert it.

### **When you read the Scriptures, read the context.**

This simply means read the passage before and after the one you are trying to understand.

### **Read all on a given subject.**

You will not understand the truth unless you read all that God has said about a given topic. For example, when you study the subject of faith, you should read every passage on the subject of faith. No passage contradicts another, but all Scriptures harmonize one with another.

John said, "Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand" (**Revelation 1:3**).  
**by Johnie Edwards**

## ***Oops, Again!***

In 1943 President Franklin D. Roosevelt set out across the Atlantic Ocean on the USS Iowa for his historic meeting with Winston Churchill and Josef Stalin at Tehran. One of the ships accompanying FDR was the USS William D. Porter. Named in honor of the famous Civil War Admiral who worked closely with Gen. U. S. Grant, this recently commissioned destroyer ran into problems on the high seas and the crew accidentally allowed a depth charge to fall overboard, forcing the Iowa to take evasive action thinking they were under attack by a Germans.

On the next day FDR requested that the fleet hold an anti-aircraft drill. During that exercise the crew of the Porter accidentally fired a live torpedo at the President's ship! Fortunately, the Iowa turned in time.

Apparently not willing to risk yet another mishap, the USS Porter was ordered to Bermuda where the entire crew was arrested. Or were they? Contrary to a multitude of seemingly legitimate websites relating this story, Wikipedia attributes the tale as "Internet legend," not fact.

So, I can't say everything above happened just as described, but if it did this story might reflect the long history of denominational Christianity. Jesus plainly stated that His church would be established in the lifetime of most of His Apostles (**Matt. 16:18; Mark 9:1**). And it was (**Acts 2**).

Jesus plainly called for the unity of all future believers (**John 17:21**). Yet, denominationalism, is by definition an attack on Jesus' words. Paul would later upbraid the Corinthians, "Is Christ divided?" (**1 Cor. 1:13**). We MUST preserve unity with Christ and with each other if we truly want to be the Lord's church.

By David Bragg