

### Those to Serve

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

### *Happy Birthday*

**Avery Vann Feb. 11th**  
**Mac Vann Feb. 14th**

### *Happy Anniversary*

**February 14th**  
**Vernon & Linda Houts**

### **Choosing Friends**

Someone once observed: "Fate made your relatives; choice makes your friends." Those whom you choose to be your closest friends indicate what your attitude is toward spiritual things. It is a psychological fact that we are drawn to those who share our interests. Devoted Christians will want to associate with the spiritual and godly; those who are not interested in spiritual matters will select the ungodly as their friends. Beware when your best friends are those who are not interested in the Lord's church (your associates tell on you). Further, "Evil companionships corrupt good morals" (**I Corinthians 15:58**).

- by James E. Cooper

### Prayer List:

Windham Family  
Elyza-(Esperance Garza  
Daughter)  
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 29th**

*Noon Fellowship*

### **February 5th**

*Mission Sunday*

### **February 12th**

*Men Business Meeting*

### **February 14th**

*Valentine's Day*

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## **Evant church of Christ**

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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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## One Nation Under God

By Clifton Angel

What if you could live in a nation whose foundation was built upon God? What if you could live in a nation whose primary leader was completely submissive to God? What if you could live in a nation whose laws were always truly good and right? What if you could live in a nation whose justice system was entirely upright? What if you could live in a nation whose good citizens always looked to God? A nation whose education system relied on the Bible? A nation where life was sacred? A nation where the leaders truly sought the best for the citizens? A nation that cared most about things Biblical, instead of things political? As much as this may seem like a fantasy, it is actually a reality.

**Peter wrote these words to members of the body of Christ:**

"Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light" (1 Peter 2:9).

**Figuratively, the Lord's church is a nation, which must shine as a light to all physical nations. Paul said,**

"Do all things without murmurings and disputings: That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world" (Philippians 2:14–15).

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**The Psalmist proclaimed,**

"Blessed is the nation whose God is Jehovah, The people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance" (Psalm 33:12, ASV).

**In his first epistle, Peter said it this way, concerning the church,**

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you" (1:3–4).

If you are in Christ's kingdom (Acts 2:37–47; Colossians 1:13)—an holy nation—you are in: **(1)** A nation whose foundation is built upon God! **(2)** A nation whose primary leader is completely submissive to God (Jesus)! **(3)** A nation whose laws are always truly good and right! **(4)** A nation whose justice system is entirely upright! **(5)** A nation whose good citizens always look to God! **(6)** A nation whose education system relies on the Bible! **(7)** A nation where life is sacred! **(8)** A nation where the leaders truly seek the best for the citizens! **(9)** A nation that cares most about things Biblical, instead of things political!

**Are you in the church that belongs to Christ—the one nation that is willingly under God?**

Our citizenship is in heaven; whence also we wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ (Philippians 3:20).