

Those to Serve

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

Happy Birthday

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

Happy Anniversary

February 14th
Vernon & Linda Houts

Something Learned From Mules

A mule can't pull while he's kicking, and when he is pulling he won't be kicking. It is the same in the church. When saints have their feet in the sand pulling hard to do the will of God, there is no time for kicking, nit-picking and complaining. To the contrary, when we are given to kicking, gossip, and idleness we never move the gospel chariot forward. Also, when one has two or more mules hitched together they have to pull at the same time to move the load. This is also true in the Lord's church. Pulling 'together' accomplishes great things. by W.R. Jones

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

February 5th

Mission Sunday

February 12th

Men Business Meeting

February 14th

Valentine's Day

February 20th

Presidents Day

Edifier

Evant church of Christ

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February 5, 2023



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

Introduction to 1 John

Five of the books of the New Testament have traditionally been attributed to the apostle John, the son of Zebedee and brother of James. The gospel of John; **1, 2, 3 John**; and Revelation. Most of the early church fathers claimed these books as written by John and the earliest copies have John listed in the title.

The works of John are connected by common themes and vocabulary. For example, there is a common emphasis on love, remaining in Christ, and the Light. Some have suggested that as much as 80 percent of the verses in **1 John** reflect themes and ideas found in the gospel of John. There are also connections between **2 and 3 John**. Take for instance the word “antichrist” found in these two books. The Greek word used for “antichrist” is only in these two books of the New Testament. Beyond that they also have similarities in structure, content, and the vocabulary used.

1 John was written by a man who had followed Jesus most of his adult life. As a young and brash man, he wanted to call down fire from heaven to destroy a whole town for rejecting Jesus (**Luke 9:54**) but with time and experience, he learned to live and love like Jesus. Now an old man, John being led by the Holy Spirit, writes these powerful letters (**1, 2, and 3 John**) helping us learn how to live for and love like Jesus.

This letter was written for a group of Christians who are troubled by false teachers whose behavior clearly showed them to be false disciples. John demonstrates for us how concern for correct doctrine, Christlike behavior, and love for God and others creates an environment where genuine fellowship can exist.

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He also shows us the importance of testing everything taught to us by comparing it to the revealed word of God. Apparently, these false teachers were denying that Jesus had come in the flesh (**1 John 2:22; 4:1-2**). They were boasting about being without sin (**1 John 1:8, 10**) and knew God even though their behavior proved otherwise (**1 John 4:20**).

Four themes stand out in 1 John: sin, false teachings, remaining in Christ, and eternal life. Each one teaches us powerful lessons about what it means to be a Christian and follow Jesus. Believers have been freed from sin through the work of Christ on the cross (**1 John 5:1-4**). We can reveal the truth about false teachers and their teachings by comparing it to God’s word (**1 John 4:1-4**). Those who remain in Christ are assured of their victory in Christ and show it through a sincere love for the Lord, their brothers and sisters, and their treatment of others. Eternal life with Jesus is the prize for all true believers and the one who has the Son has life (**1 John 5:12**).

By Jeff Arnette

“Life cannot be divided into compartments in some of which God is involved and in others of which He is not involved; there cannot be one kind of language in the church and another kind of language in the shipyard or the factory or the office; there cannot be one kind of conduct in the church and another kind of conduct in the business world. The fact is that God does not need to be invited into certain departments of life, and kept out of others. He is everywhere, all through life and in every activity of life. He hears not only the words which are spoken in His name: He hears all words; and there cannot be any such thing as a form of words which evades bringing God into any transaction. We will regard all promises as sacred if we remember that all promises are made in the presence of God.”
(William Barclay)