

### Those to Serve

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

### Prayer List:

Kadence Payne  
 Anita Adams  
 Virginia Lovell  
 Letha Sheldon  
 Pray for our Nation  
 Our Troops  
 Law Enforcement  
 Rescue Personnel

### *Happy Anniversary*

**June 14th**  
**Will & Autumn Vann**

### *Happy Birthday*

**Connie Mallett April 30th**  
**Coryell Day May 7th**  
**Jana Wall May 18th**  
**Cassidy Stapp June 2nd**

**April 30th**

Noon Fellowship

**May 7th**

Mission Fund

**May 14th**

Mother's Day

**May 21th**

Noon Fellowship

**May 29th**

Memorial Day

**June 4th**

Mission Sunday

### Something's Not Right

When teachers of error are praised and teachers of truth are condemned, something's not right. When compromisers of truth are commended for their "wonderful attitude" and defenders of truth are charged with self-righteousness, something's not right. When false doctrine goes uncontested and truth proclaimed is called "traditionalism," something's not right.

Yes, all of these things are going on and something's not right. Men can verbally declare their soundness all they want, but when they show more support for those who teach false doctrine and compromise the truth than they show for men who courageously proclaim and defend the truth something's not right.

- by James Hahn

**May 21st at the Noon Fellowship there will be a Graduation Party for Jana Wall.**

**We will be doing a money card for Jana, please contact, Tammy Burks or Lynette Vann.**



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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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## God's Foolishness Vs. Man's Wisdom

Listening to a podcast recently I heard a man who claimed to be an agnostic say that even though he didn't believe in God he understood those who did. He said that others feel like they need God because of not being able to cope with things like death, but he had no problem with facing death so he didn't need God. Even though he didn't come out and say it he implied that others were weak-minded and needed the crutch of religion to get through life. He on the other hand had it all together, he didn't need something outside of himself to rationalize the trials and storms of life. Man is wise, God is foolish.

The apostle Paul would have at one time sympathized with this thought. Not that God was foolish perhaps, but that man was wise and could have it all to gather. A man could take what God had provided then turn his back on God and make a success of himself both physically and spiritually. That was until he was confronted by Christ! After his conversion, which resulted in a complete 180, he would come to understand a powerful truth. God is always far above man.

"For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved, it is the power of God. For it is written: 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent.' Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the disputer of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. For Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men" (1 Cor. 1:20-25).

In man's 'infinite' wisdom, he decided that he did not need God, or at least the God of the Bible. Some want to see something great others want to hear something great. As long as it tickles the ear it will be popular. In elementary we used to have show-and-tell where you would bring something from home, the more unusual the better, and show it off to the rest of the class. The goal was to bring something they had never seen before while you showed off your superior knowledge. The problem was, however, even if you brought the most gloriously awesome gadget ever and you received your 15 minutes of fame it would then be all over. You could not bring the same thing twice, it just didn't work. You needed something different, something better if you wanted the same result next time.

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The Hebrew writer tells us that Christ is "the same yesterday, today, and forever" (Heb. 13:8). He is unchanging and not really that spectacular if what we are looking for is outside stimuli. However, if you are in need and realize that the 'wise' things that man offers are just not cutting it, then Christ, who was always the answer, is there. Like the woman in Mark nine with the flow of blood who had spent all her livelihood on man-made solutions when we come to Christ, we can be healed. I am not speaking of the miraculous, but the spiritual. Many today are bleeding out spiritually and do not know where to turn. They are told that man has all the answers all you have to do is pick your poison. In the end, though, that is exactly what it is poison. Christ provides abundant life (Jn. 10:10) through His gospel which has the power to save (Rom. 1:16). The question is, will we risk being foolish before men so that we might partake in the wisdom of God?

By Will Vann

### *Parents...*

...do you ever get frustrated because your children do something wrong after you've told them what was right?

...have you ever been hurt because your "good child" did something truly rebellious?

...do you ever wonder how this kid could be so foolish?

...do you ever feel pain because you want to spend time with your child, only to see them choose something else?

...have you ever talked and talked to your child about right and wrong and felt as if you were talking to a brick wall?

...do you ever dream of a better future for your children, but wonder if they actually want to do better?

...have you ever laid awake at night thinking through a problem?

...do you feel as if you desire better things for your kids than they desire for themselves?

...have your children ever shown a sense of entitlement and it just makes you angry?

...do you ever just ache for more time with your children, only to see them spurn opportunities?

Then maybe, just maybe, you can understand some of how God, the Father, feels about you.

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