

### Those to Serve

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

### Prayer List:

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

### *Happy Birthday*

**Vernon Houts Sept. 24th**  
**Judy Grant Sept. 28th**  
**Autumn Vann Sept. 29th**  
**Judd Wall October 10th**  
**Mike Mallett Oct. 21st**  
**Haley Day Oct 21st**  
**Ruby Jones Oct. 24th**

### **September 3rd**

*Mission Sunday*

### **September 4th**

*Labor Day*

### **September 10th**

*Mens Business Meeting*

*Grandparent Day*

### **September 23rd**

*Autumn Begins*

### **September 24th**

*Noon Fellowship*

### **Life Lessons**

- Life is too short to waste time hating anyone.
- Your job won't take care of you when you're sick. Your friends and parents will, so stay in touch.
- Make peace with your past, so it won't mess up the present.
- If a relationship has to be a secret, you shouldn't be in it.
- Burn the candles; use the nice sheets; eat off the good china. Today is special and you are not promised tomorrow.
- No one is in charge of your happiness but you, always choose life.

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## **Evant church of Christ**

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**September 3, 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](mailto:wvann@yahoo.com)**

**12:30 pm Afternoon**

**[www.evanchurchofchrist.org](http://www.evanchurchofchrist.org)**

**Wednesday Night**

**6:00 pm**

## ***A Reason to Celebrate***

Brendan Harrison is a high school teacher and varsity boys' baseball coach in Saginaw, Michigan. "Coach Bubba" is what his baseball players call him.

In October 2022, Harrison was diagnosed with colon cancer. A doctor performed surgery to remove a cancerous mass. After recovering from surgery, he began receiving chemotherapy treatments.

On May 8, Harrison finally completed his 12th and final chemotherapy treatment. As he exited the health care facility, he was greeted by a large crowd of family, friends, students, and his baseball team. With tears of gratitude, Coach Harrison rang a bell signifying the completion of his treatments and embraced his family, friends and students that had come to celebrate with him. \*

What a wonderful reason to celebrate!

There is another celebration in which we will all want to share...

In **Luke 15** in the Bible, Jesus, the Son of God, tells three parables. In each of them, something is lost and is found. When the lost object is found – a lost sheep, a lost coin, and a lost son – there is great rejoicing, a celebration!

Here is Jesus' application of His three stories: "Likewise, I say to you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents" (**Luke 15:10**; see also v. **7, 22-24**).

Because of our sins, we are lost (**Romans 3:23; 6:23**). But God loves us so much that He sent His Son Jesus to "find" us and to save us (**John 3:16**). Jesus died on the cross for our sins so that we can receive forgiveness and the gift of eternal life (**Romans 6:23; Ephesians 1:7**).

God will save and give eternal life to those who place their faith and trust in Jesus (**Acts 16:30-31**), turn from their sins in repentance (**Acts 17:30-31**), confess Jesus before men (**Romans 10:9-10**), and are baptized (immersed) into Christ for the forgiveness of sins (**Acts 2:38**). He will continue to cleanse from sin those who continue to walk in the light of His Word (**1 John 1:7-9**).

And when one of us accepts God's offer on His terms, there is rejoicing in heaven (**Luke 15:10**) and on earth. In heaven, God and the angels rejoice. On earth, the family of God (the church, those who have also embraced the grace of God by trusting and obeying Jesus) rejoices because God has added another saved soul to their midst (**Acts 2:41, 47**).

Now that's a reason to celebrate!

If YOU will accept God's offer, heaven and earth are ready to celebrate with you!

By David A. Sargent

## ***Return to Fundamentals***

Recently I enjoyed an interesting conversation with a brother and former elder in the church. We mutually agreed that our communities and society at large is becoming morally bankrupt. Many factors have contributed to such a coarsening of morals in our neighborhoods, not the least of which is a failure of the church to reaffirm the basic fundamentals of the Bible. As a child of the 50s and 60s the basic fundamentals of right and wrong were articulated with clarity. We see these basic truths slipping away when we fail to keep these principles deeply rooted before the church, family, and our communities. In far too many neighborhoods, and in the church we see have seen the absolute standards of right and wrong lowered before our eyes.

Observe the following basic principles that need serious consideration for our time:

- (1) A belief in the existence in God;*
- (2) A belief in the inspiration of the Bible;*
- (3) A belief in the authority of the scriptures;*
- (4) A revival of the home as God mandates;*
- (5) A clear understanding of sin and its consequences;*
- (6) A belief in the undenominational nature of the church of Christ.*

These are elementary, simple, and fundamental points that have been neglected far too long.

We would not want to omit the fundamentals of mathematics, English, history, and science in the education of our children. These subjects are basic and primary to the instruction of all students. Likewise a return to the basic fundamentals of the Bible will bring us to an understanding of God's will.

By Bob Spurlin