

### Those to Serve

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

### Prayer List:

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

### *Happy Birthday*

**Jorge Garza Nov. 12th**  
**Theresa Pruett Nov. 14th**  
**Calvin Burks Nov. 26th**  
**Linda Houts Nov. 28th**  
**Terry Day Nov. 30th**  
**Lynette Vann Dec. 14th**  
**Virgina Lovell Dec, 19th**

### **November 12th**

*Men's Business Meeting*

### **November 23rd**

*Thanksgiving Day*

### **November 26th**

*Noon Fellowship*

### **December 3rd**

*Mission Sunday*

### **December 7th**

*Pearl Harbor Day*

### **'He Preached Right At Me'**

I have heard this statement made many times by individuals who have just heard a sermon presented which exposed some wrong in their lives. Did you ever wonder why anyone would feel that the preacher had "preached right at" him?

Suppose the preacher has just preached against lying. Who in the audience will feel that he has preached right at him? It could only be one who is guilty of lying. The same would hold true on any other subject.

What we need to do is examine the things taught in the light of God's word. If we find them to be true we should accept them. If they expose some wrong in our life we need to change and thank God that there is someone concerned enough about our soul to teach us what we need to hear. -by James Hahn

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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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## ***'Beholding the Evil and the Good'***

"The eyes of the Lord are in every place, beholding the evil and the good." (Proverbs 15:3)

For a long time we have used this verse and others in the Bible to emphasize that no evil deed is missed by God. He sees. He Knows. Do not think that you can act in violation of His law without being observed and noted. "All things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do" (Hebrews 4: 13).

But this verse from Proverbs states another truth that we often ignore. It promises that God is watching what we do that is good, too. He perceives every good deed, every noble effort, and each act of faithful service. Do we believe it? Apparently not. Instead, we often feel compelled to boast of everything we do. We have to tell others, and explain all of the details. We're tempted to brag about our level of knowledge or special skills.

Jesus dealt with this problem in His famous Sermon on the Mount. He warned that if we do what we do "to be seen of men" then we "have our reward", and we can expect "no reward from your Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 6:1-8).

The attitude that we need is this: "When ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do" (Luke 17:10).

So, Christian, don't feel that you need to point out all of your good deeds. God knows and will reward you. "We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that everyone may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad"(2 Corinthians 5:10). -

by Greg Gwin

## ***A Great Evangelistic Tool***

I think it works better than radio, better than auto-dialers, better than showings of Jule Miller filmstrips, better than mailing out a bulletin, better than Dial-a-Bible-Reading, better than debates, better than cable TV.

What is it? It's brethren not being conformed to the world.

If a church is made up of people who understand 184 current and past issues correctly, but their lives do not show superior conduct, servitude, and holiness, don't expect an auto dialer, computer, printer, broadcast antenna, or cable outlet to compensate for the failure.

When church members think like the world, dress like the world, talk like the world, and chase money and status symbols like the world, it is the world that is winning them, not the other way around.

When church members are selfish, egotistical, arrogant, and shallow, then they are not in a position to help the world to a higher plane. I

f our families are splitting up, our children are dropping out, and our homes are little different from our neighbors then our "light" gets rather difficult to notice.

But if people learn self-denial (Lk. 9:23), learn submission to God and care for our neighbor (Matt. 22), learn to be servants (Jn. 13), learn to be content (1 Tim. 6:8), learn to invest in family (Titus 2:5; Eph. 6:4; Prov. 22:6), and learn to clean out the inside of the cup, not just the outside (Matt. 23), then bright lights will shine.

"Ye are an elect race, a royal priesthood, a people for God's own possession, that ye may show forth the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light...having your behavior seemly among the Gentiles; that...they may glorify God" (1 Pet. 2:9- 12).

"Present your bodies as living sacrifices, holy, acceptable to God...and be not fashioned according to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind" (Rom. 12:1,2).

We are not called simply to know some things different from the world -- we are called to rise above the world, and to "be holy" (1 Pet. 1:15). And when people become that kind of light in the world, they become great evangelistic tools in God's service.

And it will far exceed the effect of debates, radio, TV, and mail outs.

-by Scott Smelser