

Those to Serve

(B) Calvin Burks
 (FV) Mike Lovell
 (O) Mike Mallett
 (A) Judd Wall
 1st prayer Keith Stifflemire
 2nd prayer Jorge Garza
 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

Mike Mallett Oct. 21st
Haley Day Oct 21st
Ruby Jones Oct. 24th
Valerie Garza Nov. 1st
Tammy Burks Nov. 3rd
Jorge Garza Nov. 12th
Theresa Pruett Nov. 14th

October 22th

Noon Fellowship

November 5th

Mission Fund

Daylight Savings Ends

November 7th

Election Day

November 23rd

Thanksgiving Day

Go For It

What do you really want out of life? Happiness, business success, a home, security? What?

We sit and wish, we talk, we plan, we dream, but nothing happens?

Alexander Woollcott said, "Many of us spend half our time wishing for things we could have if we didn't spend half our time wishing."

What's he saying? He says, you can't replace industry and action and "going after it." Decide what is really important to you; what you really want in life and "go for it."

The wise man Solomon said, in **Prov. 10:4** "Lazy hands make a man poor, but diligent hands bring wealth." and in **Prov. 13:4** "The sluggard craves and gets nothing, but the desires of the diligent are fully satisfied."

Let's get our priorities straight, decide what is really important - - - and GO FOR IT. By Ray Crook

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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:

Will Vann, Preacher

9:30 am Bible Study

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10:20 am Worship

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12:30 pm Afternoon

www.evantchurchofchrist.org

Wednesday Night

6:00 pm

We Are One

By Andrew Beasley

There is a togetherness that is notable about Christianity when we are doing things in the way that God desires them to be done. Of late I have taken note of how the early church, in the days after its establishment on Pentecost, functioned outside of what we might refer to as corporate worship today. What was life like for these early Christians? The end of the second chapter of Acts informs us that Christians then were together. They had all things in common. They took what they had and shared it among themselves as needs arose. But perhaps most importantly they were together every day studying together, sharing common meals with one another in each other's homes. Perhaps most importantly is that they did all this gladly and praised God as was right for them to do.

I wonder if Christ held up the church today and placed it side by side with the early church after its establishment, what would he see? Would he see churches that look different from an outward, surface level perspective but inwardly they are identical in nature. Or would he find that the Lord's church in modern times, inwardly, looks nothing like the church that Christ built upon the foundation of Peter's confession of who He is (**Matthew 16:17-19**)? I reflect on the fact that at the time that Luke records in **Acts 2**, the church had not been in existence for very long. There were still epistles to come. There were still things that would be revealed to them. But as they waited for those things to come, they had one thing right. Unity.

What about us?

Are You Wise?

By Ronald Bartanen

Are you wise? Some may reply to this question by informing us of their high IQs, or their high grade-point average in a prestigious university. However, one's scholastic achievements, while they may say something regarding your intelligence, may not actually reveal the measure of your wisdom. Wisdom is not synonymous with knowledge. One may fill his brain with knowledge of facts and figures that would enable the person to acquire a bundle of cash on the Jeopardy TV program, but still lack the wisdom in applying that knowledge. One who lacks wisdom is sometimes referred to as one lacking "horse-sense." There have been, throughout history, a host of fools highly esteemed for their knowledge. While the accumulation of knowledge on a number of topics may be admirable in any person, let's not be overly complimentary until we know how he or she commits that knowledge to commendable purposes.

In the Bible, James speaks of a wisdom he describes as being "earthly, sensual, devilish" (**James 3:15**), because its fruit is "envying and strife... confusion and every evil work" (**v. 16**). This wisdom is "not from above," but is in contrast with "the wisdom that is from above," which is defined as "pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy" (**vs. 17-18**). It is for this latter wisdom that James admonishes us to pray: "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God...." (**1:5a**). It is the wisdom to use the knowledge and abilities that we have, whether few or many, to live a life that is in honor of God and His word. The utmost lack of wisdom is to disregard, and even to deny, the existence of God. The psalmist David declared, "The fool hath said in his heart, There is no god" (**Psalms 14:1; 53:1**). In contrast, Job, in reference to God, said, "And unto man He said, Behold, the fear of the LORD, that is wisdom, and to depart from evil is understanding" (**Job 28:28**).

In the conclusion of Jesus' "Sermon On the Mount" (**Matthew 5-7**), Jesus spoke the parable of the wise and foolish builders, saying that the wise man not only hears Christ's teachings, but also obeys Him, while the foolish may hear His word, but will ignore it, being disobedient (**Matthew 7:24-27**). As the foolish builder's house, built upon unstable sand, could not withstand the harsh weather, and would collapse, and the wise builder's house, built upon the solid foundation of stone would endure all of nature's tests, and continue to survive, even so, those who would build their lives on material things, ignoring Jesus' teachings, are doomed for destruction, while those who build upon the solid foundation of Christ's word will endure. The apostle Paul summarized the endurance of the Christ-honoring life when he wrote, "Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ" (**1 Corinthians 3:11**). It is folly, not wisdom, to seek any other.

What is your attitude toward Christ and His word? Would God count you as among the wise?