

Those to Serve

(B) Keith Stifflemire
(FV) Mike Lovell
(O) Mike Mallett
(A) Doug Pruett
1st prayer Calvin Burks
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

Valerie Garza Nov. 1st
Tammy Burks Nov. 3rd
Jorge Garza Nov. 12th
Theresa Pruett Nov. 14th
Calvin Burks Nov. 26th
Linda Houts Nov. 28th
Terry Day Nov. 30

November 5th

Mission Fund
Daylight Savings Ends

November 7th

Election Day

November 23rd

Thanksgiving Day

November 26th

Noon Fellowship

Men

One of the greatest needs is men! Men who are bigger than trifles; men with the breadth of intellect and depth of character; men who will not stoop to cheat or be unfair; men who will not stand imperiously on their rights, but who in magnanimity of soul cast away personal advantage for the good of many; men who will not lie, and defame, and steal to increase their own personal fame or fortune; men who would rather stand with the right in the end than to have their own way; men who love the truth and are willing to die for it rather than to compromise with falsehood; men who act upon principle in all their dealings with their fellow men rather than personal feelings whether of bias or prejudice; men with clean hearts and pure motives; men who feel neither envy nor jealousy when one of superior endowments and greater ability surpasses what they have been able to achieve; men who are not too big to be satisfied to fill the place in the world for which they were created and fitted by the benign creator who made every man for a definite place in His infinite universe of time and space and sense. - by A. Hugh Clark

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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

863-899-0987

10:20 am Worship

Email: wvann@yahoo.com

12:30 pm Afternoon

www.evantchurchofchrist.org

Wednesday Night

6:00 pm

Family # 1

When the nurse came to let Bernie Cummings know when he might be taken into surgery, she asked, "Is this your family?" He didn't say, "No, these are our church members." He said, "Yes!" I think Bernie understands better than most that brethren are family. At least that's the way it's supposed to be. Thank you Bernie!

Do we view the church as family?

The Thursday before Christmas we met with several of the inmates in the Gib Lewis prison. We formed a circle and I asked the men how they handled being in prison during the Christmas season. Without exception, the men informed us that their fellow Christian inmates were their family. They believed the church there was their family. Some of these men have been in prison for a long time. And the ones we were working with try to imitate Christ to the best of their ability. Some of these fellows have led many to Jesus. We have had the privilege to baptize many.

Now if you didn't have a good earthly family, then you might not appreciate what these men said. However, most of them have come from terrible family backgrounds. And they appreciate very much those of us who are able to minister to them.

Remember 1 Timothy 3:14-15, "I am writing these things to you now, even though I hope to be with you soon, so that if I can't come for a while, you will know how people must conduct themselves in the household of God. This is the church of the living God, which is the pillar and support of the truth" (NLT).

I think the early church appreciated the family aspect of the church. Do you?

By Keith Bellamy

Jesus' Weather Forecast

There have been a lot of weather forecasts that we probably didn't like.. What would you think if Jesus was the weather fore-caster? He, after all, can control the winds and the sea. He knows all. He is the one who created all things. There is an old statement, "Red sky at night, sailor's delight. Red sky in morning, sailor's warning." Jesus would likely concur with that statement based on what He told the Pharisees in Matt. 16:3-10.

In this passage, the Jews want a sign from heaven. I don't know what exactly they were expecting. Jesus tells them that they were able to determine weather patterns, but they can't determine who He is. Are we like this today, do we look for some special sign from heaven? Some folks today have certain events happen in their lives and will state, "It is a sign."

Do we want a sign from heaven about what we should be doing in our lives? We already have all things we need for life and godliness (2 Pet. 1:3). The information we need is in the book God has given. God speaks to us today by His son (Heb. 1:1, 2). Special signs and miracles were given in the New Testament times to produce belief and confirm the spoken word. (John 20:30, 31; Mrk. 16:20).

We have the word today. We are no longer in need of special signs.

Do we want a sign from heaven that God hears us? Some might want some special sign as proof that God answers prayer. The Bible tells us that his ears are open to the prayers of the righteous (1 Pet. 3:12). The answer to prayer comes at God's choosing, not ours. Sometimes his answer is yes. Sometimes he answers NO. When Paul prayed that God would remove his thorn in the flesh, God's answer was "my grace is sufficient" (2 Cor 12:9). Sometimes God answers "wait a while." But God will answer the prayers of His children according to His will (1 John 5:14).

By Bill Brandstatter