

**Those to Serve**

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

**Prayer List:**

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

**January 1st**

New Year's Day

**January 7th**

Mission Fund

**January 14th**

Guest Speaker Lynn Parker

&

Fellowship Sunday

**January 21st**

Men's Business meeting

**February 4th**

Mission Sunday

*Happy Birthday*

**Avery Vann Feb. 11th**

**Mac Vann Feb, 14th**

**Lindy Burks Feb. 14th**

*Happy Anniversary*

**January 1st**

**Judd & Denise Wall**

**January 26th**

**Doug & Theresa Pruett**



**Lynette Vann's home**

**December 31, 2023**

**5:30 PM**

**Please bring your favorite finger food and games and come enjoy the fellowship together.**

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**Evant church of Christ**

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**December 31, 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**

**12:30 pm Afternoon**

**www.evantchurchofchrist.org**

**Wednesday Night**

**6:00 pm**

## ***SITTING AND WAITING***

We spend a great deal of time sitting and waiting. In the past few months this has happened to me at the doctor's office, at a car dealership, and at a tire store. I also have been put on hold while using the phone. There was music playing but I had to wait. In our age of instant and quick, it is hard to wait.

Often in our spiritual lives, we want instant solutions to complicated problems. In marriages we want instant solutions. Sometimes we may have to wait. Isaiah wrote that "He who waits on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint." (Is. 40:31)

We need to let God do His part. So often in our fast-paced, instant society, we try to rush God. Abraham and Sarah tried this. When God told Abraham that through him all nations of the earth would be blessed, neither he nor Sarah could understand how that could be. Both were near or at 100 years of age. Sarah could not have children; so, they thought God meant some other way. So, Abraham had a child by Sarah's handmaid, Hagar. (Gn. 16:1-4) Later, God enabled Sarah to have a child. (Gen. 21:1-3) If only they had waited.

We should wait on the Lord with patience. David wrote: "I waited patiently for the LORD: and He inclined to me, and heard my cry." (Ps. 40:1) Patience is hard for many people. I am reminded of the preacher who prayed, "Lord, give me patience, and give it to me right now." Sometimes that is how we react to our requests to God.

We should wait on the Lord with courage. David must have known about waiting. He wrote about it again in the 27th Psalm. There he states, "Wait on the LORD, be of good courage, and He shall strengthen you heart; Wait, I say, on the LORD." (Ps. 27:14) Let us wait for the Lord to give us courage. We can be strengthened through the Word of the Lord and prayer. This will help us to be "strong in the Lord and the power of His might." (Eph. 6:10-18)

We should wait on the Lord with great hope. In Ps. 130:5, we read: "I wait for the LORD my soul waits, and in His word I do hope." Without the Word of God, we would not know the hope of salvation, the hope of a good life here, and the hope of a home in heaven. Thank God we have His Word to provide the hope we need in troubled times. Let us be better at waiting on God. We will be blessed and God will be pleased.

**By Bill Brandstatter**

## ***New Year's Resolutions***

Yes, it's that time again. It is the time of year when we usually commit ourselves to several worthy goals. We do this because we want to make our lives and faith better. We want to improve and that is a worthy goal. I have noticed that most of our resolutions revolve around money, health, and family.

While these are worthy goals, what would it look like if you could set the resolutions for the church or your family? I would venture to say that we would set a much more rounded, holistic set of resolutions. As I reflected on this question, I came up with a list that I think is a good start. It is not perfect by any means but these are the things I would like to see myself and others focus on.

Pray more – 1 Thessalonians 5:17.

- Invest in your God given talents – 1 Timothy 4:14-15; Matthew 25:14-30.
- Get more intentional about evangelism – 1 Corinthians 9:19-23.
- Care for yourself spiritually – Philippians 3:12-16; Mark 6:31; Exodus 20:8-11.
- Be willing to make the tough decisions – Acts 20:22-24.
- Confront the sin in your life – Heb. 12:1-2.
- Be forgiving of others and myself – Matthew 6:14-15.
- Love people without boundaries – 1 Corinthians 13:1-3.
- Quit comparing myself to others – John 21:20-23; 2 Corinthians 10:12.
- Read more – 2 Timothy 4:9, 13.
- Make family a priority – Colossians 3:18-21.
- Stay focused on the Lord and his church – Acts 2:42-47.
- Continue to grow – Ephesians 4:15-16; 2 Peter 3:17-17
- Treat others like I would like to be treated – Matthew 7:12; Isaiah 1:16-17.
- Seek heavenly things above all else – Colossians 3:1-2.

This is a difficult list that could take a lifetime to master and yet, we are called to be Christ-like in every aspect of our life. Let's use our resolutions to ensure that we become the best Christian possible. **By Jeff Arnette**