

### Those to Serve

(B) Mike Lovell  
(FV) Mike Mallett  
(O) Doug Pruett  
(A) Jorge Garza  
1st prayer Mike Malett  
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 14th**  
*Guest Speaker Lynn Parker*  
&  
*Fellowship Sunday*  
**January 21st**  
*Men's Business meeting*  
**February 4th**  
*Mission Sunday*  
**February 14th**  
*Valentines Day*  
**February 19th**  
*President's Day*

*Happy Birthday*  
**Avery Vann Feb. 11th**  
**Mac Vann Feb, 14th**  
**Lindy Burks Feb. 14th**

*Happy Anniversary*  
**January 26th**  
**Doug & Theresa Pruett**  
**February 14th**  
**Vernon & Linda Houts**

### Be an Apollos

In Acts 18:24-28, we are introduced to a Christian names Apollos. He was a great example in spreading the word of God. We can certainly learn from His ways. Notice for example:

- \* He was mighty in the Scriptures (v.24). He knew the Word of God, but it is also important to note that he was always willing to learn them more accurately (v.26).
- \* He was eloquent (v.24). He spoke in a manner that people wanted to hear what he had to say.
- \* He was fervent in spirit (v.25). He was always excited about telling God's truths.
- \* He spoke boldly (v.26). He was courageous in presenting the Word of God. He never backed down from the truth.
- \* He always proved his point (v.28). He used the Scriptures to establish that what he was speaking was from God. By Edd Sterchi

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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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## ***The Value of Work***

Working is a part of God's plan for man's fulfillment and happiness. After creating the world and making man of the dust, "the LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it" (Gen. 2:15). Paradise was not then nor is now a place of constant leisure and no responsibilities.

Whether we are thinking of work by which we provide a living for our family or a task we do in the Lord's service, there are some biblical principles that will help us.

1. Find a work suited for you. Because of background, natural ability, education, experience, and interest, we do some things better than others. "For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another" (Rom. 12:4-5).
2. Do your best. Whether we are doing "church work" or whether we are on the job, we are working for the Lord. "And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ" (Col. 3:23-24).
3. Schedule times of rest. God set the example by resting on the seventh day after creating the world in six. When the apostles had completed some work and reported to Jesus the results, Jesus said, "Come aside by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while" (Mark 6:31).
4. Be training others to do your work. It is no compliment to anyone's effectiveness and leadership for any work to show a decline after he or she moves, is promoted, or retires. Paul gave the principle to Timothy when he wrote, "And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also" (2 Tim 2:2).
5. Prepare for work in the future that will call for growth. The challenging task of an elder is being addressed when Paul wrote to Timothy, "If a man desires the position of a bishop, he desires a good work" (1 Tim. 3:1).

Work is designed by the Lord to be a blessing - not a curse. How do you plan to be blessed in your work?

"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them." (Ephesians 2:10). By Jerrie Barber

## ***"Who's On First?"***

Abbott and Costello, the famous comedy team of the previous generation, are most remembered for their hilarious routine about baseball. It was a classic example of the confusion that results when people aren't communicating "on the same wave-length." It's not uncommon, even today, to hear people remark "who's on first?" – an allusion to that comedy duo - when confronted with a confusing situation.

This brings to mind some lessons we need to learn - lessons concerning our efforts to teach the Bible to lost people. It is very possible that we will begin teaching folks at a level they are not prepared to receive. We ought to be careful about assuming that a student knows certain fundamentals. If we start with a faulty foundation of knowledge, we are certain to run into difficulty as we try to move our students on to the things that are "hard to be understood" (2 Peter 3:10). We should follow the example of Philip, who determined his student's level of understanding and "began at the same scripture and preached unto him Jesus" (Acts 8:35).

We need to be sure that we are 'using Bible words in Bible ways'. If we are careless in this matter, we are opening the door to unsound conclusions. For instance, if we talk about the birth of a baby and refer to it as a 'miracle', we may later be confronted by the argument that all the true Bible miracles can be dismissed with a natural explanation. A birth is, in fact, a marvelous thing, but it is not a miracle in the Biblical sense. (Only the virgin birth of Jesus would be accurately proclaimed a miracle.) So, again, we must learn to be careful with terminology.

Finally, we should be cautious about using phrases and jargon that are very familiar to us, but may leave a student in utter confusion. It would be a shame to waste a good teaching opportunity simply because we weren't careful about analyzing our student's ability to comprehend the message. There is a "time when ye ought to be teachers" (Hebrews 5:12). And good teachers KNOW their students.

Pray that God will help us find the good and honest hearts, and that He will give us wisdom to use every opportunity to the fullest.

- by Greg Gwin