

Those to Serve

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

February 4th

Mission Sunday

February 14th

Valentines Day

February 19th

President's Day

February 25th

Noon Fellowship

March 3rd

Mission Sunday

March 10th

Daylight Saving Begins

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

FIRST

The Bible tells us to "seek first the kingdom of God" (Matthew 6:33). There is so much more involved with this than just attendance. "Seeking first" is an attitude as well as a commitment to the cause of Christ. "Seeking first" means such things as:
- Putting others first (Phil. 2:3,4) - Being willing to give up things for the sake of others (1 Cor. 8:13) - Being wronged rather than going to court with a brother (1 Cor. 6:7) - Going the extra mile for another (Matt. 5:41) - Doing without things so you won't stumble (Matt. 5:30) Is the kingdom important to you? Is it so important that you are willing to put it FIRST in your life? - by Roger Shouse

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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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What is Real Fellowship?

We don't really understand the concept of fellowship as early Christians did. We talk about "fellowship meals" and "a fellowship hall;" however, just eating together is not the only aspect of Christian fellowship. Just being together in the same place at the same time does not necessarily constitute fellowship.

The word "fellowship" originates from a Greek word that indicates a joint participation and having something in common. The early Christians understood this in a special sense.

The first time the word is mentioned after the death of our Lord is in Acts 2:42. There Luke records that the disciples continued in "fellowship, breaking of the bread and prayers." When we consider that the church in the first century had no sign in front of their building, fellowship takes on a different meaning. When we note that early Christians went through persecution from certain groups, fellowship becomes more beautiful. When we look at early Christians relying and depending on one another, we see the depth of real fellowship.

Today, many of us don't know the other members of the congregations of where we attend. We don't know where they live. We don't participate in events with them. Our Sunday and Wednesday gatherings are often the only time we meet other Christians. Let us become more like the church of the New Testament. Let us reach out more to others. Let us be more willing to share our lives with those we love. Let us rediscover the beauty and joy of fellowship as the New Testament church did. Why not visit someone this week and get to know them better? You will get a great blessing and understand better the joy of real fellowship.

By Bill Brandstatter

Watch Out!

The word "watch" is found 63 times in the Bible in various senses. Jesus said to His disciples at Gethsemane, "My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with me" (Mt. 26:38). Then, in v. 41: "Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation..." Paul wrote in I Cor. 16:13-14: "Watch ye, stand fast in the faith..." We need to be concerned with the command to "watch," meaning that we must be alert. When you read through the New Testament, you'll find several places where Christians are told to watch so that they'll remain faithful. Here are just a few ways in which we must watch:

1. Elders are to watch out for our souls. Hebrews 13:17: "Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you."

2. Christians should always be watching how they conduct their lives so that they'll be ready for the second coming of Christ. Mark 13:35-37: "Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning: 36Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping. 37And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch."

3. Watch for opportunities to teach others about Christ. John 4:35: "Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest."

4. Watch for false teachers. I John 4:1: "Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world." Also, Romans 16:17: "Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them."

5. Watch our temper and our speech. James 1:19-20: "... my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath: 20For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God."

Christians, friends, in all these areas, we must be watching! Are you?

By R.W. McAlister