

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 7th

Mission Fund

January 14th

Guest Speaker Lynn Parker
&

Fellowship Sunday

January 21st

Men's Business meeting

February 4th

Mission Sunday

February 14th

Valentines 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

What Shall We Call It?

There is an old story about a certain denominational church which was raising money for a new building. In keeping with denominational custom, they sent the ladies of the congregation out to beg for money from the businessmen of the town. On being solicited for a donation one businessman replied, "Tell you what I'll do. If you will put a sign on the front of the building, 'This is a Church of Christ: I'll give you a hundred dollars.'" "Oh no," gasped the lady, "We could not do that, because it is not a church of Christ." "Very well," replied the businessman, "If you will put up a sign, 'This is not a Church of Christ,' I'll still give the hundred dollars." "But you don't understand," cried the lady, "It is a church of Christ, only it is not a church of Christ, that is, you see, in a way of speaking . . . goodbye!" - selected

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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

12 Steps Toward Better Attitude

One: Look for the good in everything, no matter what. Don't ignore the bad or pretend it isn't bad. That is unrealistic (Mt. 7:1-5). Don't focus on the bad to the exclusion of the good. There is either something good in everything that happens or something in it that can be turned to God. Remember, God will work with you to bring good out of everything that happens – even the bad things. Rom. 8:28 RSV

Two: By an act of your own will, ban all suggestive, lustful, and immoral things from your mind. Let God transform your mind and your mind from within (Rom. 12:2). But God doesn't tend the doors of your mind, keeping bad out, letting only good to come in. You must do that for yourself. Prov. 4:23

Three: By an act of your own will, fill your mind with positive things, including thanksgiving. Phil. 4:8

Four: Never welcome of surrender to negative emotions (Eph. 4:31-32). Plant only good seeds in the mind and tend the plants to keep them healthy. Don't expect God to do your present "weeding" for you. Don't just hope you can cut or remove the weeds when they appear (Mt. 13:28-29). Fill all the available space with something positive, healthy and helpful. Weeds will not grow where no space is allowed to them.

Five: Practice the 'as if' principle. If you want to develop a good characteristic ... Act as if you already have it. Then develop it, nurture it in all the ways required to avoid the loss of it. To make an improvement or change in relationships or secure them or win approval and favor as if you know it is going to happen, act as if it has already happened.

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Six: Determine to have an attitude of love and good will (Phil. 2:1-4). Change your attitude toward others – be positive toward them and they will change their attitude to positive toward you. When each one waits for the other to take the first step, no steps get taken.

Seven: See and acknowledge the good in others (1 John 1:4-7, 2 John 4, 3 John 3-4). Be thankful for the potential for good that is in others. Believe the good can be cultivated and the negative removed from others.

Eight: Be an ambassador of good will and good works to every person you meet. It is one thing to wish a person well. 3 John 2 but... actually do the good works, don't just wish it (or pray it) for them. James 2:15-16

Nine: Practice the principle of replacement. Return good for evil, overcome evil with good. Rom. 12:21

Ten: Express appreciation and praise for what others do (or attempt to do) for you. Phil. 1:19-20

Eleven: Allow others to give to you and do things for you. It is more blessed to give than to receive (Acts 20:35), but some are content just to receive and feel no urge to "do unto others what you want done to you" (Mt. 7:12). Do not refuse to receive. Let others have the blessing of giving to you or doing something for you. Be a blessing facilitator – willing to receive so others could be blessed by giving. Although that feeling can easily be warped there is certainly a measure of valid truth in it. We all need both the blessing of giving and the blessing of receiving.

Twelve: Practice positive prayer. Phil. 4:6-7 **By Gerald Cowan**