

Happy Birthday

Carmen Sugg April 9th
Denise Wall April 11th
Connie Mallett April 30th
Coryell Day May 7th
Jana Wall May 18th

Happy Anniversary

April 18th
Jack & Cindi Wall

A Preacher's Classic

When I preach there are some who say
They could listen to me all day
Others think I preach too long,
And some think I go about it wrong.
Some say my sermon is much too deep
To others it's shallow and they go to sleep.
Some report I hold them spellbound,
While others squirm and look around.
Some believe I have no light,
And others think I preach just right.
Some affirm that I'm too bold,
While others wink and say I'm cold.
Some used to say I was much too young,
But others declare my spring has sprung
Some folks tell I have met success.
Others think my work's a mess.
Some have said my pay is too low,
When they discover the pace I go.
Still others say it's above the peak
"Why, he only works three hours a week!"
From all of this it is plain to see,
That as a preacher, I'm up a tree.
Condemned if I do,
Condemned if I don't.
Criticized if I will,
Criticized if I won't.
I can't please men of such discord,
So I'll just keep trying to please the Lord.

Those to Serve

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

April 15th

Tax Day

April 21st

Men's Business Meeting

April 28th

Noon Fellowship

May 5th

Mission Sunday

May 12th

Mother's Day

May 26th

Noon Fellowship

Prayer List:

Letha Sheldon
Jorge Garza
Joyce Windham
Dora Martinez
David Jones
Tammy Parker
Anita Adams
Pray for our Nation
Our Troops
Law Enforcement
Rescue Personnel

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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

Forgiveness

(5th in a series)

We have been taught to forgive others “just as God in Christ also hath forgiven you” (Eph. 4:32), and so we have been looking at the specifics of God’s forgiveness. We’ve observed that He is ready, even anxious to forgive, but His forgiveness is granted when we meet the conditions set forth in Scripture. Once He forgives, the forgiveness is absolute and permanent. In all of these things, we should imitate our God. Furthermore . . .

It is simply amazing that God is willing to forgive us over and over – even when the same offenses are repeated again and again. The apostle John wrote, “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (1 John 1:9). Note that these words were penned to those who were already Christians – those who had already been forgiven by God – yet the promise is that he will forgive even more. This ongoing willingness of God to extend additional forgiveness is incredible. And, we have been taught to do the same. When Peter asked Jesus, “how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him?”, he probably thought he was being generous when he suggested “till seven times?” But Jesus said “I say not unto thee, until seven times: but, until seventy times seven” (Matthew 18:21-22). This is surely a hard thing, but God extends that sort of forgiveness to us, and we should to one another.

It is clear that our Father never grows bitter against us and never ‘nurses a grudge’, and neither can we. Grudge holding is a sin (James 5:9), and we have been ordered to rid ourselves of bitterness (Ephesians 4:31). There is no room for these things in the heart of one who seeks to forgive like God does. (concluded next week)

by Greg Gwin

Message From Those We Support

Greetings and I hope your springtime is happy and healthy.

We studied with and baptized a 28-year-old young man who just got out of prison around the end of 2023. He had gone to prison for drug offenses. His two children (10 and 7) attend with us as well. I and others are working with him to help keep him from relapsing, and that includes daily phone calls and many exhortations and prayers. Our evangelistic efforts continue and we hope to rent a billboard this year for a 6-month lease.

Our attendance now is about 22 with all the children. It stays pretty much the same for Sunday worship and the Sunday & Wednesday Bible classes.

Preston will be preaching this next Sunday. I teach the Sunday afternoon class and Wednesday Bible class. Some of the sermons I have preached over the past weeks include:

- *Here Is Hell*
- *God’s Woman*
- *Husbands Love Your Wives*
- *Let Me Die The Death of the Righteous*
- *The Bible View of Self-esteem*
- *“Small Sins?”*
- *Fundamentals: Instrumental Music in Worship*
- *How You Can Overcome Temptation*

We have had special classes on Premillennialism since finishing our study in Exodus. We will have 4 more weeks of special studies before beginning our Old Testament studies in Leviticus.

Everyone here has been healthy or at least on the mend. Tammy’s cancer surgery on her hand was successful though it included a painful recovery. I watched part of the surgical procedure and it looked like the tumor was the size of a large marble, going almost through and through the hand.

I am working full-time for the District Attorney here as one of the Investigators. It continually reminds me of just how bad people can be without the gospel!

That is the wrap up for us here. Keep us in your prayers for the work here.

Brotherly,

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