

### *Happy Birthday*

**Mike Lovell July 16th**  
**Keith Stifflemire July 22nd**

### *Happy Anniversary*

**June 14th**  
**Will & Autumn Vann**

### **Lack Of Confidence In God**

The besetting sin of the human family is a lack of confidence in God, manifested in every kind of departure from the word of God. If our confidence in God were what it should be, we would never want to turn aside from his way.

Eve lacked confidence in God, and so she followed the devil; Adam lacked confidence in God, and so he followed his wife. Why did Abel do what God said and why did not Cain do what God said? Abel had confidence enough in God to follow his commands; Cain did not.

No man today would depart from the plain word of God if he had full confidence in God; and the elders of Israel would not have asked for a king, had they not lacked confidence in God's way. - by R. L. Whiteside

### **Those to Serve**

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

#### **June 9th**

*Dalton Vann, Speaker*

#### **June 16th**

*Father's Day*

#### **June 20th**

*First Day of Summer*

#### **June 30th**

*Noon Fellowship*

#### **July 4th**

*Independence Day*

#### **July 7th**

*Mission Sunday*

### **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

# *Edifier*

## **Evant church of Christ**

310 W Brooks Drive

Evant, TX 76525

254-471-5705

**June 9, 2024**



*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**

**Will Vann, Preacher**

**863-899-0987**

**Email: wvann@yahoo.com**

**www.evantchurchofchrist.org**



## ***Peter's Final Words***

**By Edd Sterchi**

The great apostle and evangelist, Peter did some amazing things in his preaching career. In Acts 2, he delivered the first gospel sermon after Jesus' resurrection and ascension. Acts 2:41 records that an astounding number responded to this and were baptized into Christ – almost 3,000! Peter continued preaching even though arrested several times, beaten, and threatened with his life if he continued to proclaim the name of Christ (cf. Acts 4-5). He was also the first apostle to take the gospel to the Gentiles, with the conversion of Cornelius and his friends and family in Acts 10.

After Acts 15 where Peter is involved in an apostolic gathering, we know very little of his activities. I agree with George DeHoff concerning Peter in that "As the years went by he was mentioned less frequently in the sacred writing probably because he was away from Jerusalem preaching in distant places." (DeHoff's Bible Handbook)

Peter, through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, wrote two epistles later in life. They were written to encourage Christians, especially new converts, to withstand the trials and persecutions that they were about to encounter. Likely this is in reference to Nero's persecutions. It is believed that Peter's second epistle would have been written shortly before his death. If that's the case, then the last words of the second epistle of Peter would have been his final words of encouragement.

Peter's last words in chapter 3 of his second epistle are a reminder for all Christians to be diligent to...

...be sanctified (v.14)

...be studying (v.15-16)

...be steadfast (v.17)

Christians, let's make sure that we are cleansed by the blood of Christ and living pure and righteous lives, searching and studying the Scriptures for all they're worth, and remaining faithful and true to God. It's Peter's lasting wish for us.

"but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To

Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen." (2 Pet. 3:18)

## ***Six Questions For Young People***

by David McPherson

1. What kind of son or daughter will I be? The world says, "You are only young once, so enjoy it in every way you can." This is easy for most to accept because they want freedom from restraints. However, young people should be obedient to God and to their parents (Ephesians 6:1-3; Proverbs 10:1; 13:1).
2. What kind of character shall I develop? It takes no planting, watering, or cultivating to grow weeds, nor does it take effort to grow worthless character. Careful attention and diligent effort are required for noble character (Ecclesiastes 7:1; 1 Timothy 4:12).
3. Who will I choose as my friends? Good friends promote good morals and vice versa (1 Corinthians 15:33). Avoid the crowd that drinks, dances, uses profanity, and ridicules people who serve God.
4. What will be my occupation? In far too many instances, too much emphasis is placed on money (Matthew 16:26). Furthermore, one must be careful to choose an occupation that is honorable and legitimate. Dishonest gains and get-rich schemes must be avoided (Proverbs 16:8).
5. Who will I marry? If there is ever a place for clear minds and true ideas, it is in marriage. God's laws must be understood, respected, and heeded (Matthew 5:32; 19:9). Marriage is for life (Romans 7:2-3; 1 Corinthians 7:39). Marry someone who will encourage you in the way of salvation.
6. What will I do with my life? If you have never obeyed the gospel, you should answer, "I will be a Christian" (Luke 9:26). If you are already a Christian, you should answer, "I will be faithful" (Matthew 24:12-13).

by David Riggs