

Happy Birthday

Mike Mallett Oct. 21st
Ruby Jones Oct. 24th
Sharon Boatwright Oct. 27th
Valerie Garza Nov. 1st
Tammy Burks Nov. 3rd
Jorge Garza Nov. 12th
Theresa Pruett Nov. 14th
Calvin Burks Nov. 26th
Wanda Kitchens Nov. 27th
Linda Houts Nov. 28th

Prayer List:

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

October 27th

Noon Fellowship

November 3rd

Daylight Savings Time Ends

Mission Sunday

November 5th

Election Day

November 10th

Mens Business Meeting

November 11th

Veterans Day

Those to Serve

(B) Mike Lovell
(FV) John Jones
(O) Doug Pruett
(A) Jorge Garza
1st prayer Jack Wall
2nd prayer Mike Mallett
Announcements: Judd Wall
Singing: Kevin Grant

New Members

- **John & Michele Jones**
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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

The Road Less Traveled

Robert Frost's 1916 poem, "The Road Not Taken," is one of the most often quoted poems of all time. The poet speaks of two roads, each "just as fair," but the traveler chose one, concluding "I took the one less traveled by, And that has made all the difference." Frost indicated that most have misunderstood the poem. The choice was actually random—the traveler didn't know which was best. The difference wasn't from a wise choice, but a random choice.

In life, we often have to choose between two roads that seem equally good or bad. We don't know which road is better, because we cannot see the end of the road with either choice. We just have to choose. But what we must always remember is that when we choose the beginning of the road, we also choose the end of the road. That is why it is so important that we not only choose the right road in life, but that we periodically evaluate the road we are now on, to see if we should change roads.

Saul of Tarsus was on the road to Damascus to persecute Christians. He entered the city as a blind man, and exited as a follower of the Christ he persecuted. The Lord told Ananias, "Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel: For I will show him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake" (**Acts 9:15-16**). As Ananias taught him, Saul counted the cost (**Luke 14:28**) of starting on the road of service to Jesus Christ, and immediately obeyed when Ananias commanded him to be baptized (**Acts 22:16**).

Jesus warned that there are two ways—the broad way of the world and the narrow way of following Him. "Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it" (**Matthew 7:13-14**). The narrow way is definitely "the road less traveled." But it makes all the difference—not only in this life, but in the world to come. Are you on the right road today? Is it time for a change?

By Bob Prichard

Wrinkle's Headstone

She never really cared that much for the piece of carved stone that her deceased husband had found in an old quarry, but Ruth Beeston thought it would serve well to mark the burial place of her dead cat, Wrinkle. She decided to put it up for auction, however, when a local art historian discovered that it was a thousand year old carving of the apostle Peter. Wrinkle's former headstone brought \$383,000 when it was offered at auction (World, December 25, 2004).

This sort of thing seems to happen often (at least to other people). Someone finds some old thing that everyone thinks is worthless, and then it is discovered to be a priceless antique. Just because something is old, it is not necessarily valuable. Some things are true antiques, and some are just "junk." Some old things are incredibly valuable.

Consider how the Bible, a truly ancient book is treated. It is old—the newest parts being over 1900 years old, and some parts even much older. Many think that because of its age, it can't really be worth much. And yet, to those with the proper discernment, it is the most valuable book ever written.

Paul told Timothy, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God [is literally 'God breathed'], and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." Not only does it give us all that we need, but it is profitable and relevant. It is just as relevant today as when it was written hundreds of years ago.

Ruth Beeston required an art historian to tell her that she unknowingly had something of real value. Surely we understand today how valuable the Bible is, that it is profitable to us for doctrine, reproof, correction, and instruction in righteousness. Unfortunately, many just use that family Bible as a place to store dried flowers, recipes, and the family tree. Wrinkle's headstone was so much more than Ruth thought. What about the Bible? Have you realized the hidden treasures within?

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