

## *Happy Birthday*

**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**  
**Lynette Vann Dec. 14th**  
**Virgina Lovell Dec. 19th**

### **Prayer List:**

Otis Thompson  
Letha Sheldon  
Jorge Garza  
Joyce Windham  
Anita Adams  
Pray for our Nation  
Our Troops  
Law Enforcement  
Rescue Personnel

## **Those to Serve**

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

### **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*

## **Psalm 100**

- 1 Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.*
- 2 Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing.*
- 3 Know ye that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.*
- 4 Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.*
- 5 For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.*

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## **Evant church of Christ**

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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](mailto:wvann@yahoo.com)**

**12:30 pm Afternoon**

**[www.evantchurchofchrist.org](http://www.evantchurchofchrist.org)**

**Wednesday Night**

**6:00 pm**

## ***Broken Jars, Broken Lives***

Jeremiah had been to the potter's house. In Jeremiah 18, he saw the craftsmanship the potter exercised in creating and then reshaping his work. I'm sure he saw the pleasure in the artisan's face as the vessel took the shape he intended.

In chapter 19, the persecuted prophet is told to buy a new pot. I sometimes wonder if the pot he purchased was the one he'd seen the potter make before. God tells Jeremiah to take the pot, now hardened and ready for use, and shatter it in the presence of the people whose attention He'd been trying to get. To be sure, it was a vivid object lesson, and by the events in the next chapter, it wasn't too well received.

The broken pieces of the pot seem to represent the people's brokenness as they continually defied God's intended purpose. So, He got their attention with a broken pot.

Sometimes, you've got to break some jars to get people's attention. Everywhere we look, we see broken and shattered lives. People live in constant rebellion against God because, for most, it's all they know. You've got to get their attention to help people understand the radical life adjustment they must make. Sometimes, it comes from a major traumatic life event; other times, it's the simple yet sudden realization that there must be a better way. Whatever you have to do to get someone's attention, do it. You may have to "break some jars," but isn't their eternal soul worth the disruption?

*"Then you are to break the jar in the sight of the men who accompany you and say to them, 'Thus says Yahweh of hosts, 'Just so will I break this people and this city, even as one breaks a potter's vessel, which cannot again be repaired'" (Jeremiah 19:10-11).*

by Zeke Flores

## ***Wrong Is Always Wrong***

In a period of loose and sagging morals, Satan provides many rationalizations for improper behavior. Those who would live faithful Christian lives must not be ignorant of Satan's devices. Paul said, "...Lest Satan should take advantage of us; for we are not ignorant of his devices."

Wrong is always wrong despite our efforts to excuse our actions.

Wrong is wrong, even if we don't get caught. Let us remember, "The eyes of the LORD are in every place, keeping watch on the evil and the good" (Proverbs 15:3).

Wrong is wrong, even if we do it for a good cause. An honorable purpose does not justify a dishonorable deed. The end never justifies the means. According to I John 3:4 and 5:17, all sin is a transgression of God's law.

Wrong is wrong, even if others are doing worse things. It will be of little comfort on the day of judgment if we should be lost knowing that others did things worse than our own sins.

Wrong is wrong, even if it doesn't bother our conscience. The conscience can be trained or educated to accept wrongdoing, and even an honest mistake done in good conscience is sinful in the sight of God. Remember, according to Acts 23:1 and 26:9, Paul persecuted the early Christians in all good conscience.

Wrong is wrong, even if it is commonly considered acceptable. God said in Exodus 23:2, "You shall not follow a crowd to do evil..." Proverbs 4:14-15 says, "Do not enter the path of the wicked, and do not walk in the way of evil. Avoid it, do not travel on it; turn away from it and pass on." I Thessalonians 5:21-22 says, "Test all things; hold fast what is good. Abstain from every form of evil."

Remember, there is never a right way to do a wrong!

by Richard Thetford