

Those to Serve

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

Prayer List:

Theresa Pruett
Wanda Kitchens
Jorge Garza
Joyce Windham
Anita Adams
Pray for our Nation
Our Troops
Law Enforcement
Rescue Personnel

Happy Anniversary

December 31st
Steve & Carmen Sugg
January 1st
Judd & Denise Wall

December 7th

Peark Harbor Day

December 8th

Men's Business Meeting

December 21st

Winter Begins

December 25th

Christmas Day

December 31st

New Year Eve

Happy Birthday

Lynette Vann Dec. 14th
Virgina Lovell Dec. 19th
Kevin Grant Dec. 24th
Will Vann Dec. 26th
Joy Payne Jan. 3rd
Sandra Rusk January 10th



December 13th

6:00 PM

**Christmas
Party at**

**John & Michele Jones
home in Hamilton.**

**We will have hamburgers, &
baked beans. Please bring
chips, desserts & etc. There will
be a sign up list in the foyer so
we will know how many burgers
to cook.**

**Also, each person please
bring a \$10 gift for the Chinese
Christmas exchange.**

No White Elephant Gifts.

Quotes

- Too many people spend money they haven't earned, to buy things they don't want, to impress people that they don't like. Will Rogers
- Everything is changing. People are taking their comedians seriously and the politicians as a joke. Will Rogers

Edifier

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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

Can You Count the Apples in a Seed?

In 1877, James A. Harding (for whom Harding University is named) went to Clark County, Kentucky, where he held a gospel meeting. When asked how the meeting went, one of the elders at the congregation responded, "It was not much of a meeting."

Oh, brother Harding did his usual powerful preaching, the attendance was fair, but the results were negligible. Only little Jimmy Shepherd was baptized."

God doesn't always perceive things the way that we do. When we work hard to serve people in the name of Christ and few respond to our message, it is easy to think, "The results of my work are negligible."

But we must never underestimate the power of one seed that really takes root. In the case of little Jimmy Shepherd, the sole response to Harding's preaching in that gospel meeting, he stayed dedicated to the cause of Christ all of his life. He is better known to some as James W. Shepherd. While he was in college, he began preaching. In 1883, he helped to establish the Berea Church of Christ in Madison County. In 1888, he left with his family to do mission work in New Zealand for several years, preaching all around the country, as well as in Australia.

Upon returning to the states, he worked from 1905 to 1912 as the office editor of the Gospel Advocate, where he both wrote and edited some works that have been treasured for decades.

In **Luke 8:8**, Jesus is teaching a parable about a sower. Though much seed might never take root or grow, the seed which does take root can produce "one hundred times" what has been sown. Every seed you plant matters, because only God knows just how much good can be done when a person plants a seed through a single act of Christian conviction.

By Mark Adams

"AND DEAR GOD, PLEASE HELP ME TO GROW..."

Those words, often uttered in prayer, make up a proper request. We all should desire to be stronger spiritually (**II Pet. 3:18**). We should indeed long for growth (**I Pet. 2:1ff**). Let us examine this prayer request, as well as our attitude and efforts toward spiritual growth.

What would you think of a man who prayed, "God, please help me not to lose my job," and then that same man slept in and was late to work every day? I have heard both men and women who say they want to be stronger spiritually. I have heard some say they want to know the Bible better. I have heard some folks piously sing, "More, More About Jesus." And then I have seen the very same souls skip Bible classes on Sunday and Wednesday. Any wonder why there is no growth????

When ones attendance at worship assemblies is "hit and miss," then that person will exhibit spiritual stagnation. When a tree in the orchard does not grow, we give it extra attention. When a Christian does not grow, we try to give some extra attention as concerned brethren. After all, we have an obligation to build up each other. "So then let us follow after things which make for peace, and things whereby we may edify one another" (**Rom. 14:19**).

Your brethren cannot help you grow if you do not engage in really challenging, serious Bible study. Some brothers and sisters have been in the church for 10 years or more and never yet made 10 pages of study notes. Folks, casual reading of the Bible is not Bible study. We cannot edify you if you are not in the assembly of the saints on a regular basis. If students at public school attended like some of my brethren attend the worship assembly, they would be charged with truancy!

We cannot help you grow if you persist in saying, "This is not a convenient time" or employing similar excuses. Everyone is busy. Everyone has more to do than week to get it done. Still, if heaven is really important to you, you will make time to sit down and study. We have the teachers. We have a strong desire to see you grow. We can come to your house and spend an hour a week in diligent study with you. We are ready. Still, we cannot help you grow if you never make an effort or lift a finger. We will make the time—will you?

By Lynn Parker