

Those to Serve

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

Prayer List:

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

April 13th

Men's Business Meeting

April 20th

Easter Sunday

April 27th

Noon Fellowship Meal

May 4th

Mission Sunday

May 11th

Mother's Day

May 25th

Noon Fellowship

May 26th

Memorial Day

NOTICE

5 cakes are needed for
Thursday
April 17th

for the Hamilton Community
Center Lunch.

Guest Speaker

May 4th

Anthony Martinez
& wife Becky Martinez
From Azle, TX
There will be a noon
Fellowship on May 5th.

Happy Anniversary

April 18th
Jack & Cindi Wall
May 24th
Dalton & Crystal Vann

Happy Birthday

Steve Sugg April 6th
Carman Sugg April 9th
Denise Wall April 11th
Michele Jones April 12th
Rachel Houts April 22nd
Connie Mallett April 30th
Coryell Day May 7th
Michael Flores May 14th
Jana Wall May 18th

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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:

9:30 am Bible Study

10:20 am Worship

12:30 pm Afternoon

Wednesday Night

6:00 pm

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Bitterness

In Ephesians 4, the apostle says, “Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice.” Two things stand out about that sentence. First, he says ALL. Not just some. Not just most. Not just the big stuff. All bitterness. Second, the list begins with bitterness. It seems there is an order here. Bitterness is where it starts. But it never ends with bitterness. What follows is anger, clamor, slander and malice. You won’t find a bitter person who is happy. No, they are angry. And, it doesn’t stop with that. They have to tell everyone else. They make a lot of noise but do little to make things better.

Some thoughts for us: First, what you allow to dwell in your soul determines whether you will be bitter or joyous. We can hold on to things too long. Negative comments. Hurts. Offenses. Why do we hang on to them for decades? Pitch them. When the Ephesians were told, “Let all bitterness . . . be put away from you,” that’s a choice. We keep the things that make us bitter or we toss them out in the trash.

Second, bitterness tends to grow and take over our spirit and heart. Some of the cruelest things ever said to brethren have come from other brethren. Bitterness causes a person to say things that are not true, rational, logical or Biblical. Like an angry dog chained to a tree, the bitter person will try to attack anyone who gets too close. Family. Friends. The church. It is a sad, sad thing to witness.

Third, some will leave this planet bitter. Unwilling to forgive. Unwilling to change. Unwilling to give a person a second chance, they will die miserable and mean. And, the trail of destruction that followed them ruins their family and even the congregation they were a part of. Someone hurt you? They hurt the Lord worse.

Someone been mean to you? They were worse to the Lord. Someone ignored you? That happened to the Lord. And, yet, there He was praying that His crucifiers could be forgiven in His final moments.

You are bitter, not because things happened to you. You are bitter because you chose misery over joy. You chose to focus on self rather than the Lord.

by Roger Shouse

I Know Whom I Have Believed

As Paul was giving his final instructions to the young evangelist, Timothy, he wrote, “For this reason I also suffer these things; nevertheless I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day” (2 Tim. 1:12NKJV). Let us notice a few things about this particular verse.

First, Paul said that he knows whom he has believed. Paul does not have any doubt about the God that he serves. From the time that Paul first saw the light on the road to Damascus and spoke to our Lord and Savior, he never turned away. Paul was steadfast in his faith, even with all of the trials he had to endure (2 Cor. 11:23-28). Paul knows God, and we can know God too. He has left us sufficient evidence (Rom. 1:20).

Second, Paul is convinced that God is able to do anything He desires. God is all powerful. He is the God who spoke all of creation into existence (Gen. 1). He is the God who parted the Red Sea for the Israelites to cross on dry ground (Ex. 14:21-22). He is the God who was gracious to Paul by giving him a second chance, when he was persecuting God in his pursuit of Christians (Acts 9:1-5). God wants to give us a second chance also. He is able to cleanse our sins in the precious blood of His Son. He is able to make us whole.

Third, Paul has committed something to God. Like Jesus on the cross, Paul has committed his spirit, his soul, his very existence into God’s hands. Paul trusts that God is able to keep his soul well guarded. Peter also spoke of God’s ability to keep our inheritance in heaven under guard (1 Pet. 1:3-5). For those who follow God, their inheritance is reserved. No thief will break in and steal it, and rust will not corrupt it. It is ours, if we will obey and remain faithful to God.

We, like Paul, can have confidence in God. We can believe. We can know that He is able. We can trust Him with our very souls!

By Dale J. Babinsky