

Those to Serve

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

Prayer List:

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

Happy Anniversary

May 24th
Dalton & Crystal Vann
May 31st
John & Michele Jones

Happy Birthday

Connie Mallett April 30th
Coryell Day May 7th
Michael Flores May 14th
Jana Wall May 18th
Michael Payne May 23rd
Cassidy Stapp June 2nd
Warren miller June 15th

Guest Speakers

May 4th

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

May 11th

*Gerald Hardesty
& wife Beverly*

May 18th

*Adan Hernandez
& wife Karen & daughter Raquel*

May 4th

*Mission Sunday
Noon Fellowship Meal*

May 11th

Mother's Day

May 25th

Noon Fellowship

May 23rd

Evant Graduation

May 26th

Memorial Day

June 1st

Mission Fund

June 15th

Father's Day

Quotes

"I have always said that a studious perusal of the sacred volume will make better citizens, better fathers, and better husbands." ~ Thomas Jefferson

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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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If Only...

- If only my boss wouldn't be so rude and domineering, I would try harder and be more cooperative at work. "Servants, be submissive to your masters with all respect, not only to those who are good and gentle, but also to those who are unreasonable." **(1 Peter 2:18)**
- If only my husband weren't so lazy and self-centered, and would treat me like I deserve, I would go back and live with him. "... wives, be submissive to your husbands so that even if any of them are disobedient to the word, they may be won without a word as they observe your chaste and respectful behavior." **(1 Peter 3:1-2)**
- If only people would quit taking advantage of me, I would maintain a better disposition. "To sum up, all of you be harmonious, sympathetic, brotherly, kindhearted, and humble in spirit; not returning evil for evil or insult for insult, but giving a blessing instead." **(1 Peter 3:8-9)**
- If only the brethren were friendlier and that preacher not so dry, I would go to church more often. "... let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another ..." **(Hebrews 10:24-25)**
- If only I had more income and fewer bills, I would give a lot more. "... in the churches of Macedonia ... in a great ordeal of affliction their abundance of joy and their deep poverty overflowed in the wealth of their liberality." **(2 Corinthians 8:1-2)**
- If only my family would be more supportive, I would become a Christian. "He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me ..." **(Matthew 10:37)**

Do you notice that what God expects of us, He expects regardless of our particular circumstances? Instead of excusing ourselves due to adverse conditions, let us commit ourselves to our Creator and Benefactor.

If only we would be like Jesus, who said, "... I do not seek My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me" (John 5:30). He not only said it, He lived it — even to the point of death.

by Frank Himmel

Winning Last Place

We live in a society that is sports crazy. We love football and fishing, racing and wrestling, soccer and softball -- not to mention baseball, basketball and golf. Nearly all of us have had the experience of cheering for our team or favorite player to win, whether the contest was professional, college, high school or just the youth league team that our child or grandchild played on. And many of us have participated in sports ourselves. We've personally experienced "the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat."

From a spiritual perspective, sports are not necessarily a bad thing. According to the Bible, sports teach us important lessons about disciplining ourselves when striving for a goal **(1 Corinthians 9:24-27)**, playing by the rules **(2 Timothy 2:5)**, and running with endurance **(Hebrews 12:1)**. Obviously, we can allow sports to become a bad thing if we place too much importance on them or allow them to crowd out spiritual concerns. But sports can also impact us negatively in other ways. They can train us to be too competitive, self-seeking, and ambitious – too concerned with winning at all costs.

In most sports competitions, everyone wants first place. But there are times in the life of every Christian when he should seek last place. In **Mark 9:35**, Jesus told the twelve apostles, "If anyone desires to be first, he shall be last of all and servant of all." Jesus condemned the scribes and Pharisees because "They love the best places at feasts, the best seats in the synagogues" **(Matthew 23:6)**. He told His disciples, "But when you are invited, go and sit down in the lowest place . . ." **(Luke 14:10)**.

The Bible reveals that we should be striving to win last place in our relationships with others! "Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself." **(Philippians 2:3)**. "... Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for "God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble."" **(1 Peter 5:5)**. "... Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion." **(Romans 12:16)**.

Here are some practical suggestions for winning last place. The next time that you disagree with a brother in an area of judgment or opinion, insist that your brother get his way. The next time that your wife or husband neglects to do a chore that merely benefits you, do it yourself. The next time they are looking for a volunteer at work to do some menial task, volunteer! Win last place! - **by Steve Klein**