

### Those to Serve

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

### Prayer List:

Mike Mallett  
Valerie Garza  
Virginia Lovell  
Vernon Houts  
Wanda Kitchens  
Jorge Garza  
Pray for our Nation  
Our Troops  
Law Enforcement  
Rescue Personnel

### *Happy Anniversary*

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

### *Happy Birthday*

**Jana Wall May 18th**  
**Michael Payne May 23rd**  
**Cassidy Stapp June 2nd**  
**Warren Miller June 15th**

### Guest Speakers

**May 18th**

*Adan Hernandez  
& wife Karen & daughter Raquel  
There will be a noon  
Fellowship on May 18th.*

**May 25th**

*Shawn Paden & wife Jennifer,  
and family Mya, Seth & Gwenall*

**June 1st**

*Chris Moore & wife Vicki*

**May 25th**

Noon Fellowship

**May 23rd**

Evant Graduation

**May 26th**

Memorial Day

**June 1st**

Mission Sunday

**June 15th**

Father's Day

**June 20th**

First Day of Summer

### Thank You

It was a true blessing to share the precious Gospel of Christ with you this past Sunday. We were honored to meet you, Worship together, and enjoy fellowship in His name. Our prayers are with you, dear brothers and sisters in Christ, that God may continue to strengthen and guide you in your faithful service to Him.

In Christian Love,  
Gerald and Beverly Hardesty

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## Evant church of Christ

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**May 18, 2025**



*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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## ***How Can I?***

Barry Newton recalls a phone conversation...

The phone rang. On the other end was a familiar voice just beyond recognition. Then as he launched into asking, "How do I forgive myself?" I suddenly recalled his name and history.

"How can I forgive myself when I have wasted so many decades?"

Before I could even gather my thoughts he blurted out his current crisis. Even though his speech was not slurred, a slight bit of probing revealed what I feared. Alcohol was involved.

I've heard the ache and seen in people's eyes the pain arising from decades of destructive decisions.

The same satanic mantras tend to dominate those struggling with forgiving themselves:

"There is no hope for me!"

"God doesn't want me, I've done too much."

"I can't be forgiven."

"I will never be able to forgive myself."

Can a new future exist devoid of dragging along self-recrimination for past failures? \*

Thanks be to God, the answer to that last question is "Yes!"

The Good News (the Gospel) is that although each and every person has sinned and continues to fall short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23), God still loves us. He loves us so much that He gave His Son to die on the cross for our sins (John 3:16; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4).

Newton affirms: "As horrible and destructive as sin is, HOPE exists! Forgiveness is possible because Jesus' death can overcome sin's poison."

"In Him [Christ] we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our sins" (Ephesians 1:7). Yes, we have sinned. We all have. But the blood of Jesus is greater than our sin.

Jesus will save those who place their faith and trust in Him (Acts 16:30-31), turn from their sins in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confess Him before men (Romans 10:9-10), and are baptized (immersed) in His name for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38). He will continue to cleanse those who continue to walk in the light of His Word (1 John 1:7).

Newton declares: "Those who have relied upon Christ, must refuse to listen to how Satan would drag up the past to condemn what God has forgiven."

Won't YOU submit to the Savior so that you may have forgiveness and receive the gift of eternal life?

By David Sargent

## ***Don't Fall for It!***

Sometimes I don't know whether to laugh or cry. So many "friends" on social media keep falling for the same hoaxes that were debunked years ago. "Oh no! Facebook is going to start charging us for having an account!" Um, no, they aren't. They couldn't even if they wanted to, because you haven't given them your credit card number or your bank information. Somebody started the hoax, it went viral, and gullible people keep passing it on. (sigh)

The same thing happens in spiritual matters. Jesus warned that false christs would arise. "Then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or 'There!' do not believe it" (Matthew 24:23-24). His words came true in the first century AD and many were led astray. It still happens today, though less frequently.

John cautioned us to "test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world" (1 John 4:1). Just because someone says something with an air of authority doesn't make it true! Remember the noble Bereans who "received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so" (Acts 17:11).

It has been accurately stated that a lie, repeated often enough, becomes accepted as truth. Countless falsehoods are routinely treated as true today. For instance:

"Peter was the first Pope."

"The Catholic Church gave us the Bible."

"All you need to do to be saved is believe in Jesus."

"The denominations are branches on Jesus, the vine."

"We're all going to the same place but taking different roads."

Don't fall for it! Search the Scriptures! Know the truth!

By Joe Slater