

Those to Serve

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

Prayer List:

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

August 3rd

Mission Sunday

August 10th

Men's Business Meeting

August 31st

Noon Fellowship

September 1st

Labor Day

September 7th

Mission Sunday

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Happy Birthday

Keith Stifflemire July 22nd
Scotty Miller August 8th
Crickett Miller August 12th
Jack Wall August 20th
Cindi Wall August 26th
Robby Houts September 8th

Happy Anniversary

July 19th
Mike & Connie Mallett
July 25th
Jorge & Valerie Garza
August 30th
Scotty & Crickett Miller

Speaker

Rodney Carter
July 20,

You, Me, and The Bible

- You may understand the Bible and I may misunderstand it.
- I may understand it and you may misunderstand it.
- We may both misunderstand it – but differently.
- We may misunderstand it alike.
- However, we cannot both understand it – but differently.
- What kind of book would the Bible be if it said something to you that it didn't say to me?

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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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Triumph at Last

The Carnival cruise ship Triumph finally docked last night in Mobile, AL, after 5 days at sea without power due to an engine room fire. Passengers cheered as they got off the ship, completing a cruise that was designed to be both fun and relaxing but instead was marked by overflowing toilets, food shortages and foul odors.

The cruise began last Thursday from Galveston, Texas. It was scheduled to last until Monday, February 11, after sailing four days with stops at various vacation spots in the Gulf of Mexico. But on Sunday, February 10, a fire erupted in the engine room causing the ship to be stalled some 150 miles off Mexico's Yucatan peninsula. Towboats pulled the ship through the Gulf to Mobile. When the ship was brought to Mobile Bay, it still took six grueling hours and at least four towboats to navigate the 900 ft. vessel through the 30-odd-mile ship channel to dock.

"It was horrible, just horrible" said Maria Hernandez, 28, of Angleton, Texas, tears welling in her eyes as she talked about waking up to smoke in her lower-level room Sunday and the days of heat and stench to follow. She went on the cruise for a "girls trip" with friends. She said the group hauled mattresses to upper-level decks to escape the heat. "I just can't wait to be home," she said.

That reminds us: the cruise ship was not built to be "home" for anyone. It was designed to carry passengers on a temporary trip – hopefully, a pleasurable trip! Even though this trip turned out to be a disaster, passengers and crew could find – and are now enjoying – relief from the fact that the cruise ship was never intended to be their "home."

The same can be said of the world in which we live. God created the world to be inhabited, but not forever....

He designed it to sustain our lives for a period of time, but neither the world nor our physical bodies were made to last forever. He didn't create this world to be our eternal "home." He has something far better – eternal and "heavenly" – in mind (see John 14:1-6; Revelation 21).

"Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world — the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life — is not of the Father but is of the world. And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever" (1 John 2:15-17).

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Triumph at Last

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One day "both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up" (2 Peter 3:10). But God "so loved the world [i.e., the people in it], that He gave His only Son [Jesus], that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life" (John 3:16).

Our sin condemns us to a fate much worse than "a bad ride on a cruise ship" (see Matthew 7:13-14). But thanks be to God that because of Jesus we can be forgiven of our sins and receive the gift of eternal life to be enjoyed in our heavenly home!

God will forgive and give eternal life to those who: will place their faith and trust in Jesus (Acts 16:30-31), turn from their sins in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confess Jesus before men (Romans 10:9-10), and be baptized (immersed) into Christ for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38). He will continue to "cleanse" and make ready for Heaven, those who continue to follow His Word as a way of life (1 John 1:7).

Around 4,200 passengers and crew members are relieved that the Triumph finally made it back to shore. "But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory" –

the real triumph over sin and death – "through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Corinthians 15:57). By David Sargent

About Your Attendance

Preachers should never have to preach on attendance. It should be obvious that when a Christian does not care to attend all the services, his interest is elsewhere. It is foolish to assert that we have a passage which pronounces anathema on those who don't come on Sunday and Wednesday nights. We don't need one. All we need show is that interest and attendance are connected and that a person who is truly interested will attend.

Now you can try to explain that away all you want and when you are finished it will still say the same thing: a person who is able yet does not attend the services is not interested in what is going on at the services. Bring your excuses, pronounce your justifications, rationalize all you want. And when you are done, the parable of the sower will still affirm the same thing: prepared soil is the only kind which results in produce. -
by Dee Bowman