

Those to Serve

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

August 3rd

Mission Sunday

August 10th

Men's Business Meeting

August 31st

Noon Fellowship

September 1st

Labor Day

September 7th

Mission Sunday

September 28th

Noon Fellowship

Speaker

Chris Moore

July 27 & August 3

Quotes & Saying

- Anger is a letter short of danger.
- The Ten Commandments are not multiple choice.
- Ideas won't work unless you do.

Prayer List:

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

Happy Birthday

Scotty Miller August 8th

Crickett Miller August 12th

Jack Wall August 20th

Cindi Wall August 26th

Robby Houts September 8th

Vernon Houts September 24th

Happy Anniversary

July 25th

Jorge & Valerie Garza

August 30th

Scotty & Crickett Miller

October 2nd

Corey & Mattie Tackett

Ladies Day

**Train at Joy Payne's
home on
August 12th
10:00 am.**

You know what to bring.

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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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Worship _____

How do you describe what we do when we gather on Sundays? I suppose that most of the time, we just say that we are "going to worship" or that those are our "worship times."

But if you had to put a word after the word "worship" to describe what we do, what word would you choose? Probably, the main way we would fill in that blank would be to use the word "service." We might even announce that it is time for us to begin our worship service. Certainly, there is nothing wrong with that. It is an accurate term for what we are doing, as worship is meant to be in service to our heavenly Father.

But I want to suggest another word that means a lot to me, and that might further help us focus on what we are doing.

For about seven years, I worked with Andy Kizer in Haleyville, Alabama. He meant a lot to me as a very young man trying to learn the ins-and-outs of local ministry. Outside of my own family, he is likely the man whom I would consider my "mentor" in the ministry.

One thing that he used to say then--and still does--is in describing worship. It is not that he never said "worship service." He would from time-to-time. But it was not his main way of describing these periods of time. Instead, the vast majority of the time, he would refer to them as "worship privileges." If you think about it, that is actually quite profound.

To be allowed to worship the almighty God of the universe and to know how to do so in a way that pleases and honors Him truly is a privilege. We should not be allowed in His presence, but He seeks such (**cf. John 4:23-24**). We would never know how to approach Him in a pleasing way, but He has clearly told us how to do so and that He delights when we do. What a privilege!

For various reasons, though, we sometimes struggle or even fail to see worship for the privilege it is. We treat it as common. We decide other things are more important. We want to change how it is done. We are present physically but a million miles away mentally. We would rather stare at Facebook than sing to the Father. We find mundane things of this world more interesting than the glory of worshipping God.

When we act in these types of ways, it is obvious that we are not seeing worship for the true privilege it is. But, oh, how we should! To come before God should humble us deeply. To know we can please Him as we do should cause us great joy. And to be allowed to do so each week should cause us to realize what an amazing privilege worship truly is.

It is a worship service. There is no doubt about that. But may we never forget that it is also a worship privilege and reverently treat these times as such.

By Adam Faughn

The Road Less Traveled

Robert Frost's 1916 poem, "The Road Not Taken," is one of the most often quoted poems of all time. The poet speaks of two roads, each "just as fair," but the traveler chose one, concluding "I took the one less traveled by, And that has made all the difference." Frost indicated that most have misunderstood the poem. The choice was actually random—the traveler didn't know which was best. The difference wasn't from a wise choice, but a random choice.

In life, we often have to choose between two roads that seem equally good or bad. We don't know which road is better, because we cannot see the end of the road with either choice. We just have to choose. But what we must always remember is that when we choose the beginning of the road, we also choose the end of the road. That is why it is so important that we not only choose the right road in life, but that we periodically evaluate the road we are now on, to see if we should change roads.

Saul of Tarsus was on the road to Damascus to persecute Christians. He entered the city as a blind man, and exited as a follower of the Christ he persecuted. The Lord told Ananias, "Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel: For I will show him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake" (**Acts 9:15-16**). As Ananias taught him, Saul counted the cost (**Luke 14:28**) of starting on the road of service to Jesus Christ, and immediately obeyed when Ananias commanded him to be baptized (**Acts 22:16**).

Jesus warned that there are two ways—the broad way of the world and the narrow way of following Him. "Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it" (**Matthew 7:13-14**). The narrow way is definitely "the road less traveled." But it makes all the difference—not only in this life, but in the world to come. Are you on the right road today? Is it time for a change?

By Bob Prichard