

Those to Serve

(B) Doug Pruett
(FV) Judd Wall
(O) Jack Wall
(A) Jorge Garza
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

July 4th

Independence Day

July 6th

Mission Sunday

July 27th

Noon Fellowship

August 3rd

Mission Sunday

August 31st

Noon Fellowship

September 1st

Labor Day

September 7th

Mission Sunday

Happy Birthday

Kaylen Vann July 10th
Keith Stifflemire July 22nd
Scotty Miller August 8th
Crickett Miller August 12th
Jack Wall August 20th
Cindi Wall August 26th

Happy Anniversary

July 10th
Kevin & Judy Grant
July 11th
Michael & Sarah Flores
July 19th
Mike & Connie Mallett
July 25th
Jorge & Valerie Garza

July 13th

Kodie Martin
Rodney Carter
July 6th, July 9th
July 16
July 20, July 23rd
July 27th, July 30th

Virginia Lovell has a new
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**Updated Directory
on Back Table**

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Evant church of Christ

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July 6, 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 Do You Believe?

In spite of his wife's devotion to Christ which had made her a better wife, Andy remained stubbornly resistant to Christ. He was playfully antagonistic towards the faith and seemed to enjoy mocking the faith of his wife and her Christian friends. He saw no need to go to church or to engage in any of the activities Christians did. After all, he had been successful in his business not thanks to God. Besides, he personally witnessed bad things happening to good people. What kind of God would allow that?

This was the portrait of Andy they gave Troy. Troy arrived with a group of other Christians to help share the Gospel with family, friends, and the community in general. Andy came up in a conversation, and Troy felt compelled to at least try. Perhaps an "outsider" from the congregation might be able to get farther with Andy.

Andy and Troy seemed to hit it off at first. They seemed to enjoy a lot of the same things and had several things in common. Troy was much different than other Christians he had met. Troy seemed to be very down to earth and never talked down to him about God. Troy treated him as a fellow human being, not some inferior outsider. Troy even complimented him on his belief in God. Andy was not an Atheist, he just didn't think it was necessary to do all the stuff that those in his wife's church did. They seemed to go way overboard with their religion.

"Those Christians say they believe in God. I believe in God too. So what's the problem?" asked Andy. "That's great Andy, that you believe in God. I can tell you have a lot of integrity in not denying that all you see didn't just happen by chance," replied Troy. "Yes," said Andy, "I have never denied there is a God. But some of those people in that church keep trying to tell me that I am going to Hell, as if I am some sort of bad criminal or something. I do good, I'm not a bad person. And I believe in God." Andy said. Troy responded, "Andy, the question is not whether you believe in God or not. The question is HOW do you believe?"

As they engaged in further discussion, Andy began to soften. He hadn't considered any of this before. It was not just about belief, but how you are to believe. Instead of being antagonistic, Andy even began to ask honest questions. Troy, in his down to earth manner, did not lecture Andy, but listened intently to his questions, seeking to understand him, and guided him to find the answers for himself.

After their conversation, Andy read James 2 as Troy recommended. "Even the demons believe, and shudder." This really got Andy to thinking. This passage, along with Troy's assertion, "It's not just about whether you believe or not, but HOW you believe," kept replaying in his mind. He would spend a lot of time considering these words.

Several of the Christians were amazed that Andy was not adversarial or antagonistic like he normally was. Andy even came to church with his wife! Andy seemed to be moving in the right direction. He wasn't ready to commit to anything...yet. But his adversarial stance softened and now he was considering Christianity and what it really means to "believe."

By ***John Telgren***

Beyond Disappointing

In Hosea the Lord said His people are destroyed for lack of knowledge (4:6). In Romans, Paul said faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the words of Christ (10:17). In 2 Peter, Peter said the saints are to grow in knowledge, that is, knowledge of God's word. In 2 Corinthians, Paul wrote one does not walk by sight, but by faith (by God's word). In each of these passages we learn those who love the Lord are people/saints who know the Lord's will. They don't find reasons to not read, but instead make opportunities to read and learn.

No doubt, it is beyond disappointing for the Lord to see those who say they belong to Him fail in desiring to gain understanding of His will. Why would anyone operate in this way?

- 1) they don't like to read,
- 2) so many activity involvements,
- 3) not really redeemed, but Christian in name only.

It's not their lack of knowledge, but their lack of effort and even desire to gain knowledge.

When these people are put in stressful situations, they fail the Lord and themselves because they took no time to hear the Lord by reading His word, thus learning what can be and needs to be done. Will the Lord hear them when they call out? "Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me: For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the Lord" (Proverbs 1:28-29, KJV).

There is a correlation between this failure to learn and the exhortations from the Lord when He said many are called, but few are chosen AND why call me Lord when you do not hear me (Luke 6:46).

By ***Ron Thomas***