

Those to Serve

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

August 31st

Noon Fellowship

September 1st

Labor Day

September 7th

Mission Sunday

Grandparents Day

September 22nd

Autumn Begins

Hound Supper

August 30, 2025

You are invited to the

87th Annual

"Pecan Wells Hunt Supper"

Saturday August 30, 2025 at
the home of Joy Payne at

1085 FM 2005 Hamilton, TX.

The Club furnishes black pot
BBQ, sock coffee, tea & bread.

Guest are asked to bring a
veggie, dessert or salad. Also
for your comfort a folding chair
& table.

Prayer List:

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

Please add Bill & Dorothy Lewis to you Directory;

Bill & Dorothy Lewis
703 Nancy Ann
Hamilton, TX 76531
254-386-8683

Happy Birthday

Cindi Wall August 26th

Robby Houts September 8th

Vernon Houts September 24th

Judy Grant September 28th

Happy Anniversary

August 30th

Scotty & Crickett Miller

October 2nd

Corey & Mattie Tackett

August 29th

Get together at Lynette Vann's
house on Friday

August 29th at 6:00 pm.

Bring finger foods & Games.

Edifier

Evant church of Christ

310 W Brooks Drive

Evant, TX 76525

254-471-5705

August 24, 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:

Corey Tackett, Preacher

9:30 am Bible Study

903-851-1094

10:20 am Worship

Email: corey.tackett96@gmail.com

12:30 pm Afternoon

www.evantchurchofchrist.org

Wednesday Night

6:00 pm

Virtue Signaling

In today's culture, "virtue signaling" describes the act of making a public show of good behavior. Very often on social media, people virtue signal when they draw attention to their good and often politically correct behavior. So, rather than just living according to good moral principles, some really work to make sure others observe just how moral they are.

Jesus told the following parable in which one of two men were 'virtue signaling' by today's standards. *"Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank You that I am not like other men—extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.' And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."* **(Luke 18:10-14 NKJV)**

Did you notice that the Pharisee was extremely proud of himself? He talked to God about how wonderful he was, and about all the important things that he does on a regular basis. The tax collector recognized his position before God. He looked at himself from God's perspective, seeing himself as a lowly sinner in a lost and undone condition. Jesus stated that the tax collector was justified in the sight of God and not the self-righteous Pharisee who boasted about all his virtues.

Long before social media existed, Jesus warned, "Take heed that you do not do your charitable deeds before men, to be seen by them. Otherwise you have no reward from your Father in heaven... But when you do a charitable deed, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing" **(Matthew 6:1,3 NKJV)**. We ought not to get caught up trying to show others how great we are to "be seen by men." If that's our goal, then Jesus would say, "they have their reward." **(Matthew 6:5 NKJV)**

Our aim should be "...that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence." **(1 Tim. 2:2)** In doing this we will have a good influence on others as we "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven." **(Matthew 5:16 NKJV)** The goal is not to impress others with our religion, but to live in such a way that God is glorified.

In the end, God sees past the outward 'signal.' "For the Lord does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart." **(1 Samuel 16:7 NKJV)** If our service is genuine, then it will please Him, even if no one else notices. - by Josh McCord

Are You Living Up to Your Name ?

Nestled in the little New Testament book of Philemon is a wonderful jewel of example and instruction.

First, let's look at a little background. A Christian in Colossae by the name of Philemon owned a slave that had run away from him. Ending up in Rome, the slave, Onesimus, had become converted to Christ by the great apostle Paul **(v.10)**. Paul wrote to his friend Philemon encouraging him to now take Onesimus back.

And now the jewel. Paul writes to Philemon of Onesimus that he was "once was unprofitable to you, but now is profitable to you and to me" **(v.11)**. The jewel is learned when we understand what the name "Onesimus" means. In the Greek it literally means "profitable" or "useful." If I may paraphrase Paul, he was saying, "Onesimus is now living up to his name." Onesimus had become a Christian and was now useful to God and to the church.

Christian, are you living up to your name? The word "Christian" literally means "belongs to Christ." In everything that you do, every decision you make, every word that you speak, and every place that you are seen, are you living up to that holy name that bears the identity of Christ? Do you show the dark world the light of Christ in your conduct, character, and conversation? The reputation we gain calls attention to the name we profess. Do all know that you belong to Jesus Christ?"

- A good name is to be chosen rather than riches" **(Pro. 22:1)**"
- And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus..." **(Col. 3:17)**
- "Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this matter." **(1 Pet. 4:16)**
- "Do they not blaspheme that noble name by which you are called?" **(Jas.2:7)**

By Edd Sterchi