

### Those to Serve

(B) Doug Pruett  
(FV) Jack Wall  
(O) Judd Wall  
(A) Calvin Burks  
1st prayer Keith Stifflemire  
2nd prayer John Jones  
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

### *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*

**August 30th**

**Scotty & Crickett Miller**

**October 2nd**

**Corey & Mattie Tackett**

### Prayer List:

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

### *Ladies Day*

Train at Joy Payne's home on  
August 12th  
10:00 am.  
You know what to bring.

### *'Tain't*

- 'Tain't what we have,  
But what we give,
- Tain't what we are,  
But how we live;
- 'Tain't what we do,  
But how we do it—
- That makes this life worth  
going through it!

### On the Lighter Side

**Wife:** "I love you."

**Husband:** "I love you too."

**Wife:** "Prove it. Scream it to the world!"

**Husband:** (whispers in her ear)  
"I love you."

**Wife:** "Why'd you whisper to me?"

**Husband:** "Because *you* are my world."

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## ***Evant church of Christ***

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***August 3, 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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## ***An Ancient Description of Christians***

The following quotation is from a letter written by a Christian who lived sometime in the second or third centuries:

*"For Christians are not distinguished from the rest of mankind either in locality or in speech or in customs. For they dwell not somewhere in cities of their own, neither do they use some different language, nor practice an extraordinary kind of life. Nor again do they possess any invention discovered by any intelligence or study of ingenious men, nor are they masters of any human dogma as some are. But while they dwell in cities of Greeks and barbarians as the lot of each is cast, and follow native customs in dress and food and the other arrangements of life, yet the constitution of their own citizenship, which they set forth, is marvelous, and confessedly contradicts expectation. They dwell in their own countries, but only as sojourners; they bear their share in all things as citizens, and they endure all hardships as strangers. Every foreign country is a fatherland to them, and every fatherland is foreign. They marry like all other men and beget children; but they do not cast away their offspring. They have their meals in common, but not their wives. They find themselves in the flesh, and yet live not after the flesh. Their existence is on earth, but their citizenship is in heaven. They obey the established laws, and they surpass the laws in their own lives. They love all men, and they are persecuted by all. They are ignored, and yet they are condemned. They are put to death, and yet they are endued with life. They are in beggary, and yet they make many rich. They are in want of all things, and yet they abound in all things. They are dishonored, and yet they are glorified in their dishonor. They are evil spoken of, and yet they are vindicated. They are reviled, and they bless; they are insulted, and they respect. Doing good they are punished as evil-doers; being punished they rejoice, as if they were thereby quickened to life. War is waged against them as aliens by the Jews, and persecution is carried on against them by the Greeks, and yet those that hate them cannot tell the reason for their hostility."*

This quotation is taken from "The Epistle to Diognetus," paragraph 5. It is accepted as authentic, and its author is classified as a Christian. It is obvious that it was not easy to be a Christian in his day. Count your blessings, and daily ask yourself if you are really being a Christian. -

**by Bill Crews**

## ***Is it a Tail a Leg?***

Several years ago, I came across this story that originally appeared in Bits and Pieces.

"Once, when a stubborn disputer seemed unconvinced, Lincoln said, "Well, let's see how many legs has a cow?" "Four, of course," came the reply disgustedly. "That's right," agreed Lincoln. "Now suppose you call the cow's tail a leg; how many legs would the cow have?" "Why, five, of course," was the confident reply. "Now, that's where you're wrong," said Lincoln. "Calling a cow's tail a leg doesn't make it a leg."

This is exactly what is happening around us every day. What was once considered immoral is now considered moral and vice versa.

Instead of homosexuals or sodomites, there are now "gays" and "alternative lifestyles." Instead of adultery, there is "having an affair." Humility, which was once considered a character strength, is now beginning to be seen as a weakness. There is no longer a standard for what is right, decent, or just. If we are not careful, both our kids and ourselves could gradually begin to think in similar terms. If you don't believe me, take a look at how the terminology has changed even in the church. The word "lost" or "sinner" has been replaced with "un-churched" or "non-Christian." True discipleship is seen as extraordinary rather than normative. Christians are often called "members of the church" rather than "disciples." Some see "ministry" as the job of professionals rather than a lifestyle for every believer. And the list goes on.

Biblical truth, not our culture, should form how we see God's world and our place in it (**Rom 12:2**). This takes effort, but it is necessary. A.W. Tozer once wrote, "The unattended garden will soon be overrun with weeds; the heart that fails to cultivate truth and root out error will shortly be a theological wilderness."

**John Telgren**