

### Those to Serve

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

### August 31st

Noon Fellowship

### September 1st

Labor Day

### September 7th

Mission Sunday

Grandparents Day

### September 22nd

Autumn Begins

*We would like to thank  
**Joy Payne** for opening up her  
home Saturday night and  
Inviting everyone to the annual  
"Pecan Wells Hunt Supper"*

### **And**

*We would also like to thank  
**Lynette Vann** for opening up  
her home Friday night for the  
fellowship together.*

Please add **Mike & Cathy  
Mehaffey** to the members  
section of you directory as they  
place membership with Evant  
church of Christ last Sunday

### 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  
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### *Happy Birthday*

**Robby Houts September 8th**  
**Vernon Houts September 24th**  
**Judy Grant September 28th**  
**Autumn Vann September 29th**  
**Judd Wall October 10th**  
**Dalton Vann October 18th**  
**Kyle Stifflemire October 21st**  
**Mike Mallett October 21st**

### *Happy Anniversary*

**August 30th**  
**Scotty & Crickett Miller**  
**October 2nd**  
**Corey & Mattie Tackett**  
**October 15th**  
**Terry & Haley Day**  
**October 18th**  
**Robby & Rachel Houts**

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## Evant church of Christ

310 W Brooks Drive

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**August 31, 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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## Don't Let your Imperfections Stop You

I've heard it said that the most detrimental thing to our Christian witness is when we as a body do not get along with each other. Jesus himself said, ***"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another (John 13:34-35)."***

Love is to be a distinguishing mark of a true disciple of Christ. As a matter in fact, when John warning the church about false teachers, love was among the "tests" for the false teacher. In addition to confession of Christ as coming in the flesh, he also goes on to say this,

***"Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love (1 John 4:7-8)."***

John also uses love as one of the self-tests to see whether we are walking with God.

***"Little children, let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth. We will know by this that we are of the truth, and will assure our heart before Him (1 John 3:18-19)."***

Love is not some sidebar, it is the central command of the Christian faith. When we truly love one another as Christ loved us, that gives legitimacy to our testimony.

But what if we have problems with each other? Does that keep us from reaching out to the lost? Can we really reach out to the lost if there are problems in the body? Should that be a reason not to reach out to the lost?

I'm reminded of churches such as the church in Corinth that was riddled with problems. When you consider all the problems they had, it makes your head swim. Thank God problems we have had have not been anything on the level of what was going on in Corinth. Did their problems excuse them from preaching the Gospel to the lost? Of course not. Paul concludes his letter by reminding them of the Gospel in 1 Corinthians 15. Then he tells them this, ***"Therefore my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord (1 Cor 15:58)."***

How encouraging! Paul didn't excuse their problems. Neither did he tell them to get it near perfect before teaching the lost. He told them not to give up because their toil is not in vain.

God causes the increase. Growth comes in spite of us, and because of God (1 Cor 3:1-9). Let's never let our imperfections and shortcomings keep us from doing what God calls us to do. Let's continue to focus on being servants and bearers of good news. When we are idle, problems will start to follow. When we are busy, we grow. Don't get tired or discouraged! **By John Telgren**

## A Trip to the Hardware Store

I was needing some plumbing parts a few days ago. Those of you that follow my blog know that plumbing is not a major part of my skill set. But the task before me was rather simple, so I took a trip to the local hardware store. The store is a gigantic one that stocks everything from adhesives to zip ties and the plumbing supplies are all the way in the back of the store.

I'm not able to walk long distances without having to sit down and rest, so I dread visiting this store. I appreciate the stores that offer electrified shopping carts for the handicapped and rarely shop in places that don't. This particular store only offers two electric carts plus a couple of manual wheelchairs. This particular day both electric carts were in use. I needed the plumbing supplies, so I reluctantly decided to use one of the manual chairs.

While slowly pushing myself back to the plumbing section, I passed another patron riding one of the two electric carts. I didn't say anything, but my mind was grumbling about it. Mostly it was about the store offering only two carts, but a little bit of my ire was directed at the other guy as well. I wasn't a happy camper.

Moments later the other guy turned around and pulled up beside me. "Want to trade chairs?" he asked. I was dumbfounded. Why would this fellow want to push himself around in a rickety old manual wheelchair? It turned out that he was on his way to the checkouts and saw me struggling along. I eagerly traded carts with him and thanked him profusely. What a nice gesture! My bad mood instantly turned to one of happy gratitude.

Do kind things for others whenever you can, you'll brighten their day. ***"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me." - Matthew 25:35-40***

By the way, I completed my plumbing job with no problems whatsoever. That's a first!

By Alan Graff