

Those to Serve

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

September 7th

Mission Sunday
Grandparents Day

September 14th

Men's Business Meeting

September 22nd

Autumn Begins

September 28th

Noon Fellowship

October 5th

Mission Sunday

Quote

"Nations do not die from
invasion; they die from
internal rottenness."
~ Abraham Lincoln

Proof That God Governs

More than 200 years ago, Benjamin Franklin stood before the Constitutional Convention and said, "I have lived, Sir, a long time and the longer I live the more convincing proof I see of this truth: that God governs the affairs of men. If a sparrow cannot fall without His notice, is it possible that an empire can rise without His aid?"

Prayer List:

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

Happy Anniversary

October 2nd

Corey & Mattie Tackett

October 15th

Terry & Haley Day

October 18th

Robby & Rachel Houts

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

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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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Secret Things

Recently, in the high school class, we were studying Luke's account of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. **Luke 19:28-34** details that Jesus sent two disciples to go find a colt that was tied in which nobody had ever sat upon before. The disciples were to find this colt and bring it back to Jesus. The colt would be used for Jesus to ride upon into Jerusalem.

It's interesting that Jesus told these two disciples that if anyone were to ask what they were doing with the colt, they were to respond, "The Lord has need of it." This did in fact happen, as they were untying the colt, the owners approached and asked what they were doing. Several questions come to mind when reading this passage. Who were the owners of the colt? Surely there was some dialogue there between themselves and Jesus' disciples. Perhaps they were believers in Jesus and didn't ask any further questions and being told the Lord needed their colt. Have you ever thought about whether Jesus returned the colt to them? The Bible details that Jesus was received like a war hero returning from battle. He rode into Jerusalem on this colt while his disciples were spreading articles of clothing on the road along with palm branches, but there's no details provided about whether the colt was returned to the owners or not.

The Bible does not record every historical detail, and for some, that's very troubling. However, the fact remains that the purpose of God's Word is not to satisfy all our curiosities. In fact, it wouldn't be practical for us to have every historical detail recorded. The apostle John put it this way, "And there are also many other things that Jesus did, which if they were written one by one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that would be written." (**John 21:25 NASB**)

Although some unanswered questions are intriguing to us, we should spend more time focusing on what has been revealed to us rather than what has not. Moses said, "The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but those things which are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law." (**Deuteronomy 29:29 NASB**) We need to accept that there are some 'secret things' that continue to belong to God. He has revealed many things to us and has chosen to not reveal many other things. So, rather than insisting that we have the answer to every question we can imagine, we need to accept that "...His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness..." (**2 Peter 1:3 NASB**). Rather than focusing on the unknown, we can have peace in our lives because the God who knows all, has given us exactly what we need to live godly lives. - **by Josh McCord**

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**