

Those to Serve

(B) Mike Mehaffey
(FV) Doug Pruett
(O) Jack Wall
(A) Calvin Burks
1st prayer Mike Mehaffey
2nd prayer Calvin Burks
Announcements: Jack Wall
Singing: Kevin Grant

October 26th

Noon Fellowship

November 2nd

Mission Sunday

Daylight Savings

November 4th

Election Day

November 11th

Veterans Day

November 27th

Thanksgiving Day

December 7th

Mission Fund

1 Thessalonians 5:14-15: KJV

¹⁴ Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be patient toward all men.

¹⁵ See that none render evil for evil unto any man; but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all men.

Prayer List:

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

Happy Anniversary

October 18th

Robby & Rachel Houts

Happy Birthday

Dalton Vann October 18th

Kyle Stifflemire October 21st

Mike Mallett October 21st

Haley Day October 21st

Ruby Jones October 24th

Sharon Boatwright October 27th

Valerie Garza Nov. 1st

Tammy Burks Nov. 3rd

Jorge Garza Nov. 12th

Theresa Pruett Nov. 14th

Quotes & Sayings

- "You must remember that some things legally right are not morally right."
~ Abraham Lincoln
- "Nearly all men can stand adversity, but if you want to test a man's character, give him power." ~ Abraham Lincoln

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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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Expressions & Impressions

Are you approachable? It is likely each of us can say, "Yes, I am approachable. Why do you ask?" It was not long ago that I heard a sister say to the preacher, "You're approachable." This is an interesting remark. Is the case that some in the congregation, perhaps Bible class teachers, other saints, elders are not? Perhaps. On the other hand, maybe all that was meant is the preacher is approachable and easy to talk to.

Are you judgmental? Some time back, a good way in fact, I heard a person say of an elder, "He is judgmental!" The context of that remark had to do with "Let us not approach him lest we be given a judgmental lecture about how we have done this or that wrong." The idea behind the word "judgmental" is negative in just about every use of the word. We all have a standard by which we live and judge. Most of the time the standard is of our own making, but the standard by which we live and judge is to be the Lord's. Then, putting that into practice, we form our opinions along with our experiences into a firm decree by which we live. When that decree by which I live is compelled on another person without them asking for it, I become judgmental. I have learned long ago this is a recipe for separation.

Again, not too long ago, I heard a brother say that when something was introduced into his mind, say some failings or struggle that belongs to a particular saint, the brother who is told this information – told because there is a desire to receive help to overcome – the brother told now can't get the impression from the mind. Consequently, whenever the struggling one presents him or herself to the preacher, the impression made is the only image seen. The preacher now has to get over the hurdle to be of any help, while the one needing help does not realize the extra height that needs to be scaled.

Have you come across a saint who mumbles much, says nothing in the mumbling worth hearing, but is judgmental in the saying of it? I have. Rather disappointing. Murmuring/mumbling destroyed the nation of Israel (**1 Cor. 10:9-10**) and it destroys the saint who engages in the same.

This goes a long way to solving all of the above: "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honorable, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things" (**Phil. 4:8**).

Each of us should put it into practice.

By Ron Thomas

Virtue

Peter instructs us that we must "add to your faith virtue" (**2 Peter 1:5**). What is this "virtue," and how do we manifest it?

Thayer says that virtue is a word that could be used to describe any kind of excellence in a person or thing. When used of a person, it might denote a quality of body or mind. But, when used in the ethical sense, Thayer says it specifically means "moral goodness or excellence." Another commentator suggests that it is "courage . . . a resolute determination to do what is right . . . steadfast strength of will to choose always the good part." (Caffin)

How do we demonstrate this "moral courage?" What will be the signs that we are "adding to our faith virtue?" Numerous examples can be found in the Word of God. Famous heroes of the faith displayed virtue. Noah did in the matter of living faithfully in the midst of an entirely wicked world. Abraham did when he left the comforts of home to obey God, and later when he was willing to offer his own son at God's command. Moses did when he chose "rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season" (**Hebrews 11:25**).

However, most of us will not find ourselves in the momentous situations of a Noah, Abraham or Moses. Instead, we will be faced with the constant challenges of our every day lives. It is interesting that one of the most familiar uses of this terminology is found in application to a woman. In **Proverbs 31** the "virtuous woman" is described. Hers was not the work of a soldier in battle, or that of a famous prophet standing up for truth and righteousness. Instead, we read of her faithfully fulfilling her role as a wife and mother. It was her God given job, and she did it well. She was "virtuous."

Christian, will you courageously do what is right regardless of the consequences? Will you show "moral excellence" in how you talk, act, dress, etc.? Will you take your stand -- always -- with those who are faithfully doing the will of God? It will not always be popular or easy, but when you do you will be showing "virtue." Think! -

by Greg Gwin