

### Those to Serve

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

#### October 5th

Mission Sunday

#### October 12th

Men's Business Meeting

#### October 13th

Columbus day

#### October 26th

Noon Fellowship

#### November 2nd

Mission Sunday

Daylight Savings

#### November 11th

Veterans Day

### Quotes & Sayings

- "People that pay for things never complain. It's the guy you give something to that you can't please."
- "The problem ain't what people know. It's what people know that ain't so that's the problem."  
Will Rogers

### Prayer List:

Mike Mallett  
Valerie Garza  
Virgina 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

**Judd Wall October 10th**

**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**

**"Big thanks to Ruby Jones  
for welcoming us into her  
home for the annual Soupín'  
and Fellowship! Everyone  
had a great time!"**

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## Evant church of Christ

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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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## ***A Matter of the Heart***

Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life (**Proverbs 4:23**).

Have you heard about the broken clock hanging on a wall of a church building? A sign below it said, “Don’t blame my hands; the trouble lies on the inside.”

The same is true for you and me. Our feet take us places we shouldn’t go. Our hands do things we ought not do. Our mouths utter wicked words. Why? Is something wrong with our feet, hands, and mouths? No, the problem lies deeper.

Jesus said, “For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks” (**Matthew 12:34**). Hear the Master again: “For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies” (**Matthew 15:19**). Are these actions sinful on their own merits? Indeed! Nobody even remotely familiar with the Bible would argue otherwise. Yet the outward act does not constitute the whole problem.

In the sermon on the mount, Jesus repeatedly showed that God is concerned not only with the outward behavior (good or bad), but with the condition of the heart which motivates it. That is true of murder (**Matthew 5:21-26**), adultery (**5:27-32**), honesty (**5:33-37**), and acts of worship and service such as charitable giving, prayer, and fasting (**6:1-18**). God disapproves of sinful acts, but He also disapproves of the corrupt hearts that produce them. He wants us to obey Him, but also to have pure motives.

“The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked” (**Jeremiah 17:9**). Such is the Lord’s estimation of the human heart. How, then, can we guard our hearts so that our actions are acceptable to God? The apostle Paul taught that we must be careful with our thinking. The world is awash in vulgar, trashy, ugly, ungodly material with which we might occupy our minds. We might meditate about things immoral, things that make us angry, wrongs we have suffered, and past failures. By contrast, Paul says, “whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy – meditate on these things” (**Philippians 4:8**).

There is an old computer saying: G-I-G-O – it stands for “garbage in, garbage out.” Whatever you feed into your mind and allow to stay there will come back out in words and deeds. Remember, it’s a matter of the heart.

**By Joe Slater**

## ***Those In High Places***

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high places, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. (2 Timothy 2:1-2 ESV)

I recently attended a meeting in which a local law enforcement official was the guest speaker. The few minutes of formal sharing of information, as well as in answering of questions were valuable and seemed to me to be time well-spent. I would like to share some observations gleaned from that time together.

Most law enforcement officers seem to be sincere and hard-working men and women. They care about our community and want to do all they can to help us. They also care about moral principles and desire to stick to them in this community. The request for prayer, uttered in our meeting, impressed me and encouraged me to think more and more about the verse printed at the beginning of this article.

Beverage alcohol is a menace. Though many people were concerned about increase in DUI arrests when our county went “wet,” that particular thing has not increased as much as another problem. Domestic violence incidents and arrests have increased dramatically, according to our local official. Vital relationships are harmed, not enhanced by the presence of alcohol. Are revenues raised through alcohol sales worth the dissolution of relationships and infliction of physical harm? The poignant truth of Proverbs 20:1 still rings in our ears: “Wine is a mocker, strong drink a brawler, and whoever is led astray by it is not wise.”

Law enforcement officers cannot “do it all.” In order for law enforcement to be effective, the vast majority of the citizen ship must be cooperative. Christians should be the best citizens of a county, city, state and country. When we obey the laws and support the punishment of law-breakers, we keep the law of God (Romans 13:1-4).

In times of chaos throughout our country, the corruption of some law enforcement officers and higher officials, let us praise and support the good ones. Let us pray for all of them. Let us be the best citizens we can be.

**By Lance Cordle**