

Those to Serve

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

December 6th

Christmas Party, Michele Jones

December 7th

Mission Fund
Pearl Harbor Day

December 14th

Men's Business Meeting

December 21st

Winter Begins

December 25th

Christmas Day

December 31st

New Year's Eve

January 4th

Mission Sunday

Happy Birthday

Wanda Kitchens Nov. 27th

Linda Houts Nov. 28th

Terry Day Nov. 30th

Sarah Flores Dec. 7th

Crystal Vann Dec. 11th

Lynette Vann Dec. 14th

Brady Vann Dec. 18th

Virginia Lovell Dec. 19th

Kevin Grant Dec. 24th

Prayer List:

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

Happy Anniversary

December 31st

Steve & Carmen Sugg

January 1st

Judd & Denise Wall

January 26th

Doug & Theresa Pruett



December 6th

5:30 PM

Christmas Party
at Michele Jones
home in Hamilton.

We will be having a Mexican
stack up. There will be a sign
up list in the foyer.

Also, each person please bring
a \$10 gift for the Chinese
Christmas exchange.

Edifier

Evant church of Christ

310 W Brooks Drive

Evant, TX 76525

254-471-5705

November 30, 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

Corey Tackett, Preacher

903-851-1094

Email: corey.tackett96@gmail.com

www.evantchurchofchrist.org

When Should We Deal With Controversial Issues?

There are only two times when it is proper to deal with controversial subjects in the church: **(1)** when the church is bothered with them, and **(2)** when it is not. That may sound a bit "corny" but it is just plain fact. The philosophy that we should never trouble trouble until trouble troubles us may sound reasonable, but it is borne out neither in scripture nor history.

Religious controversy is prima face evidence of error. It does not always mean that one side is right and the other wrong, for both may be wrong. But it is a singular fact that both cannot be right because truth never contradicts truth. That means that all Christians must dust off their Bibles and find out just what is the truth. Paul admonished, "Be not unwise but understanding what the will of the Lord is" **(Eph. 5:17)**. So there is no room for the excuse, "Well I just can't understand." If both can't be right, then every Christian is duty-bound to find out which one is, or if either is.

Religious error is like a physical disease, as long as it exists anywhere in the world, it poses an insidious danger to Christians everywhere in the world. Error is like a disease. It does not usually remain confined to one particular area. It has cousins, uncles, aunts, grandparents, grand children, and even good friends, and through them it may travel right to our front door (it often uses the back door!) and creeps in unawares **(Jude 3)**. Paul spoke of false teachers' words as eating like a cancer **(2 Tim 2:17)**: "And their word will eat as doth a canker: of whom is Hymenaeus and Philetus." (Don't fail to notice that Paul called the names of the false teachers, those spreading the disease. This is important to know so they can be quarantined!)

The world would have been dead from smallpox long ago had every community waited to vaccinate its citizens until it had an outbreak of the disease. The basic theory of immunization is to vaccinate before the disease strikes. The same thing holds true with pernicious religious error. Paul warned the Ephesian elders of dangers that lay ahead, **Acts 20:28-29**. "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood. For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock."

The church or the preacher that delays dealing with error until it strikes really is sacrificing many to the error; for often, once it strikes it is too late to save some. History proves human pride makes it difficult to reverse a commitment. All Christians have a responsibility to stand for truth and against all error. Preachers must guard that which is committed to their trust **(1 Tim. 6:20)** and elders are with sound doctrine to exhort and convince the gainsayers **(Tit. 1:9)**. He who will not defend the truth is out of harmony with God's word, and fails to honor his trust.

- by James P. Needham

The Art of Happiness

You can't pursue happiness and catch it. Happiness comes upon you unaware while you are helping others. As the Hindu said, "Help thy brother's boat across, and lo! Thine own has reached the shore."

Happiness does not depend upon a full pocketbook, but a mind full of thoughts that are rich and heart full of rich emotions.

Happiness does not depend upon what happens outside of you but on the inside of you; it is measured by the spirit in which you meet the problems of life.

Happiness is a state of mind. Lincoln once said, "We are as happy as we make up our minds to be." Happiness doesn't come from doing what we like to do, but from liking what we have to do. Happiness comes from putting our hearts into our work and doing it with joy and enthusiasm. It does not come from doing easy work, but it is the afterglow of satisfaction that comes from the achievement of a difficult task that demands our best.

Happiness grows of harmonious relationships with others based on attitude of good will, tolerance, understanding and love. It comes from keeping constructively busy.

Happiness is found in little things: a baby's smile, a letter from a friend, a kind word, the beauty of nature.

The master secret of happiness is to meet the challenge of each new day with serene faith that "all things work together for good to them that love God" and to prove our love for good to them that love God" and to prove our love for God as we give help and encouragement to our fellowman.