

Those to Serve

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

December 14th

Men's Business Meeting

December 21st

Winter Begins

December 25th

Christmas Day

December 31st

New Year's Eve

January 4th

Mission Sunday

January 11th

Men's Meeting

January 25th

Noon Fellowship

February 1st

Mission Sunday

Happy Birthday

Lynette Vann Dec. 14th

Brady Vann Dec. 18th

Virginia Lovell Dec. 19th

Kevin Grant Dec. 24th

Joy Payne Jan. 3rd

Lindy Burks Feb. 14th

Corey Tackett Feb. 20th

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

Quotes & Saying

- "If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader."
~ **John Quincy Adams**
- "The truth was that all men having power ought to be distrusted to a certain degree." ~ **James Madison**
- "I know that the Lord is always on the side of the right. But it is my constant anxiety and prayer that I and this nation should be on the Lord's side."
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:

Corey Tackett, Preacher

9:30 am Bible Study

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10:20 am Worship

Email: corey.tackett96@gmail.com

12:30 pm Afternoon

www.evantchurchofchrist.org

Wednesday Night

6:00 pm

The Lost Art of Encouragement

In a world filled with information overload and busy lives, encouragement has quietly become a lost art. Yet in the Bible, it is one of the most powerful tools Christians can use. When we think of encouragement, a Bible Character that comes to mind is Barnabas, the “son of encouragement” (**Acts 4:36**). His life shows us that encouragement is not a small gesture; it is a necessary spiritual work. He was a “good man, and full of the Holy Spirit, and of faith” (**Acts 11:24**). One of the most commendable things Barnabas did was, he sold land he owned and gave the money to the apostles for the aid of those in need (**Acts 4:37**).

Barnabas encouraged others by standing up for what is right when others were hesitant. He stood beside Saul as he was trying to join himself to the church in Jerusalem and all the disciples were afraid of him (**Acts 9:26–27**). Barnabas also helped John Mark get a second chance when Paul was ready to move on without him in (**Acts 15:36–39**). Barnabas showed a willingness to lift others up, and his actions played a key role in the work of the church. Barnabas was sent by the church in Jerusalem to encourage the brethren at Antioch. When Barnabas arrived in Antioch, he “was glad, and encouraged them all, that with purpose of heart they should continue with the Lord” (**Acts 11:23**).

Today, our words and actions can have that same impact. A simple note, a sincere compliment, a prayer for someone, a quiet “I’m glad you’re here,” or even a word of encouragement on a difficult day may seem small, but there is immense value in these small acts. Encouragement is powerful because it strengthens weary hearts, renews motivation, and reminds others they are not alone. The church needs people today that will encourage others by teaching sound doctrine, by living moral lives, and by their enthusiasm in doing the will of God. The church needs people who enjoy helping others and instructing their children about God. The church also needs the older members to teach those who are younger about how important and gratifying it is to be a child of God. The church needs younger Christians that are unafraid to stand against immorality and ungodliness in the world today. We all need encouragement to keep on keeping on!

Hebrews 3:13 tells us to “exhort one another daily.” That means encouragement is not optional, it is part of who we should be as God’s people. We need Christians to build us up and encourage us on the journey as we work toward heaven. Barnabas is a notable example of one who was an encouragement in many ways. We do not have to sell land to give to the poor, or take someone on a preaching trip like Barnabas, but there are small ways that we can absolutely help others. Are you being an encouragement to others? Are you looking for ways to develop the attitude of an encourager? If not, why not?

by Josh McCord

Unlawful Attitudes

Last week I stopped at a three-way stop at about the same time as two other cars. I waited for them to go and before I could enter the intersection, two other cars ran the two stop signs. This was new to me. On many occasions, people have run a stop sign at this particular intersection, but never, until last week, did two people run through the intersection unlawfully at the same time. It made me think about our society. Evidently this type of unlawful activity is becoming popular. May I suggest some reasons why this is probably the case?

1. People have a lack of respect for the law and for authority. Their motto seems to be: “If I’m not caught then who cares.” Of course such an attitude toward unlawful activity is a violation of the word of God. Peter said, “Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord’s sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme; or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well” (**1 Peter 2:13-14**).

2. People have a lack of respect for their fellowman. Jesus taught, “Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets” (**Matthew 7:12**). These same rude and inconsiderate people would get upset if someone did the same thing to them. Or even more likely, they might have a wreck in the intersection and possibly hurt someone.

3. Many people are so selfish that they simply do whatever pleases them. They are the standard and whatever benefits them is best! This is the opposite attitude of a Christian. Paul said, “Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others” (**Phil. 2:3-4**).

4. Many people simply do not fear God. They are not concerned about pleasing Him, and they have no desire to obey His commandments. How sad that people are so selfish, so disrespectful, and so rebellious toward God and toward authority, and toward their fellowman. May we always remember the admonition of Solomon. “Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil” (**Ecclesiastes 12:13-14**).

Let us always respect the law, respect our fellowman, and especially respect and reverence the Almighty God. “And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect” (**Gen.17:1**).

By Dan C. Bailey