

Those to Serve

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

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

February 16th

President's Day

February 22nd

Noon Fellowship

Happy Birthday

Virginia Lovell Dec. 19th

Kevin Grant Dec. 24th

Joy Payne Jan. 3rd

Lindy Burks Feb. 14th

Corey Tackett Feb. 20th

Eloisa Garza March 2nd

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 & Sayings

- "One useless man is a shame, two is a law firm, and three is a Congress."
John Adams
- "No book in the world deserves to be so unceasingly studied, and so profoundly meditated upon as the Bible."
~ John Quincy Adams
- "It is the responsibility of the citizens to support their government. It is not the responsibility of the government to support its citizens."
Grover Cleveland

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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

903-851-1094

10:20 am Worship

Email: corey.tackett96@gmail.com

12:30 pm Afternoon

www.evantchurchofchrist.org

Wednesday Night

6:00 pm

Identifying False Teachers and Avoiding Fellowship with Them

Through every generation of God's people, one warning has remained the same: beware of false teachers. This danger is not new. It reaches all the way back to the garden of Eden (**Genesis 3**), and it continues because the devil continues his work. Yet in our time, many seem strangely hesitant to speak plainly about error. Some think it is "unkind," "harsh," or "unloving" to identify false teachers and take the actions the Scriptures command. But the Bible speaks with unmistakable clarity.

Paul told the elders at Ephesus that "grievous wolves" would arise—some from outside, some from inside—"speaking perverse things" and drawing disciples away (**Acts 20:29–30**). Peter warned that false teachers would secretly bring in destructive heresies (**2 Peter 2:1**). John urged Christians to "test the spirits" because many false teachers had already gone out into the world (**1 John 4:1**). These are not theoretical dangers. They are warnings from God about real threats to real souls.

One of Satan's most effective tactics has always been to blur the lines. If he can convince us that error is "not that serious," or that exposing it is somehow contrary to love or unity, he has already won half the battle. But God does not leave us guessing. **Romans 16:17** commands us to "mark" those who cause divisions by teaching things "contrary to the doctrine which you have learned"—and to "avoid them." **Ephesians 5:11** tells us to "have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather to expose them." **And 2 John 9–11** warns that the one who simply encourages a false teacher becomes a "partaker" in his evil works.

Some recoil at such plain teaching. They insist, "Just preach the truth and leave everything else alone." But preaching the truth includes warning about error. When Christians refuse to identify false teaching—whether about salvation, worship, morality, or any other Bible subject—they fail in their God-given duty to contend for the faith (**Jude 3**).

Why does all this matter so much? Because souls are at stake. False doctrine destroys. It turns people away from Christ (**Galatians 1:6–9**), undermines faith (**2 Timothy 2:16–18**), and leads to eternal ruin. If we truly love God, love truth, and love souls, we will not speak vaguely or timidly. We will plainly identify error, mark those who teach it, refuse fellowship with them, and stand firmly on the side of truth.

Silence is not kindness. Fellowship with error is not unity. Real love—and real obedience—compel us to hold fast to the truth and boldly warn against anything that threatens it.

by Greg Gwin

It's Beginning To Look A Lot Like Christmas

It never ceases to amaze me that Christmas seems to come earlier every year. This year before Labor Day, Christmas items were on display in stores. Why is this so? Why is the Christmas season seemingly coming earlier every year?

For retailers, the main reason is: MONEY! Sales at Christmas time exceed the sales earlier in the year. The Friday after Thanksgiving is called the biggest shopping day of the year. Some have referred to that day as "Black Friday."

There are some aspects of the Christmas season that have nothing to do with the presents and the prices. The joy that permeates this season gives everybody a real boost. Joy is one of those fruits of the Spirit that Paul mentions in **Gal. 5:22**. The happiness Christmas brings to many is simply beautiful.

I have seen joy already in some people. As travel plans are made and gifts are purchased, joy is behind all that is being done. This joy needs to be extended to the rest of the year.

Christ is all about joy. When the angel appeared to the shepherds in the field when Christ was born, he announced, "I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people." (**Lk. 2:10 NKJV**) The gospel message ought to bring joy to everyone.

The joy of Christianity centers on the hope of heaven and a life better and more bountiful than this life. Paul wrote: "Rejoice in the Lord always. Again, I say, rejoice!" (**Phil. 4:4**)

Joy is the reason I like the Christmas season so much. The joy in the eyes of children brings a smile to the faces of many. The joy of giving is truly a Biblical concept. Jesus stated, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." (**Acts 20:35**)

My hope is that you will have great joy this season. The joy that is found in Christ is beyond any present that can be found in any store.

By Bill Brandstatter