

### Those to Serve

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

### February 8th

Men's Business Meeting

### February 14th

Valentine's Day

### February 16th

President's Day

### February 22nd

Noon Fellowship

### March 1st

Mission Sunday

### March 7th

Men's Breakfast at the Diner

### March 8th

Daylight Savings Begins

### *Happy Anniversary*

**February 14th**

**Vernon & Linda Houts**

### *Happy Birthday*

**Lindy Burks Feb. 14th**

**Corey Tackett Feb. 20th**

**Eloisa Garza March 2nd**

**Rachel Flores March 3rd**

**Mattie Tackett March 12th**

### Prayer List:

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



*Sterling McDonald will be with us on **March 22nd** to talk with us about Camp*

*Red Oak Springs church camp in Newton, TX . Corey and Mattie have been a part of the church camp for several years.*

*Sterling McDonald is the director for Session 3 and also President of the Board of the camp.*



**SOUTHWEST**  
SCHOOL OF BIBLE STUDIES

Matt Gibson with Southwest School of Bible Studies will be with us on February 22nd to give a presentation on Southwest School of Bible Studies.

### **Please keep George and Valerie Garza in your prayers.**

George will undergo medical testing on Feb.17th, and Valerie is scheduled for a heart defibrillation procedure on Feb. 25th.

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## **Evant church of Christ**

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**February 8, 2026**



*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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## Abraham's Obedience

Have you considered what God said to Abraham and how Abraham responded? God told Abraham to leave his native land and to go to a land that God would show him. Abraham obeyed (**Genesis 12:1-9; Hebrews 11:8**). God told him to look in all directions in that land and to walk in it through its length and width, "for", He said, "I give it to you." Abraham believed what God told him, and he built altars to the Lord in the places where he sojourned (**Genesis 13:14-18; 12:7,8**). God told Abraham that his descendants would be as the stars of heaven in number. Abraham "believed in the Lord, and He accounted it to him for righteousness" (**Genesis 15:1-3**). Abraham was childless and growing old, yet he believed in the promises of the Lord. God even gave Abraham a sign to assure His promise of Abraham's possessing the land (**Genesis 15:7-21**), a promise that would not be realized until the fourth generation.

God repeated His promises and made a covenant with Abraham with this condition: "Walk before Me and be blameless" (**Genesis 17:1-9**). Circumcision was given as a sign of the covenant between God and Abraham, and Abraham and all his males were circumcised that very day (**Genesis 17:23-27**). God had confidence in Abraham's continued obedience – the basis of the covenant. "For I have known him, in order that he may command his children and his household after him, that they keep the way of the Lord, to do righteousness and justice, that the Lord may bring to Abraham what He has spoken to him" (**Genesis 18:19**).

A great test of Abraham's faith was given in command to take Isaac and offer him as a burnt offering (**Genesis 22:1, 2**). Abraham rose early in the morning and set out to do as he was commanded. He did not falter, even though all human reasoning would cry out against his taking the life of his heir. He believed that God could raise Isaac from the dead, if necessary (**Hebrews 11:17-19**). Now hear God's word to Abraham: "By Myself I have sworn, says the Lord, because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only son – blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven... In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice" (**Genesis 22:16-18**).

Do you see how faith worked with his works, and by his works his faith was made complete? (**James 2:21-24**).

Hence, Abraham was justified when he by faith obeyed God. What is your state before God?

By Gilbert Alexander

## A Christian Prays! Do You?

A Christian prays—and prays—and prays. But many church members scarcely know the meaning of the word once they leave the church building and the stilted "audience conscious" phrases that pass for prayer there. "Pray without ceasing;" (**1 Thes.5:17**) makes no apparent impression.

It is a tragedy that God is considered so inaccessible. To many He is far away, locked in an inner office; with an alert guard of clergymen, forms and format to protect Him from the "ordinary" caller. The idea is wholly foreign to the truth. "Enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly." (**Matt. 6:6**) Thus Jesus describes the close intimate relation that exists between the petitioner and his Creator. This does not negate public prayer (the contrast is with hypocritical show-offs); in fact this touches the vitals of all acceptable prayer. When intimate communion with God is missing, public prayer becomes a farce.

Prayer is a Christian's privilege; made real and earnest—meaningful—because a Christian (and only a Christian) truly appreciates such characteristics of God as the following.

**GOD IS NEAR!** He is "not far from every one of us; for in Him we live, and move, and have our being." (**Acts 17:27-28**) A Christian lives close to God. His Maker is ever-present, all-about ; ready to be contacted upon a moment's notice. This nearness comforts the Christian—"in the valley of the shadow... thou art with me."

**GOD CARES!** The Christian casts all his cares upon God, "for He careth for you." (**1 Pet. 5:7**) Our Father is concerned—His interest is genuine. He who takes note of the sparrow's fall, watched over all His children.

**GOD HEARS!** His eyes "are over the righteous, and His ears are open to their prayers." (**1 Pet. 3:12**) "All things are naked and opened unto the eyes of Him with whom we have to do." (**Heb. 4:13b**) And hearing, He understands our frailties—"the feeling of our infirmities." (**Heb. 4:15-16**) so we may come boldly to the throne of grace for mercy.

**AND GOD GIVES!** "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you." (**Matt. 7:7-f**) ASK! SEEK! KNOCK! These are imperatives, in the Greek present tense. They say, "Ask" and keep on asking; "seek" and continue to seek; "knock" again and again. The thought is akin to **Matt. 6:33**—"seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

A Christian believes that God is near, that God cares, that God hears, and that God gives. He is conscious of his dependence upon God, and leans upon Him without hesitation. So he prays; when he awakes—as he goes to work—when he partakes of God's rich blessings—when he feels the weight of sorrow and cares—as he lays him down to sleep. A Christian prays; and what about you??

By Robert Turner