

### Those to Serve

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

#### March 1st

Mission Sunday

#### March 7th

Men's Breakfast at the Diner

#### March 8th

Daylight Savings Begins

#### March 17th

St. Patrick's Day

#### March 20th

Spring Begins

#### March 29th

Noon Fellowship

#### April 5th

Mission Sunday

### *Happy Anniversary*

#### April 1st

**Calvin & Tammy Burks**

#### April 18th

**Jack & Cindi Wall**

### *Happy Birthday*

**Eloisa Garza March 2nd**

**Rachel Flores March 3rd**

**Mattie Tackett March 12th**

**Doug Pruett April 1st**

### 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.*

### Generous Giving

The story is told of a farmer who was known for his generous giving, and whose friends could not understand how he could give so much and yet remain so prosperous.

One day a friend said: "We can't understand it. You give far more than any of the rest of us, and yet you always seem to have more to give."

"That's easy to explain," the farmer said. "I keep shoveling into God's bin, and God keeps shoveling back into mine, and God has the bigger shovel."

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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:**

**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**

## ***Routines***

Practice makes perfect! That's why professional sports teams have their training camps. That's why gymnasts and ice skaters work on their routines over and over and over again. That's why training seminars have role playing. That's why musicians practice hours each day. To be the best you can be at any given endeavor requires lots and lots of practice. This also includes Christian living.

God expects us to practice our faith. There is no short cut or any other way to grow to Christian maturity. The danger of not putting into practice what we learn from Jesus is that we will not develop beyond the baby stage. That's what the writer of Hebrews was concerned about (Hebrews 5:12-14). These people had been Christians long enough (some up to 30 years) for them to be teaching others. But instead, they still needed to be fed milk. The mature, he tells them, are capable of eating solid food and are constantly putting into practice what they are learning. Food and exercise. It's not complicated, but it is necessary for becoming the best you can be as a Christian. Living for Christ should become the customary, routine, way of life. When you see a Christian who is weak or sickly, you can count on the source of their problem being connected somehow to what they are feeding on and/or how they are using what they have learned. So, it's critical to routinely feed on the word of God and to routinely practice what you learn.

But don't let the routine become the goal. That's what the Pharisees did. They studied the word of God thoroughly. They knew it backwards and forwards. And they were extremely concerned about applying the word of God so precisely that their routines became their faith. How they developed, defined and defended their faith became, for them, more important than what God actually said (see Matthew 15:3-9). It got so bad that their routines, their traditions, boxed them in. They couldn't do what God wanted them to do because their routines became their goal in life. What should have been a means to an end actually became the end itself. Because of that they actually ceased walking with God. Jesus called them hypocrites, blind guides, whitewashed tombs, snakes and vipers (Matthew 23)!! They had, over time, allowed the applications of the principles of God to supersede the word itself. They were no longer open to spiritual growth for themselves or for anyone else. Since they had it figured out, anyone who differed with them about their routines was wrong.

So, on the one hand we need to routinely put into practice what we learn from the word of God. Growing to spiritual maturity demands that. But on the other hand, we cannot allow how we practice God's word to become more important than the word itself.

By Joe Chesser

## ***A Visit From the Preacher***

A member of a certain church, who previously had been attending services regularly, suddenly stopped coming to church. After a few weeks, the preacher decided to visit. He found the man at home alone, sitting before a blazing fire.

Guessing the reason for the preacher's visit, the man welcomed him, led him to a comfortable chair near the fireplace and waited. The preacher made himself at home, but said nothing. In the grave silence, he contemplated the dance of the flames around the burning logs.

After some minutes, the preacher arose from his chair, took the fire tongs, carefully picked up a brightly burning ember and placed it on one side of the hearth all alone. Then he sat back in his chair, still silent. The host watched all this in quiet contemplation. As the one lone ember's flame flickered and diminished, there was a momentary glow and then its fire was no more. Soon it was cold and lifeless.

The preacher glanced at his watch and realized it was time to leave. He slowly stood up, picked up the cold, dead ember and placed it back in the middle of the fire. Immediately it began to glow, once more with the light and warmth of the burning coals around it.

As the preacher reached the door to leave, his host said, with a tear running down his cheek, "Thank you so much for your visit, and especially for the fiery sermon. I shall be back in church next Sunday."

We live in a world today which tries to say too much with too little. Consequently, few listen. Sometimes the best sermons are the ones left unspoken. What silent message would God have you share with someone today?

"Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven" (**Matthew 5:16**).