

Those to Serve

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

March 20th

Spring Begins

March 22th

Noon Fellowship

April 5th

Mission Sunday

Easter

April 15th

Tax Day

April 26th

Noon Fellowship

May 3rd

Mission Fund

Happy Anniversary

April 1st

Calvin & Tammy Burks

April 18th

Jack & Cindi Wall

Happy Birthday

Doug Pruett April 1st

Steve Sugg April 6th

Carmen Sugg April 9th

Denise Wall April 11th

Michele Jones April 12th

Connie Mallett April 30th

Prayer List:

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.

What Needs Changing?

When you look into the mirror and your face appears dirty, it is your face, not the mirror that needs attention. The Bible is the mirror of the soul. It reveals our Imperfections and shows us how to make corrections. However, some try to rework the Bible instead of reshaping their lives. Don't make that mistake. When you look into the "perfect law of liberty", continue in it. Don't be a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work (**James 1:25**). Don't try to change the word; let the word change your life.
by Lloyd Atherton

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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

The Three Bears

By Edd Sterchi

Once upon a time, there were three bears... No, no, no – that's the wrong three bears. Far from a fairy tale, the three "bears" listed in **Galatians 6** are vital to living a fulfilling Christian life. Of course, you may have already figured out that these are not the furry animals, but the concept of carrying a responsibility. Now, let's look at the three "bears".

Bear One Another's Burdens (v.1-2). This means that we are supposed to help others, especially those in the church (v.10). Life is especially burdensome for some and, as we are able, we should help them carry their load. For ease of remembering, let's call this first bear "Share Bear".

Bear Your Own Burdens (v.3-5). This passage teaches the need for personal responsibility that another cannot carry for us: our personal decisions, the consequences of our actions, our own individual responsibilities, etc. We should not let others bear these for us. The words that follow in **v.6-9** are a great admonition to just how individual this concept is. We will name this bear "Aware Bear".

Bear the Marks of Christ in Your Body (v.11-17). Paul bore in his body the marks of the Lord Jesus Christ (likely physically from beatings, mistreatment, etc.). But there is another indication in the word "marks" in the Greek text. It is the Greek word "stigma" and literally means "a mark pricked or branded upon the body". Paul may very well be saying, I am branded with the mark of Christ – not that he had a tattoo, but that he was totally dedicated to Christ – he was Christ's slave. This is why I believe Paul used the phrase "the Lord Jesus" – Jesus was Paul's Lord and Master (**v.14**). Thus we need to be willing to bear the marks (or stigma) that come from faithfully following Christ and telling others about Him. Thus, let's identify this bear as "Declare Bear".

My hope for all of us is what Paul's was for the Galatian Christians: "Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit" (**v.18**). And let us be reminded that it will be so if we bear in our bodies the marks of the Lord Jesus (be a Declare Bear), be responsible with ourselves and our lives (be an Aware Bear), and help others (be a Share Bear).

Cows And Christians

By Joe Slater

A city slicker bought a farm and moved into the farmhouse. He went to his new neighbor and asked if he might purchase a milk cow. The neighbor sold him his prize milk cow, and the city slicker happily took the cow to the barn on his farm.

Within three weeks the cow went dry. The city slicker returned to his neighbor and complained: "That milk cow you sold me is no good!" The astonished neighbor replied, "What do you mean?" The city slicker explained: "She has gone dry! I can't understand it, either. If ever a person was kind and considerate to an animal, I was to that cow. If I didn't need any milk, I didn't milk her. If I needed only a quart, I took only a quart." The neighbor then explained that the way to keep milk flowing wasn't to take as little as possible from the cow, but to take as much as possible.

Isn't that true of the life of a Christian? Like milk cows, we must keep giving on order to keep the flow of Christianity alive. We are to give of our time, our talent, and our treasure. If we give of these things only when an extraordinary need arises, we miss the opportunities and joys of day-to-day service.

In the case of the milk cow, there is always a need for more milk. Not everyone has a full stomach. All over the world there are hungry people. Besides, the "use it or lose it" factor is obvious. Likewise, there is always more to do in the Lord's kingdom. There are classes to be taught, discouraged people to be encouraged, sick and homebound people to be visited or called or written to, missionaries to be supported and encouraged, lost friends, relatives, co-workers, and neighbors to be contacted, and a world full of people to be prayed for. If we are content to do only a tiny bit, we may end up doing nothing at all. On the other hand, if we will give and give of our time, talent, and treasure, God will supply every need and give us additional opportunities to glorify Him and bless other people's lives.