

Those to Serve

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

March 7th

Men's Breakfast at the Diner

March 8th

Daylight Savings Begins
Mens Business Meeting

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

Mattie Tackett March 12th

Doug Pruett April 1st

Steve Sugg April 6th

Carmen Sugg April 9th

Denise Wall April 11th

Michele Jones April 12th

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.

"Numbers" versus Real Growth

I have an uneasiness about any great emphasis on statistics in measuring the growth of churches. I am skeptical because numbers can so often mask what is happening to people. The ultimate goal of our Father for His children is both spiritual and personal. He wills that we be "conformed to the image of His Son" (Rom. 8:29). Success or failure in this enterprise cannot be measured by mere statistics. A far more important question to raise as numbers change is how individual saints are faring in their effort to be more Christ-like. Churches only truly grow as the individual members of those assemblies grow. What is the glory of our numbers if people are not prepared to go to heaven?
by Paul Earnhart

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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:

9:30 am Bible Study

10:20 am Worship

12:30 pm Afternoon

Wednesday Night

6:00 pm

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Serrefine

13-year-old Evan O'Dorney of Danville, CA took home the 2007 Scripps National Spelling Bee championship by spelling the medical term serrefine (small forceps). Spelling bees have been around since before we were children, but seem to be getting new life these days, with the finals of the spelling bee making prime time on ABC. I applaud this, because correct spelling is having a hard time competing with email and text messaging short cuts. [RU4it?]

Jesus commented about spelling: "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled" (**Matthew 5:17-18**). The jot referred to is the Hebrew letter yod, the smallest letters in the alphabet. The tittle referred to a small marking that distinguished some Hebrew letters from others. Both served significant purposes for understanding, despite being very small.

Jesus stressed the importance of the law and obedience to it, and that His life and ministry would fulfill the law. His death brought reconciliation. "For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us; Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace; And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby" (**Ephesians 2:14-16**).

"And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses; Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it" (**Colossians 2:13-15**). He fulfilled every jot and tittle of the law, just as He promised. His life and death spells hope for us—and that is a spelling bee we all need to win!

By Bob Prichard

Like a Fish Out of Water

Every creature has an element in which it thrives. What is an ideal environment for one may not be for another (**cf. Prov. 30:19**). When we are uncomfortable in a particular environment, we feel like a fish out of water.

God is our ideal environment. He is the Giver of "every good and perfect gift" (**Jas. 1:17**). He created the world and set us in the beautiful, life-sustaining Garden of Eden to walk in sweet fellowship with Him. Sin interrupted our fellowship with God and brought death into the world (**Gen. 2:16-17; 3:24; Rm. 5:12**). What Satan touted as most desirable proved, instead, to be most uncomfortable. Instead of walking with God in the cool of the day, Adam and Eve hid themselves from Him. The presence of sin caused them to feel like a fish out of water in the presence of God.

But God set into motion His redemptive plan through which our Savior and Redeemer would recreate an environment in which reconciliation with God could become a present reality (**Gen. 3:15; 2 Cor. 5:19**). In Christ "we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses..." (**Eph. 1:7**). Jesus makes us comfortable in the presence of the Father because He has taken care of the problem of sin. We no longer feel like a fish out of water, but part of His family.

As we walk in the light of His word, we are recipients of "all spiritual blessings" and in Him, the perfect environment for living a full and abundant life (**1 Jn. 1:7; Eph. 1:3; Jn. 10:10**). In His presence, we no longer feel like a fish out of water; but as one who has found his or her ideal environment. As Paul so beautifully expressed it: "to live is Christ and to die is gain" (**Ph. 1:21**).

Apart from Jesus, we are "without God" in this world (**Eph. 2:12**). In Christ, we have strong hope for life everlasting (**Hb. 6:19; Tit. 1:2**). In Him, there is life (**1 Jn. 5:11-12**). This is where we belong. This is why our loving Creator sent His Son into the world to pay the price for our sins (**Jn. 3:16**). By His grace, we belong in His presence and look forward to our journey to our eternal home where we will abide in the light of His glory forever (**Jn. 14:1-3; Rev. 22:5**).

By Glen Elliott