

### Those to Serve

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

### Prayer List:

James Lovell  
 Michael Payne  
 Valerie Garza  
 Virginia Lovell  
 Vernon Houts  
 Wanda Kitchens  
 Jorge Garza  
 Pray for our Nation  
 Our Troops  
 Law Enforcement  
 Rescue Personnel

### April 12th

Men's Business Meeting

### April 15th

Tax Day

### April 26th

Noon Fellowship

### May 3rd

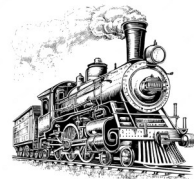
Mission Fund

### May 10th

Mother's Day

### May 25th

Memorial Day



**All  
 Aboard  
 Train will  
 be at**

**Ruby Jones' home Monday  
 April 13th at 10:00 am.**

### Three Courts

There are three courts before which we stand for judgment as we pass through this life. They are found in 1 Corinthians 4:3,4.

**First**, there is the "Court of Public Opinion." This is what others think of us (v.3).

**Second**, there is the "Court of Conscience." This is what we think of ourselves (v.3).

**Third**, there is the "Court of the Lord." This is what the Lord thinks of us and what we really are (v.4). His judgment, and His alone, will determine whether we are saved or lost.

Since His verdict is the only one that matters, isn't it foolish to try to please others and not try to please Him.

By George Pledger

### *Happy Anniversary*

### April 18th

**Jack & Cindi Wall**

### *Happy Birthday*

**Carmen Sugg April 9th**

**Denise Wall April 11th**

**Michele Jones April 12th**

**Bill Lewis April 13th**

**Connie Mallett April 30th**

**Coryell Day May 7th**

**Michael Flores May 14th**

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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:

9:30 am Bible Study

10:20 am Worship

12:30 pm Afternoon

Wednesday Night

6:00 pm

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## ***Beware of Dogs!***

It's not unusual to see a sign posted at someone's front door that reads, "Beware of Dog." Such a warning is meant for protection as it alerts us to potential danger and urges caution before proceeding.

In Paul's letter to the Philippians, he writes, "Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. For me to write the same things to you is not tedious, but for you it is safe." (**Philippians 3:1**). As God's children, we have every reason to rejoice. Joy in the Lord should be the steady condition of the Christian life. Yet, that joy does not eliminate the need for warnings. In fact, Paul emphasizes that repeating warnings is for our safety.

Immediately following this encouragement, Paul gives a strong admonition: "Beware of dogs, beware of evil workers, beware of the mutilation!" (**Philippians 3:2**). In this context, Paul is not speaking of literal animals, but of dangerous spiritual influences, specifically those often referred to as Judaizers. These were individuals who taught that Christianity must be practiced through adherence to the Law of Moses, including circumcision. In doing so, they corrupted the gospel of Christ.

The term "dogs" is used with derision. Historically, Jews used this term in a derogatory way toward Gentiles, but Paul turns the expression back on those who were distorting the truth. This is not an image of a gentle household pet, but a warning about something aggressive and spiritually dangerous. The seriousness of the term is seen elsewhere: "But outside are dogs and sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and whoever loves and practices a lie." (**Revelation 22:15**).

Paul also calls them "evil workers," exposing the true nature of their efforts. Though they may have appeared religious, their work opposed the will of God. Additionally, he refers to their insistence on circumcision as "the mutilation," a deliberate play on words that strips their teaching of spiritual legitimacy. What we see is a complete condemnation of false teaching.

There is an important balance here. In **verse 1**, Paul says, "rejoice in the Lord," and in **verse 2**, he says, "Beware of dogs." New Testament Christianity includes both encouragement and warning, both joy and vigilance.

We must learn the same lesson today. There are still those who distort God's word, who substitute human doctrine for divine truth, and who lead others astray. Love for the truth requires that we recognize and avoid error. Just as a sign warns us to beware of physical danger, God's word warns us to beware of spiritual danger. Those warnings are not negative for negativity's sake but are given for our safety! -

**by Josh McCord**

## ***Property Poor Church Members***

I recently came across an article in a religious periodical published in 1918. The title of that article was the same as the title for this post.

The article mentions a man who served as an elder in a local congregation who owned a great deal of property. According to a statement he made, the value of his property was \$160,000. His weekly contribution to the local congregation of which he was a member was seventy-five cents!

When this man was encouraged to increase his contribution, he said that he could not do that because he was "property poor." He even claimed that his financial "stress" made it necessary for him to borrow money at times.

With a little research and my elementary skills in mathematics, I discovered that \$160,000 in 1918 would be the equivalent of almost \$3,400,000 today. That "sacrificial" seventy-five cents would be the equivalent of a little less than \$16.00 today. When numbers like this are discussed, it is not unusual to hear or read the term "adjusted for inflation."

I'm thinking that another adjustment might need to be considered. In both 1918 and 2026, there might need to be an adjustment in the attitudes and priorities of some people.

I've never known and have never wanted to know how much monetary support is given to the work of the Lord by people with whom I worship. I'm wondering though if some haven't gone from being property poor to also being automobile poor, boat poor, hobby poor, entertainment poor, fashion poor, travel poor, etc. In other words, I'm wondering if people have "obligated" themselves to so many other things that there is not much left for the Lord and His work.

Maybe we need to revisit a parable that Jesus taught. He spoke of a man whose mindset was totally on material things. You may remember that he was so prosperous that the only solution he could think of was to build bigger places where he could store his "stuff." (Have you noticed the proliferation of "storage facilities" in most communities today?)

This man heard these words from God:

Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee:

then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided? (Luke 12:20, KJV)

You may remember how Jesus ended that parable. It should serve as a reminder and challenge to all of us:

So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God. (Luke 12:21 KJV)

By Jim Faughn