

Those to Serve

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

Prayer List:

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

April 26th

Noon Fellowship

May 3rd

Mission Fund

May 10th

Mother's Day

May 25th

Memorial Day

May 31st

Noon Fellowship

June 7th

Mission Sunday

Happy Anniversary

April 18th

Jack & Cindi Wall

June 5th

Bill & Dorothy Lewis

Happy Birthday

Connie Mallett April 30th

Coryell Day May 7th

Michael Flores May 14th

Jana Wall May 18th

Michael Payne May 23rd

Cassidy Stapp June 2

God and Man

Remember that God sees the whole picture. He sees all the past; He sees all the present; and He has the power to see all the future. He can see the end from the beginning, and He knows the destiny of every person and the solution to every problem. He loves us and is always available to us, but He will force neither Himself nor His will upon us. As long as we live, we are allowed to choose. He is concerned about our true welfare and happiness - here and hereafter. With Him on our side every thing will turn out well (**Romans 8:28,31**); but if He must be against us, nothing will turn out right.

by Bill Crews

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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

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10:20 am Worship

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12:30 pm Afternoon

www.evantchurchofchrist.org

Wednesday Night

6:00 pm

Pure Religion Plain and Simple

What defines a religious person? The dictionary defines a religious person as “an individual who demonstrates devotion to a deity, adheres to specific religious doctrines, and often participates in communal worship or rituals.” (**Dictionary.com**) With this definition in mind, there are religious people the world over who worship and serve a variety of gods. As Christians, we worship and serve the true and living God (Yahweh, Jehovah, I AM). The Apostle Paul, after observing that the people of Athens were very religious concerning their many gods, he preached, “God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands.” and “In Him we live and move and have our being.” (**Acts 17:24, 28**)

When considering what makes a person religious, we may hold different definitions relative to our own opinions. We may label a person as very religious who never misses a church service, who reads the Scriptures daily, or who prays often. We consider preachers to be religious due to the amount of time they spend preaching about God and doing religious things. But how does God define the religious person and the religion they practice?

God gave us a plain and simple definition found in **James 1:27**, “Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.” Two simple conditions which define pure religion, care for the less fortunate and stay away from the sin of the world.

First, the care and compassion shown for the needy led to the Great Judge saying to the people on the right side of judgment, “Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.” (**Matthew 25:34**)

Second, Christians must separate themselves from the sin of the world, not being “conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.” (**Romans 12:2**)

And that my friends is pure religion, plain and simple.

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Hog Trouble

The feral hog problem continues to plague our farms and rural communities. Latest estimates put the population at 6 million nationwide and rapidly expanding. When considering wild hogs, they are a lot like sin...

- Hogs multiply quickly. With the right conditions and adequate food supply, hog populations can double in 4 months. Sin, when not checked, will multiply and morph into more and greater sin. Much like addiction, it may start small and infrequent, but soon turns into a daily habit.
- Hogs are nocturnal and mostly active at night. Sin loves the darkness. Jesus said, “Men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.” (**John 3:19**)
- Hogs run in packs. Feral hogs tend to run in groups of up to 20 members causing much harm. Sin loves company. It is easy to justify sinful behavior when everyone is doing it. However, long ago God’s law stated, “You shall not follow a crowd to do evil.” (**Exodus 23:2**)
- Hogs are destructive. In their search for food, hogs can literally destroy yards and farm land. Sin is a destroyer of all things good and will cause one’s soul to be lost in hell. (**Revelation 21:8**)

They say that feral hogs are well established and because of their hardiness are here to stay. Multiple control methods have been tried, yet the wild hog continues to thrive. Sadly, sin continues to thrive within the lives of people. However, unlike the hog problem, God has supplied the cure for sin through the innocent sacrifice and precious blood of Jesus Christ! (**1 Peter 1:17-21**)

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