

### Those to Serve

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

### Prayer List:

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

#### May 10th

Mother's Day

#### May 25th

Memorial Day

#### May 31st

Noon Fellowship

#### June 7th

Mission Sunday

#### June 7th

Flag Day

June 21st

Father's Day

### *Happy Anniversary*

June 5th

**Bill & Dorothy Lewis**

July 10

**Kevin & Judy Grant**

### *Happy Birthday*

**Coryell Day May 7th**

**Michael Flores May 14th**

**Jana Wall May 18th**

**Michael Payne May 23rd**

**Cassidy Stapp June 2**

### How the Ads Should Read

If the places that sell whiskey would tell the truth in their advertising, the ads would read something like this: *"Wanted -- 100 new customers as most of our old ones have dropped out. 10 committed suicide; 20 are in jail; 15 are in the poor house; 1 was executed for murder; 3 are in the mental hospital; and the rest are broke."*

"We must have new customers -- young, fresh and strong for they will not live to stay with us long. Come to see us. We have brands that will cause you to disgrace your family, paralyze your mind, warp your body, and lose your friends."

by L.O. Sanderson

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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

## Godly Mothers

In a world burdened with wars, economic crises, crime, and traumatic physical events such as hurricanes, floods, tornados, and earthquakes, a day to honor mothers may seem trivial. Yet, the greatest influence in the world, other than the Word of God, is a godly mother. "Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies" (**Proverbs 31:10**). She helps to mold and fashion her children to become good citizens and future leaders. She is especially influential when she is a godly mother. She teaches her children to work hard, to pray, and to love the Lord and His Holy Word. A godly mother struggles with her children at worship services, knowing that they will someday become Christians and eventually inherit immortality. Her efforts are often taken for granted and even unappreciated by some, but you can be sure that God notices her great labors! The greatest attributes of a godly mother are love, service to the Almighty, and sacrifice. Isn't it interesting that these are the same qualities that were in Jesus, our Lord and Savior?

Mothers should be appreciated every day of the year. Fathers should help and encourage their wives in the rearing of the children. Children should obey, be respectful, love, and appreciate all that a godly mother has done for them. "Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee" (**Exodus 20:12**). "For Moses said, Honour thy father and thy mother; and, Whoso curseth father or mother, let him die the death" (**Mark 7:10**).

When mothers get older they are still mothers, and they should never, on any occasion, be treated with contempt and disrespect. "Hearken unto thy father that begat thee, and despise not thy mother when she is old" (**Proverbs 23:22**). The children owe this, and so much more to their mothers. When Jesus was dying on the cross, He turned His mother over to the care of the apostle John. "Now there stood by the cross of Jesus his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son! Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy mother! And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home" (**John 19:25-27**). The Son of God demonstrated His love and respect for His dear mother. How about you?

\*\*\*\*\*"Strength and honour are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come. She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness. She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness. Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her. Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all. Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates." **Proverbs 31:25-31**

By Dan C. Bailey

## Stealing Letters

At the small country church where I first obeyed the gospel, there was a sign out by the road. Messages inviting people, meeting times, and Bible verses were regularly displayed. For a time, however, letters began to go missing from that sign. Each time a message was posted, someone would remove part of it. Undoubtedly, someone was up to mischief. In a way, that act of stealing letters from a church sign illustrates a much larger spiritual truth. What was left behind was often incomplete or confusing. It didn't take much as just a single missing letter could change the entire message.

God has given us His Word which is complete, perfect, and all-sufficient. Yet there is always a danger when people begin "taking away" from it. Moses instructed God's people long ago, "You shall not add to the word which I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you." (**Deuteronomy 4:2**).

At the end of the book of Revelation the warning is repeated, "...If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book; and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life..." (**Revelation 22:18-19**)

When truth is altered, the message no longer says what God intended. Just like a sign missing letters, it becomes distorted. Sometimes the changes are subtle: a word is skipped here, or a principle overlooked there. Over time, those small omissions can lead to significant misunderstandings. We may never take letters from a church sign, but we must be careful not to "remove" truth from God's message in our own lives. Ignoring certain teachings, minimizing difficult commands, or picking and choosing what we will follow can have the same effect.

On the other hand, there is also a positive reminder in this illustration. When the sign is full, clear, and intact, it communicates with purpose. People can read it, understand it, and benefit from it. In the same way, when we hold firmly to the whole counsel of God, our lives send a message that is clear, faithful, and meaningful. Let's be people who do not take away, but who hold on to every word God has given. Because the message matters, and every "letter" counts. As the Psalmist said, "Forever, O LORD, Your word is settled in heaven." (**Psalm 119:89**) - by Josh McCord