

Those to Serve

(B) Jorge Garza
 (FV) Calvin Burks
 (O) Doug Pruett
 (A) Michael Flores
 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 31st

Noon Fellowship

June 7th

Mission Sunday

June 7th

Flag Day

June 21st

Father's Day

June 28th

Noon Fellowship

July 4th

Independence Day

July 5th

Mision Sunday

Quotes & Saying

- "Great minds discuss ideas; average minds discuss events; small minds discuss people."
Eleanor Roosevelt
- "Repetition does not transform a lie into a truth."
Franklin D. Roosevelt
- "The future of this nation depends on the Christian training of our youth."
George Washington
- "Often we look so long at the closed door that we do not see the one that has been opened for us."
~ Helen Keller

Happy Anniversary

June 5th

Bill & Dorothy Lewis

July 10

Kevin & Judy Grant

Happy Birthday

Cassidy Stapp June 2

Keith Stifflemire July 22nd

Jack Wall August 20th

Cindi Wall August 26th

Guest Speakers

From Southwest School of
Preaching

June 14, 2026

Andy Reyes

&

June 21, 2026

Trey Jenkins

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May 31, 2026



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

A Tale of Two Churches

To begin the book of **Revelation**, Jesus reveals to John in a vision the content of letters that he was to write and send to seven churches in Asia Minor. In the letters, Jesus gives a specific, pertinent message to each church. Jesus' purpose is to both fix any issues going on within the churches and encourage the Christian recipients with messages of hope to remain faithful to Christ amid difficult times.

In **2:8-11**, Jesus writes to the small but strong church in Smyrna. To them he says, "I know your tribulation and your poverty (but you are rich) and the slander of those who say that they are Jews and are not, but are of the synagogue of Satan" (**2:9**). While the Christians who made up this congregation felt the sting of persecution and poverty—and maybe were struggling to remain faithful because of their struggles—Jesus reminds them that they are rich. According to Jesus' message, their riches come not from monetary gain but from something much greater. In encouraging the Smyrnaeans to remain faithful as they experience persecution, he says to them, "Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life" (**2:10**). The Smyrnaeans' riches were a result of God's grace in salvation, and Jesus encouraged them to use that grace to stand firm.

Later, in **3:14-22**, Jesus writes to a church that, from the outside looking in, seemed to have everything together. The reality, however, was much different. Jesus tells the Christians in Laodicea that he will spit them out of his mouth due to their lukewarm nature. They are neither hot (actively for Christ) nor cold (actively against Christ). Jesus goes on to explain the reason: "For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked" (**3:17**). The lukewarm nature of the Laodiceans came from their desire to rely on themselves rather than Christ.

When studying this tale of two cities, Jesus clearly gets to the heart of the matter. In Jesus' mind, the church who had nothing really had everything, while the church who had everything really had nothing. In a world full of trials, Jesus calls for churches to rely on him rather than themselves. In a world full of trials, Jesus calls each individual Christian to rely on him rather than himself or herself. As tempting as it is to feel as though we have 'made it' when we are rich by worldly standards, may we always be a people who seek to be rich in our Savior's eyes. God loves you, and so do I.

By Jared Green

Luck and Salvation

Do you feel lucky? Arthur Priest was. Arthur worked below deck throwing coal into a steam boiler of steam-powered ships. Consider these benchmarks of his career:

- In 1908 he survived the wreck of the Asturias.
- In 1911 he survived the collision of the Olympic with the HMS Hawk.
- In 1912 he survived the Titanic.
- In 1916, during WWI, he survived sinking of the Alcantra and the Brittanic.
- In 1917 he survived the torpedoing of the HMHS Donegal.

His name was so closely tied to these "lucky" escapes that ship owners didn't want to hire him, workers didn't want to work with the "lucky" Arthur Priest (<https://afrinik.com/>).

As David penned the 68th psalm, he sings that God's name is exclusively tied to salvation. Look closely to verse 20: "Our God is the God of salvation." We see that same God working out a salvation of which David could only dream: "Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved" (**Acts 4:12**).

Salvation is not based on chance. It is not luck, such as Arthur Priest. Salvation is Jesus Christ. He alone can guide us through the unavoidable valley of death.

By David Bragg

Willing Spirit, Weak Flesh

In the late 1800's, the race to reach the North Pole was intense. Explorers experimented with every available means of transportation in this quest. S. A. Andrée, a Swedish engineer, made his attempt in 1897, choosing to travel on a massive hydrogen balloon. Confident of success, Andrée even packed a tuxedo, fully expecting to attend numerous victory celebrations held in his honor.

Andrée never made it to the North Pole. After his departure his body was not discovered until 1930—33 years later. The anticipated celebrations never happened. His tuxedo, never worn, ended up preserved in a museum, a somber reminder of the expedition's tragic outcome and unrealized dreams.

You remember that night as Jesus prayed in Gethsemane, struggling with the menacing challenge looming before Him. You can hear His plea to the Father, "The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak" (**Mark 14:38**). Don't you rejoice this morning that the weakness of His flesh did not overcome the will of His spirit? Unlike Andrée's celebration that never came, we have eternity to share in Jesus' victory.

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