

Those to Serve

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

October 24, 2026

Men's Prayer Breakfast
9:00 AM

November 1st

Mission Sunday
Day light Savings

November 8th

Friends & Family Day
Noon Fellowship

November 11th

Veterans Day

November 26th

Thanksgiving Day

December 6th

Mission Sunday

December 7th

Pearl Harbor Day

December 21st

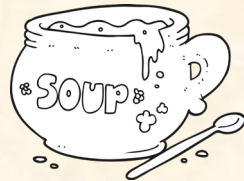
Winter Begins

Happy Birthday

Mike Mallett Oct 21st
Ruby Jones Oct. 24th
Sharon Boatwright Oct. 27th
Valerie Garza Nov 1st
Tammy Burks Nov 3rd
Jorge Garza Nov. 13th

Prayer List:

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



We want to thank Ruby Jones for opening up her home for the annual souping. Always great to fellowship together.



Michele Jones will host the Annual Christmas Party at her home on December 4th

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Evant church of Christ

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October 18, 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:

9:30 am Bible Study
10:20 am Worship
12:30 pm Afternoon
Wednesday Night
6:00 pm

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“Let Him in Anyway?”

Blake Shelton has a country music song out right now titled, “Let Him in Anyway.” The chorus of this song is a request made to God about a friend that says, “he wasn’t quite the Christian he was supposed to be, and Lord, it ain’t my place, but could You let him in anyway?”

This song is not only catchy, but it reflects common thinking among people regarding God and religion. People can recognize someone having not lived as God would have them live, but they hope that when judgment comes, God will simply overlook those shortcomings and let them into heaven anyway.

Certainly, we can appreciate the sentiment behind such a request. We all have people we love who have passed from this life, and we desperately want them to have been right with God. However, our desire for someone to be saved does not change what God has revealed about salvation. Jesus said in **Matthew 7:21**, “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.” He specifically identified those who do the will of His Father. The Bible also teaches that God’s grace is not permission to disregard His commands. **Titus 2:11-12** tells us that the grace of God teaches us to deny ungodliness and worldly lusts and to live soberly, righteously, and godly. God’s grace does not excuse a life of disobedience; it teaches us to turn from it.

Perhaps the most troubling thing about the sentiment expressed in this song is the idea that we can live however we choose and simply hope God will make an exception when judgment comes. Now, does this mean that we must live perfectly to go to heaven? Absolutely not! If perfection were required, none of us would have any hope (**Romans 3:23**). Thankfully, God is merciful, forgiving, and willing to save those who come to Him on His terms. Nevertheless, there is a difference between a Christian who struggles with sin while striving to serve God faithfully and someone who willfully disregards God’s commands while expecting to be saved anyway (**1 John 1:7-9; Hebrews 10:26-27**). Rather than asking God to let us into heaven anyway, shouldn’t we be asking what God requires of us so that we can enter heaven His way?

Jesus asked in **Luke 6:46**, “But why do you call Me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and not do the things which I say?” The good news is that God wants us to be saved (**1 Timothy 2:4**). He has demonstrated His love by sending His Son to die for us (**Romans 5:8**). He has revealed His will so that we can know how to please Him. We do not have to guess, hope for an exception, or rely upon someone’s request that God “let us in anyway.” Instead of hoping God will overlook a life lived contrary to His will, let us make certain we are living according to His will while we still have the opportunity.

by Josh McCord

Words Are Necessary!

“Preach the gospel at all times. And if necessary, use words.” Rightly or wrongly, the saying has been attributed to “Saint” Francis of Assisi and is often paraphrased, “Preach the gospel; use words if necessary.”

Let me be the last to discourage anyone from setting a good example. I understand the gist of the lines from Edgar Guest’s poem: “I’d rather see a sermon than hear one any day; I’d rather one should walk with me than merely tell the way.” Countless doors for the gospel have been slammed shut and permanently locked due to poor examples and outright hypocrisy of professing Christians.

That being said, your kindness, morality, pure speech, and honesty cannot inform anyone of their need for salvation, much less answer the question, “What must I do to be saved.” Words are necessary! Nobody will know who Jesus is or what He did for us merely by seeing your example. Peter didn’t say to Jesus, “You have the example of eternal life.” He said, “You have the words of eternal life” (**John 6:68**).

The quip, “Use words if necessary,” strongly suggests that words probably aren’t necessary and may not even be desirable; it translates into a comfortable excuse to disobey the divine directive to speak the truth in love. “Use words of necessary” ignores God’s own stated goal and wish: “For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe” (**1 Corinthians 1:21**).

Yes, there’s a message to be preached, not just an example to be set. Nobody will know of the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ, much less how to respond to it, simply by seeing your example of clean living.

You open the door with your good example. Then go through that door with the words of the gospel!

By Joe Slater