

Those to Serve

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

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

December 25th

Christmas

Happy Birthday

Ruby Jones Oct. 24th
Sharon Boatwright Oct. 27th
Valerie Garza Nov 1st
Tammy Burks Nov 3rd
Jorge Garza Nov. 13th
Theresa Pruett Nov. 14th

Prayer List:

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



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

Bible Verses

1 Corinthians 10:13 KJV

13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

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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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The Three Bears

Once upon a time, there were three bears... No, no, no – that's the wrong three bears. Far from a fairy tale, the three "bears" listed in **Galatians 6** are vital to living a fulfilling Christian life. Of course, you may have already figured out that these are not the furry animals, but the concept of carrying a responsibility. Now, let's look at the three "bears".

Bear One Another's Burdens (v.1-2). This means that we are supposed to help others, especially those in the church (v.10). Life is especially burdensome for some and, as we are able, we should help them carry their load. For ease of remembering, let's call this first bear "Share Bear".

Bear Your Own Burdens (v.3-5). This passage teaches the need for personal responsibility that another cannot carry for us: our personal decisions, the consequences of our actions, our own individual responsibilities, etc. We should not let others bear these for us. The words that follow in v.6-9 are a great admonition to just how individual this concept is. We will name this bear "Aware Bear".

Bear the Marks of Christ in Your Body (v.11-17). Paul bore in his body the marks of the Lord Jesus Christ (likely physically from beatings, mistreatment, etc.). But there is another indication in the word "marks" in the Greek text. It is the Greek word "stigma" and literally means "a mark pricked or branded upon the body". Paul may very well be saying, I am branded with the mark of Christ – not that he had a tattoo, but that he was totally dedicated to Christ – he was Christ's slave. This is why I believe Paul used the phrase "the Lord Jesus" – Jesus was Paul's Lord and Master (**v.14**). Thus we need to be willing to bear the marks (or stigma) that come from faithfully following Christ and telling others about Him. Thus, let's identify this bear as "Declare Bear".

My hope for all of us is what Paul's was for the Galatian Christians: "Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit" (**v.18**). And let us be reminded that it will be so if we bear in our bodies the marks of the Lord Jesus (be a Declare Bear), be responsible with ourselves and our lives (be an Aware Bear), and help others (be a Share Bear).

By Edd Sterchi

Peddlers of God's Word

From the way the apostle Paul used the word "peddler," it seems apparent that in the Mediterranean world of the first century the peddler had a reputation for cheating and misrepresentations in order to secure some benefit for himself.

Sincerity was not high on the huckster's list. He was prepared to say anything to make a sale. For example, there is the story of the oft-fooled bald-headed man who asked the peddler, "Can you prove this is a good hair-restorer?" To which the peddler replied, "One lady customer took the cork out of the bottle with her teeth and twenty-four hours later she had a mustache!" So much for sincerity!

Some folks are willing to say almost anything if it works to their advantage. It reminds me of the two years I spent in collegiate debating. One day I would be arguing for the proposition and the next day against it. You were out to win the debate no matter whether you believed what you were saying or not.

The apostle Paul was not that sort of person. In writing to the Corinthians, he said, "For we are not, like so many, peddlers of God's word; but as men of sincerity, as commissioned by God, in the sight of God we speak in Christ" (**2 Cor. 2:17 RSV**).

Many, unlike Paul, were "peddlers of God's word." They were lovers of self and lovers of money, holding the form of religion but denying the power of it. Paul calls them "men of corrupt mind and counterfeit faith," and men "teaching for base gain what they have no right to teach." Their tribe is still alive and well in the 21st century. Avoid them! Read the warnings in **2 Timothy 3:1-29** and **Titus 1:10-12**.

Give us men of sincerity! Men who can say, 'Since we have the same spirit of faith as he had who wrote, "I believed, and so I spoke," we too believe, and so we speak' (**2 Cor. 4:13**).

By John Gipson