

Those to Serve

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

July 3rd

Mission Sunday

July 4th

Independence Day

July 10th

Men's Business Meeting

July 31th

Noon Fellowship

August 7th

Mission Sunday

August 19th

First day of School-Evant

Happy Anniversary

July 10th

Judy & Kevin Grant

July 25th

Valerie & Jorge Garza

Happy Birthday

Mike Lovell July 16th

Keith Stifflemire July 22nd

Prayer List:

Diane Savage (Virginia's niece)
Mona Lancaster
Cheryl Burks
Mike Mallett
Mark Kirby
Virginia Lovell
Dora Martinez
Letha Sheldon
Pray for our Nation
Our Troops
Law Enforcement
Rescue Personnel

Quotes & Saying

- "We must reject the idea that every time a law's broken, society is guilty rather than the lawbreaker. It is time to restore the American precept that each individual is accountable for his actions"
Ronald Regan
- What this country needs is dirtier fingernails and cleaner minds. **Will Rogers**
- We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with inherent and inalienable rights; that among these, are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.
Thomas Jefferson

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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:

Will Vann, Preacher

9:30 am Bible Study

863-899-0987

10:20 am Worship

Email: wvann@yahoo.com

12:30 pm Afternoon

www.evantchurchofchrist.org

Wednesday Night

6:00 pm

GOD BLESS AMERICA!

The song of the above title use to thrill those who heard the words. Those who were able to sing those words were equally thrilled. It has been revived since 9/11 and it is still a powerful song that thrills those who hear it or sing it.

However, the question today is, "WILL GOD CONTINUE TO BLESS AMERICA?" Or is she on her last leg, so to speak?

Will God Bless America when she turns her back upon Him?

It is something to think about.

Today is the 4th of July. It is the day we celebrate our independence. It is a day that should be celebrated. However, we need to recognize that those who founded this nation were believers of the Bible. They looked to God for guidance. And they did wear their religion on their sleeves. They put what they believed into practice, and the thought of whether or not their beliefs were politically correct never entered into the picture. They believed that God was behind them in establishing a nation that looked to Him for guidance.

And we need to--we must continue to--believe that, too! Or else, Will God Bless America Again?

Keith Bellamy
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Before We Criticize...

There are times when mistakes are made and things need to be pointed out. And, unfortunately, we all know that offering criticism can sometimes make a bad situation even worse. Serious thought needs to go into what we will say. Maybe it would help if we would ask the following questions before offering criticism:

1. Why am I doing this?

Do I really want to help this person, or am I just doing this to make myself feel better? Am I trying to improve the situation, or do I just want to say, "I told you so!"? What is my motive? "Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others" (Phil. 2:3-4). Regardless of what the world believes, we don't have the right to let off some steam at the expense of another. Criticism that is only going to make us feel better needs to be kept to ourselves.

2. Do I have a right to criticize?

Was I available when this person could have used some help before? Can I sympathize with what they are going through? Can I offer some positive suggestions to go along with the criticism? Some people like to just sit on the sidelines and criticize the labors of others. Such people really have no right to criticize.

3. Have I examined myself?

It is not right for me to give criticism that I am not willing to take. Jesus says that I must make sure that the log is out of my eye first, then I can offer to help my brother get the speck out of his eye (Matt. 7:3-5). Criticism is respected when it comes from a respectable person, but no one appreciates a hypocrite.

4. What will I say, and how will I say it?

This is very important. I must choose my words very carefully. They have the power to build up or to destroy (Proverbs 12:18, 16:24). As Paul said, "Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt" (Col. 4:6). What we say, and the way we say it, will make all the difference in the world.

5. Will it glorify God?

"Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God" (1 Cor. 10:31). Whose glory am I seeking? Am I saying something to help the cause of Christ or just to be heard? If it is just to be seen and heard by men, then truly I have my reward (Matt. 6:1-6).

- by Heath Rogers