

Those to Serve

(B) Jack Wall
(FV) Keith Stifflemire
(O) Doug Pruett
(A) Kyle Stifflemire
1st prayer Mike Mallett
2nd prayer Vernon Houts
Announcements: Calvin Burks
Singing: Judd Wall



Calvin Burks Nov. 26th
Linda Houts Nov. 28th
Lynetta Vann Dec. 14th
Letha Sheldon Dec. 25th
Will Vann Dec. 26th

Prayer List:

Virginia Lovell
Letha Sheldon
Mildred Lovell
Janese Lancaster
Ruby Jones
Loyd Crownover
Pray for our Nation
Our Troops
Law Enforcement
Rescue Personal

Dates to Remember

November 23rd
Thanksgiving Day
November 26th
Noon Fellowship
December 3rd
Mission Fund
December 7th
Pearl Harbor Day
December 21st
First Day of Winter

Be Thankful

Matthew Henry, author of a widely respected 19th century commentary on the whole Bible, was once robbed. In his diary that evening he wrote the following words: "Let me be thankful: First, because I was never robbed before; second, because although they took my purse, they did not take my life; third, because even though they took my all, it was not much; and fourth, because it was I who was robbed, not I who robbed."

Doesn't that remind you of the beautiful song, Count Your Many Blessings? Think of the words: "Count your many blessings, name them one by one. And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done." God has been so good to each one of us. We have received blessings we certainly have not deserved. Let us be ever thankful, and express our thanksgiving to God constantly in prayer.

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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

7:pm

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Be a Better Person

by Carey Scott

Don't we all wish that everyone would be a better person? Do we not hope that some bad people would turn their lives around and start doing good? Do we wish our neighbor would treat us better than before? Do we hope that the people we meet each day would show us respect and treat us fairly? If we expect others to be nicer and fairer, should we not make the effort as well? The golden rule is that we should treat others the way we would want them to treat us.

Be a better person now. Do not wait until next year and make a resolution about it. Do not put it off until next week or even tomorrow. Start right now. Look at the person closest to you and show them love. Pick up the phone and call someone who would appreciate a thoughtful consideration. Help someone who needs it, and even if they do not need help, help them anyways. Perhaps they will turn the favor and help someone else. If we would just try, we could turn our society around and make it a pleasant adventure each day to interact with others. Smile. Wish someone a nice day. Be courteous. Encourage others to be good. Tell people about God and His promises. Read I John 3:17 and meditate upon it.

I John 3:18 reads: "Little children, let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth." Don't just talk the talk, but walk the walk. Show your love to others.

I John 4:20 reads: "If someone says, 'I love God', and hates his brother, he is a liar; for the one who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen."

One way to turn your life around is to change your focus. When you focus upon God you become a better person. When you focus upon helping others, you become a better person. Our goal is to get people focused upon God and become people that are better. Our community would be much better if more people were better.

Come visit us. Come worship God with us. Let us help you get to heaven and you come encourage us to get to heaven as well. We know that God is not willing that any perish (II Peter 3:9). You must believe that Jesus is the Son of God and died on the cross for your sins. (Acts 8:37). You must repent of your sins (Luke 13:3), you must confess Jesus as Lord (Matthew 10:32) and you must be baptized for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; 22:16). Then you must remain faithful and continue learning how to serve God (II Peter 3:18). Let us help you on your spiritual journey. May God bless you in your study of His word.

Bible Thumpers

by Sam Stinson

"And the woman said to Elijah, 'Now I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the LORD in your mouth is truth'" (I Kings 17:24).

Brethren, Jesus rightly said that God's word is truth (John 17:17). God's word has the ability to sanctify those who would hear and obey it. But the world, ever desiring to avoid purity, hardly strives for a new reason to reject the gospel when all the classic justifications come to ready response to those who are hardened in heart (II Corinthians 4:3). As we preach the gospel, we experience resistance, often hearing terms the world has come up with to describe those who preach Jesus to nonbelievers: Bible Thumpers, Fundies, and Jesus Freaks. These illustrate that the practice of labeling those one disagrees with, instead of discussing their doctrine, has its roots neither in the Spirit or spiritual thinking but in the world and demonic, carnal, fleshly thinking.

Let's focus on the term Bible Thumpers, an expression I used in ignorance when I was in the world. According to Wikipedia, it is, "a pejorative term used to describe Christians in general, especially someone perceived as aggressively pushing their Christian beliefs upon those who do not share them." To be a Christian is to be a preacher of Christ. What can we do to lovingly reply to this label? Here are three exhortations to aid our efforts in doing this.

Let us preach the truth

Jesus is the Son of God, the Lamb who takes away the sin of the world; In believing in him each person may have life in his name (John 20:31; 1:29). It is because of God's love for the world that he sent his Son for the sins of us all (John 3:16).

Let us contend for the truth of the faith (Jude 3)

The Bible is God's word, which is our example for proper conduct. The world, lost in sin, does and should compare our actions to Jesus. Should we aggressively teach that Christ is necessary? Yes, let us humbly and lovingly do this. Who is Jesus meant for? Only those already sanctified? No, but for those who are lost that they might be found.

Let us practice the truth

Robert Ingersoll once asserted, "Hands that help are far better than lips that pray." Peter said that the Lord's ears are open to those who are just, actively strive to do good and avoid doing evil (I Peter 3:12; cf. James 5:16; 2:14). Let us correct Ingersoll's assertion: "Hands that help are essential for lips that pray." The woman who spoke to Elijah in the beginning quote knew that God was with him not simply because of his words but she saw his works. Let us likewise humbly practice good works in our daily walk, illustrating our words with actions, providing the world a sincere example of faith, hope, and love. (Galatians 6:9-10)