

### Those to Serve

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

### *Happy Birthday*

**Mike Lovell July 16th**  
**Keith Stifflemire July 22nd**

### *Happy Anniversary*

**July 10th**  
**Kevin & Judy Grant**  
**July 19th**  
**Mike & Connie Mallett**  
**July 25th**  
**Jorge & Valerie Garza**

**July 2, 2023**

*Mission Fund*

**July 4th**

*Independence Day*

**July 30th**

*Noon Fellowship*

**August 6th**

*Mission Fund*

**August 8th**

*First Day of SCHOOL Evant ISD*

*August 27th*

*Noon Fellowship*

### Prayer List:

Adree Russell  
 Kadence Payne  
 Anita Adams  
 Virginia Lovell  
 Letha Sheldon  
 Pray for our Nation  
 Our Troops  
 Law Enforcement  
 Rescue Personnel

### ***Forgetting to Count Our Blessings***

One of the things wrong with our country is that we seem to be a nation of complainers. When the children of Israel did that in the Old Testament, God was not pleased. In Romans 1:21 the apostle Paul said something concerning the people of his day who refused to acknowledge God. For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened.

Maybe you don't do that. Maybe you don't forget to Count your Blessings. If you don't, then God bless you! However, some of us are like the multitude that Jesus fed in John 6. Even the disciples didn't understand that God's blessings are too numerous to count. He keeps on blessing us even when we don't know He is. Think about it, please! **By Keith Bellamy**

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***July 2, 2023***



*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](mailto:wvann@yahoo.com)**

**12:30 pm Afternoon**

**[www.evantchurchofchrist.org](http://www.evantchurchofchrist.org)**

**Wednesday Night**

**6:00 pm**

## Choose Wisely

*They that forsake the law praise the wicked; But such as keep the law contend with them (Proverbs 28:4, ASV).*

How can this be? Consider the “law” in view is the law of God. As James wrote, but he that looketh into the perfect law, the [law] of liberty, and [so] continueth, being not a hearer that forgetteth but a doer that worketh, this man shall be blessed in his doing. (James 1:25). Since the “law” is of God, those who obey Him will, necessarily, praise His name by the life they choose to live. Those who choose some other way to live, necessarily, praise the wicked. How can this be?

Those who choose to live without God give praise to the wicked by living life that does not have its foundation in the Almighty, in God’s teachings. With this choice in life made, they have considered God and have chosen to turn away from Him. What this amounts to, perhaps unbeknownst to those who have done so, is that they have chosen to believe God is a liar concerning that which is best in life. Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son (1 John 5:10, ESV).

They also begin to support those who have also turned away from the Lord. When one wanders away from the Lord, to whom shall they go? They go to the “god of this world” (2 Cor. 4.4). In truth, there are only two paths in life for people to take. As each comes to the proverbial “fork in the road,” they must choose which path to take. If they have not rejected Jesus outright, but have chosen something else, intending on coming back to Jesus (many actually think like this), they have made their choice. It will do no good to say “I am only putting it off for a while, in order for me to get my life straight” because by putting Jesus off for another day means one has made a choice today – and it is not Jesus.

Making a choice for what is wise is easy to do (at least in theory), but it is hard to do because many things may have to be given up. What do you value more? choose wisely.

By Ron Thomas

## The Gospel of our Lives

We're writing a gospel, a chapter each day,  
By the deeds that we do and the words that we say;  
Men read what we write, whether faithless or true,  
Say, what is the gospel according to you?



The gospel is God’s power for salvation. **Romans 1:16** *For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.*

The gospel is the good news of what Jesus did for us. **1 Corinthians 15:1-3** *Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, <sup>2</sup> by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you--unless you believed in vain. <sup>3</sup> For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,*

The gospel must be obeyed to benefit us. **2 Thessalonians 1:8-9** *in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup> These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power,*

But, the above poem is a biblical concept.

Our conduct has a lot to do with people’s response to what we say. **1 Peter 3:1-4** *Wives, likewise, be submissive to your own husbands, that even if some do not obey the word, they, without a word, may be won by the conduct of their wives, <sup>2</sup> when they observe your chaste conduct accompanied by fear. <sup>3</sup> Do not let your adornment be merely outward--arranging the hair, wearing gold, or putting on fine apparel-- <sup>4</sup> rather let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God.*

The way we live our lives makes the doctrine more appealing to others. **Titus 2:9-14** *Exhort bondservants to be obedient to their own masters, to be well pleasing in all things, not answering back, <sup>10</sup> not pilfering, but showing all good fidelity, that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in all things. <sup>11</sup> For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, <sup>12</sup> teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, <sup>13</sup> looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, <sup>14</sup> who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works.*

May we strive to live our lives in such a way that those outside of Christ are drawn to God because of those lives. **Matthew 5:16** *Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.*

By Larry Pasley