

Privileged to Serve

Announcements and Sick.....	Jody McCoy
Songs of Worship	Terry Abney
A.M. Prayer	Homer Rice
A.M. Prayer before Worship.....	Jody McCoy
A.M. Closing Prayer	Glenn Hayes
P. M. Opening Prayer	Dan Newell Jr.
P.M. Closing Prayer.....	M. C. Rice.

January:

Communion:

Reading	Greg Brewer
Serving	Terry Abney, Joe Slone`
Collection	Willard Dunn., Paul Napier
Communion to Sick	Mack Rice , Willard Dunn
Prepare Communion	Carla Watson, Josie Watson
Van Driver 1/10/10.....	Shane Burgher
Van Driver 1/17/10.....	Donald Olinger

The church of Christ, in its universal sense, includes all Christians. It is the family of God; and, of course, contains all of God's children. There is no such thing known to the Bible as first becoming a Christian and afterwards joining the church. Some men of the present time may teach that sort of doctrine, but it has come as a result of the many religious parties and denominations which now exist, but which are all also unknown to the Bible. Certainly one may become a Christian before one joins any particular religious party, and one may live a Christian and never join any religious party or denomination; but when one becomes a Christian, one then and thereby becomes a child of God, a member of the family of God, which is the same as the church of God.

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Thank you very much.

This and That

In the parable of the talents, as recorded in Matthew 25:14-30, it is evident that the Lord is teaching accountability for the things that are delivered to us in this world. There is to be an improvement in the things we receive. I would like for us to consider two areas of our lives that should garner attention and positive advancement.

Are we improving *Personally*. The most important thing that God has given unto us is our life. As long as we are living in this body, there should be a desire and effort to improve oneself. We may do this physically by diet and exercise. We can do this spiritually by applying God's word to our lives. In the *Simple English Version* of the Bible, Peter gave a formula whereby one "may never fall" He says "*This is why you must do your very best to add: goodness to your faith, knowledge to your goodness, self-control to your knowledge, endurance to your self-control, godliness to your endurance, brotherly love to godliness, unselfish concern to brotherly love. If you have these qualities and they are improving, then they will make you active and productive in knowing Jesus Christ, our Lord.*" 2 Peter 1:5-8

Are we improving *Socially*?

Within the family structure? As a parent, spouse, or child are we improving our relationships? Parents are to educate, train, and mentor our children. Spouses are to obey the rules outlined in Ephesians chapter 5. Children are to "obey your parents in the Lord". Is our home the sweet sanctum of relief from the world that it should be? For each member of the family?

Within the neighborhood? We should be thought of in a positive way. How does the neighbor(s) think of us? Are we friendly? Are we helpful? Are we known as a Christian? A *faithful* Christian?

Within the Church? The church is the blood-bought body of Christ and is comprised of the ones saved from their sins. It is very important to Jesus. It should be also to us. Are we an active participant in all the church activities? Do we participate in the worship services? Do we sing? Do we pray? Do we participate in the Bible Study sessions available to us? Are we an *example of the believers*? Think about it. *Daniel Newell*

♪ My life on earth is but a span, and so I'll do the best I can ♪