

<i>Assignments for Serving</i>		
	<i>7/10</i>	<i>7/17</i>
<i>Song leader</i>	<i>Zachary</i>	<i>Jim</i>
<i>Opening Prayer</i>	<i>Ron</i>	<i>Raul</i>
<i>Lord's Table</i>	<i>Richard</i>	<i>Kenny</i>
	<i>Jim</i>	<i>Zachary</i>
<i>Closing Prayer</i>	<i>Robert</i>	<i>Ron</i>
<i>Announcements</i>	<i>Jon</i>	<i>Jon</i>

Sin of Partiality
James 2:1-13

Scripture Reading: _____

Bible References: _____

Notes: _____

Sermon Highlights: _____

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elcome members and visitors to the Gilbert church of Christ. Visitors you are our honored guests, please stay after services and get to know us and let us get to know you. Our goal is to worship God in spirit and in truth. If you have any questions or concerns about what is done or said here please feel free to ask any of the men and they will answer your questions.

“Tell me what you are busy about and I will tell you what you are.” (Goethe)

The above quotation from Goethe, when applied to our lives, rings true. How we spend our time and what we allow to occupy our attention tells others what we really are and that may be dramatically different from what we claim to be.

Professing to be Christians does not mean that we are living as the children of God should. Unless we conform our thoughts and actions to the word of God and the example set by His Son and be busy about the Father's business, others will know and the Father will know that even though we claim to be dedicated to the Lord, our affections lie elsewhere.

What are you "busy about?" Is it your job? Does it take all of your energy and most of your time? Is your main interest in life the amassing of "things?" Do you use all spare moments in some recreational pursuit? If any of these apply, you need to take stock and channel your "busyness" into that which is more profitable -- serving the Lord. If one is going to be Christ-like, he must have the mind of Christ ([Phil. 2:5](#)). It is evident that Christ's attitude while on earth was to be busy about His Father's business ([Luke 2:49](#)). Such passages as [John 4:34](#), [6:38](#) and [9:4](#) show that He continually focused on doing the will of God. In turn, He taught His disciples the most important thing in life for them was to do God's will and be concerned with His kingdom first ([Matthew 6:33](#)).

A question that has been used before, possibly overused, but nevertheless is relevant to our line of thought is, "If you were tried for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you?" If you were "busy about" that which you should be busying yourself with, it would be evident to all what you really are. All would know you are a Christian, see the glory of God in you and glorify your Father in heaven ([Matthew 5:14-16](#)). More importantly, the Lord would know. If you claim to be a Christian, get busy doing the will of the Lord



Prayer List

Staggs Family—Keep Janice and Jim in your prayers
Sue Gardner—For her daughter and grandchildren, with the difficulties they face. Also for her health
Kimberly Meece—For good health.
Stanley Family— Health, strength and guidance in issues they face and for the Bruger family
Linda Chavez—Her work and her health
Alexis Gabaldon and family—Complications with pregnancy
One another—Let us keep each other in prayer continually that we might be the salt and the light that God has called us to be in our Lord Jesus Christ



Notes of Interest

Reminder—Afternoon service is at 1:30 PM—
Wednesday night service is at 7:00 pm

Valley Wide singing August 13th at North Valley.
Singing begins at 6:30. Refreshments to follow

On the back table is the new Banner of Truth—It's main thrust this month is "The Spread of Islam"—pick up a copy.

Senior's retreat is August 27th at Copper Basin.
The speaker is Larry Watkins of Montezuma. Information is in the foyer.

Copies of the directory are now available.

Thank you for worshipping with us today. We pray