

DUTY ROSTER FOR JANUARY 6, 2019

Usher for This Week: John Fix

9:00 AM

Song Leader:

Thom Steger

Scripture Reading:

Alex Bansemer

Scripture:

John 15:1-11

Prayer:

Bill Duryea

Lesson:

Stacey Durham

What Can You Do?

Lesson 1 - Do What You Can

Closing Prayer:

Andrew Durham

11:00 AM

Song Leader:

Stacey Durham

Scripture Reading:

Chris Huffines

Scripture:

John 1:1-5

Prayer:

Doug Thweatt

Lord's Supper:

Thom Steger

Jim Barton

Wayne Baker

Gary Sells

Lesson:

David Bansemer

Song Service - Invitation

Announcements:

John Fix

Closing Prayer:

Al Cotten

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9

Song Leader: Andrew Durham

Invitation: Chris Huffines

Closing Prayer: Chevis Webb

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Service Times:

Sundays 9:00 AM Worship
10:00 AM Bible Study
11:00 AM Worship

Wednesdays 7:00 PM Bible Study

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LORD'S SUPPER PREPARATION

January: Dixon
February: Durham

SIGN MESSAGE CHANGING

January: Hayes
February:

Elders: Ron Dixon, John Fix, Stacey Durham Deacons: David Bansemer, Kevin Hayes, Thom Steger, Doug Thweatt
Preacher and Editor: Stacey Durham

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God is Mindful of You

It may be easy to forget sometimes, but you should know that God is aware of your every move, word, thought, and need. Proverbs 15:3 says, "The eyes of the LORD are in every place, watching the evil and the good." God not only sees you, but He also cares for you so that you can cast all your anxiety upon Him (1Pet. 5:7). God is mindful of you, and He cares for you, but are you mindful of Him?

To Our Visitors:

We hope that you find our services to be Scriptural in all things and edifying to your soul. We count it as a great honor and privilege to gather before the Lord for worship, and we hope that this sense of reverence is evident in all that we do. Thank you for coming to be with us today, and may God bless you as you walk with Him.

news and notes:

- Next Sunday, both sermons will be preached by Jerry Blount. We have been supporting Jerry in the work of the gospel in New Mexico for several years.
- Our 11AM song service will have the theme of beginnings.
- Please pray for the following members: Jim & Kay Cook, Billy & Wilma Deering, Mary Ham, Donella Jones, Kay Lanius, Lana Richardson, and Bessie Short. Also remember Peggy Bailey's daughter Sherry, Dot Long's sister Melissa, and Gary Sells' mother-in-law Gladys Young.

52 Week Reading Plan: Week 1

Sunday - Romans 1-2
Monday - Genesis 1-3
Tuesday - Joshua 1-5
Wednesday - Psalms 1-2
Thursday - Job 1-2
Friday - Isaiah 1-6
Saturday - Matthew 1-2

Gospel Meetings:

Eastside (Bowling Green) - Jan. 18, song service

Recovering from a Mistake

Everyone makes mistakes. Those mistakes can be due to a variety of reasons, including forgetfulness, misunderstanding, errors in judgment, or intentionally bad behavior. The degree of guilt for a mistake can be a matter of its causes and a person's intents, but ultimately the responsibility falls on the one who made the mistake regardless of its causes. Many mistakes create severe consequences or long-term hardships that cannot be avoided. Mistakes that are sins are much more serious than others, and they cannot be swept aside and dismissed without appropriate measures. Indeed, the guilt of sin will lead to eternal consequences unless forgiveness is obtained.

Because we all make mistakes, it is necessary for all of us to know how to handle them in a godly manner for the sake of ourselves and others who are affected. If handled properly, we may successfully endure the consequences of our mistakes and possibly even correct our mistakes and avoid the worst consequences. Therefore, let us consider some good advice for effectively recovering from any mistake.

Don't multiply trouble by making more mistakes. Many times, relatively small mistakes become massive problems because someone adds more mistakes to those he already made. For example, a child who accidentally breaks his mother's crystal vase makes his plight much worse by failing to tell his mother what he did, trying to hide his mistake, and lying when she asks him what happened. While such a child will suffer a temporary punishment for his misdeeds, an adult who makes such mistakes garners a much worse outcome. If a situation involves sin, then committing more sins to cover the original evil deed always makes matters worse. For example, David multiplied his trouble when he added to his sin of adultery with Bathsheba by arranging for her husband to be killed (2Sam. 11:1-27).

Accept the consequences and deal with them. Dodging the consequences of your own mistakes or pushing them onto someone else is irresponsible and wrong. Denying those consequences is foolish and immature. Therefore, it is best to accept any consequences of your mistakes and deal with them the best you can. If the mistake has affected other people, then do what you can to make amends and seek their forgiveness (Matt. 5:23-24). If it is a sin against God, then

seek forgiveness from Him. Again, David provides us with an example, for when his sin was exposed, he accepted the severe consequences and sought God's forgiveness (1Sam. 12:1-23; Ps. 32:1-11; 38:1-22; 51:1-19). He suffered for his sin for the rest of his life, but God forgave him and restored him to the joy of salvation (Ps. 51:12).

Don't repeat the mistake. If the mistake has hard consequences, then this is an easy lesson, just like a child who learns not to touch a hot stove when he gets burned. However, if you made a mistake that didn't cause you much difficulty, then you may be tempted to repeat it. Don't interpret a lack of difficult consequences as a reason to repeat a mistake. In the case of a sin, you may be able to hide your sin so that no one else knows and you suffer no immediate consequences. If so, then you may think that you can continue the sin indefinitely without getting caught. However, Galatians 6:7 gives this solemn warning: "Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap." You may abide in sin after sin for the rest of your life without ever being discovered, but the Lord knows all, and you will have to answer to Him in the Judgment (2Cor. 5:10).

If your mistake is a sin, then there is only one correct way to deal with it. The gospel of Christ is the only way to obtain God's forgiveness and recover from sin. Every sinner must repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38). If someone has already been baptized into Christ but sins again, he does not need to be baptized again, but repentance is still required (Acts 8:22; 2Cor. 7:9-11). A confession of the sin to God is also necessary for His forgiveness (1John 1:9). Obtaining God's forgiveness is not a guarantee that all temporal consequences of a sin will disappear, but it is a promise that the sin will be forgotten in the Judgment and no eternal punishment will be applied. So then, let us deal with our mistakes in a godly way, and especially let us deal with our sins through the gospel of Christ so that we can make an eternal recovery.

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