

Those to Serve

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

April 24th

Noon Fellowship

May 1st

Mission Sunday

May 8th

Mother's Day

May 26th

Last Day of School Evant

May 29th

Noon Fellowship

May 30th

Memorial Day

June 5th

Mission Sunday



June 14th

Will & Autumn Vann

Prayer List:

Diane Savage (Virginia's niece)
Susan Hemphill
Robby Houts
Windham Family
David Neal
Mona Lancaster
Cheryl Burks
Sue Skelton
Mike Mallett
Mark Kirby
Virginia Lovell
Janell Houts Hall
Dora Martinez
Letha Sheldon
Pray for our Nation
Our Troops
Law Enforcement
Rescue Personnel

"It is difficult to make a man miserable while he feels worthy of himself and claims kindred to the great God who made him." - Abraham Lincoln

Happy Birthday

Connie Mallett April 30th

Coryell Day May 7th

Jana Wall May 18th

Cassidy Stapp June 2nd

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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

6:00 pm

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Deleted!

My e-mail server has a new feature in the "Trash" folder: "Recover Deleted Items."

I understand the value of this feature. If I accidentally delete a message that I intended to keep (I'm sure that has happened in the past!), I can click on this button and retrieve it.

On the other hand, when I saw this new feature, I thought, "Why would anyone want to recover items that they have deleted?" The things that I delete are spam messages, ads in which I have no interest (and didn't want in the first place!), old news, junk mail (how did I get on their mailing list?), and messages that I don't want on my computer or in my mind. I've also deleted messages that after I've thought about them, decided not to send them out. I don't want to recover any of the messages that I've intentionally deleted!

Do you think God has a "feature" that "recovers deleted items"? Some fear that the sins that God has forgiven will be brought up again at judgment. Such people live in constant fear that the mistakes of their past will haunt them throughout eternity.

That's NOT what God wants for you and for me!

Consider a few of the passages of Scripture that inform us about how God forgives:

· "For as the heavens are high above the earth, So great is His mercy toward those who fear Him; As far as the east is from the west, So far has He removed our transgressions from us." – Psalm 103:11-12

· Micah the prophet praised God for His mercy and compassion: "You will again have compassion on us; you will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea." – Micah 7:19

· The writer of the book of Hebrews extolled the blessings of the New Covenant in which there is complete forgiveness: "For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more." – Hebrews 8:12

Did you catch that? "Their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more."

He will NOT recover deleted items!

"God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were STILL sinners, Christ died for us." – Romans 5:8

God sent His Son Jesus to die on the cross for our sins. Through Jesus, we can have forgiveness for our sins and receive the gift of eternal life: "For the wages of sin is DEATH, but the gift of God is eternal LIFE in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 6:23).

God will forgive those who place their faith and trust in Jesus (Acts 16:30-31), turn from their sins in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confess Jesus before men (Romans 10:9-10), and are confess (immersed) into Christ (Acts 2:38). Then, as one continues to walk in the light of His Word, the blood of Jesus will continue to cleanse that one of sin (1 John 1:7).

Through Christ, our sins are "washed away" (Acts 22:16), "forgiven" (Acts 2:38), "covered" (Romans 4:7)..... DELETED!! And God won't recover any deleted items!

Won't YOU accept His offer of forgiveness and life on His terms?

By David A. Sargent

Shrewd Sons

Jesus once lamented that the sons of this age are shrewder in relation to their own generation than the sons of light (Luke 16:8). In other words, people of the world have more initiative toward worldly things than Christians do toward heavenly things.

Consider a man who wants to catch fish. He does not expect fish to swim up to his door and invite themselves in. He is realistic. He'll buy ample equipment: a rod and reel (likely several), hooks, a net, a bait bucket, a stringer, all sorts of tackle and a deluxe box to keep it in, a hook remover, a cleaning knife, and anything else he thinks might be useful. He will probably borrow some money and buy a boat. He'll read books on fishing, watch those fishing shows on TV, and might even go to fishing college (yes, there is such a thing). He'll start keeping track of the tides. He'll talk to other fishermen about the best spots to go.

Do you suppose he will give it all up the first time he comes home empty-handed? No way — he'll just go out earlier the next time! No matter how busy a fisherman is, there is always time for fishing. He will ask his buddies to go with him. And when he snags a big one will he keep it a secret? You know better.

There are Christians who say they want to learn more of God's word. To accomplish this worthwhile goal they devote a whole thirty minutes per week listening to a preacher! Why don't they get up an hour earlier or set aside Wednesday evening for Bible Study? Evidently they don't see much value in that. And when these same folks have no money for books, periodicals, and other study aids, and no time for daily reading, it is little wonder that the fish aren't biting.

Are you having trouble with a certain temptation? Get help. Talk to others. Talk to God. Read His prescription. Stay away from circumstances where that urge is the greatest. You don't have to worry about saltwater fish in a freshwater lake.

Want to convert your neighbor? Set a good example. Ask him to come to church with you. Ask him to study with you. You might begin by asking him to tell you about his beliefs. Give him some literature or subscribe to a good magazine for him. You won't catch a thing unless you throw your hook in.

Here is a young brother who thinks he might want to serve as an elder some day. What should he do? Objectively analyze his character and work on deficiencies. Learn well the word so he can hold it faithfully. Listen to older brethren that his judgment may mature. Develop his skills as a teacher by watching, listening, and doing. Pay close attention to his family. Be hospitable. Work with people. Be careful to protect his reputation. Pray. When the time comes to cast, he'll be ready.

Heavenly goals merit thought, careful planning, enthusiasm, hard work, and whatever sacrifice of time and money is required. "Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling" (Philippians 2:12).

- by Frank Himmel