Those to Serve

- (B) Mike Mallett
- (FV) Doug Pruett
- (O) Mike Lovell
- (A) Judd Wall

1st prayer Keith Stifflemire

2nd prayer Calvin Burks

Announcements: Jack Wall

Singing: Kevin Grant

Happy Birthday

Valerie Garza Nov. 1st Tammy Burks Nov. 3rd Jorge Garza Nov. 12th Theresa Pruett Nov. 14th Calvin Burks Nov. 26th Linda Houts Nov. 28th Terry Day Nov. 30

Prayer List:

Dora Martinez
Lynn Parker
Tammy Parker
Kadence Payne
Anita Adams
Virginia Lovell
Letha Sheldon
Pray for our Nation
Our Troops
Law Enforcement
Rescue Personnel

November 5th

Mission Fund
Daylight Savings Ends
November 7th
Election Day
November 23rd

Thanksgiving Day

November 26th

Noon Fellowship

TAKE RESPONSIBILITY

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- Blaming others, parents, or the environment for one's difficulties or experiences in life is unreasonable (Ex. 32:22-24; Luke 14:28). Failing to accept the consequences of one's behavior is immaturity (cf. 1 Cor. 3:1-2; 13:11; 14:20). One should own up to taking responsibility for changing weaknesses into strengths. N.B. Hardeman said, "The best place to pray for potatoes is at the end of a hoe handle." What was his point? Prayer is more effective when coupled with action.

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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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Learning From Our Mistakes

The story is told of two hunters who got a pilot to fly them into the far north for elk hunting. They were quite successful in their venture and bagged six big bucks. The pilot came back, as arranged, to pick them up. They started loading their gear into the plane, including the six elk.

The pilot objected and said, "The plane can only carry four of your elk. Any more than that would weigh the plane down too much. You'll have to leave two of the elk behind."

The two hunters were both infuriated and insistent. They said, "Last year, we shot six elk and that pilot let us put them all on board. And that plane was the exact same model."

Reluctantly, the pilot finally permitted them to put all six aboard. But about fifteen minutes after taking off, the engine started to sputter, and within seconds they were hurtling to the ground and crashed into the wilderness.

Climbing out of the wreckage, one hunter said to the other, "Do you know where we are?"

"I think so," replied the other hunter. "I think this is about a mile from where we crashed last year!"

We're so slow to learn at times. We make a mistake, and you would think we would learn never to make that mistake again, but we often find ourselves right back where we were. We think, "This time it will be different. This time it won't end up the same way." But it often does. Hopefully, though, we eventually reach a level of maturity where we can learn from our mistakes.

Aldous Huxley once said, "Experience is not what happens to a man; it is what a man does with what happens to him."

Two of Jesus' apostles made some terrible mistakes. Judas betrayed Jesus for a handful of coins, and Peter denied knowing Jesus (not once, but three times!) to prevent being persecuted. Is there really any difference between betraying Jesus to get money and denying Him to save your own skin? Two terrible mistakes, and both wept bitterly afterward, realizing how they had failed Jesus.

But the two men responded to their mistakes in very different ways. Judas was so distraught that he didn't think he could even go on living. Peter was devastated as well, but accepted the forgiveness of Jesus, learned from his mistakes and went on to do powerful things for the kingdom.

"Although a righteous person may fall seven times, he gets up again, but the wicked will be brought down by calamity." (**Proverbs 24:16**, NET Bible)

Made any mistakes lately? Thanks to Christ, it doesn't have to be the end of the world. But may you learn from them as you grow closer to God. Have a great day!

By Alan Smith

Why "Daylight Saving Time"?

There are, based on how daylight saving time (DST) is currently implemented in the United States, two types of time. "Standard" is determined by our established time zones that stretch across the country while "daylight" time is the adjusted time in those areas where DST is observed (Hawaii and most of Arizona are excluded). Standard time was first established by the railroads in 1883 to regulate their schedules rather than having inconsistent times from one station to another. It would be another 35 years before standard time would be set by an act of Congress.

The idea of DST was first introduced in the U.S. in 1909 by Andrew Peters, but the bill had only a short, unproductive life. It would not be until the U.S. involvement in World War I that standard time would be set by Congress. Included in that 1918 ruling on standard time was the first introduction of DST in America. Strong resistance to the annual time adjustment would lead to that part of the law being repealed in 1919. Participation in DST was on a voluntary basis until it was again mandated during World War II, from 1942 to 1945. Twenty-one years would pass before the idea of DST was again employed, although not mandated, in 1966 (U.S. Naval Observatory).

From the time Congress first seriously considered regulating and adjusting time, the idea has been met with controversy (often on an economic basis). But as Christians you and I ought to be much more concerned about how time is used, not adjusted (Eph. 5:16). Because our time is limited (Heb. 9:27), and because our opportunities are fleeting (Heb. 3:13), we need to make the best use of the time God had granted us. Regardless of time zone or season, let us always walk and live in His light (1 John 1:7).

By David Bragg