

Those to Serve

(B) Calvin Burks
(FV) Doug Pruett
(O) Judd Wall
(A) Jorge Garza
1st prayer Keith Stifflemire
2nd prayer Will Vann
Announcements: Jack Wall
Singing: Kevin Grant

Prayer List:

Mike Mallett
Valerie Garza
Virgina Lovell
Vernon Houts
Wanda Kitchens
Jorge Garza
Pray for our Nation
Our Troops
Law Enforcement
Rescue Personnel

May 25th

Noon Fellowship

May 26th

Memorial Day

June 1st

Mission Sunday

June 15th

Father's Day

June 20th

First Day of Summer

June 29th

Noon Fellowship

July 4th

Independence Day

Guest Speakers

May 18th

Adan Hernandez
& wife Karen & daughter Raquel
There will be a noon
Fellowship on May 18th.

May 25th

Shawn Paden & wife Jennifer,
and family Mya, Seth & Gwenall

June 1st

Chris Moore & wife Vicki

Happy Birthday

Michael Payne May 23rd

Cassidy Stapp June 2nd

Warren Miller June 15th

Happy Anniversary

May 24th

Dalton & Crystal Vann

May 31st

John & Michele Jones

Quotes & Sayings

- You are rich according to what you are, not according to what you have.
- Even if you are on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there.
- Not doing more than average is what keeps the average down.
- Behavior is the mirror in which everyone shows their image.

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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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The Hardest Drive

It's the most difficult drive I regularly make and, sometimes, I force myself to make it.

It's the drive near—or through—a neighborhood that I used to get invited to, but haven't in a long time. It's the drive near—of by—a house that I used to frequent, but haven't in a long while.

And I have no idea why.

But it's the same kind of drive that many Christians make in various neighborhoods in every location every day, so this is not really about me or about any particular house.

So many Christians work and pray and visit and try to help a brother or sister in Christ who is struggling, only to see that Christian fall away and not worship or be involved any longer. Sometimes there is an explanation given, but, more often, there is none—or not much of one. All those Christians are left shaking their heads and asking what they could have done differently. Should I have said something sooner? Did I do something wrong? Did I forget something important? Did I try too hard to win them back? Was I pushy or not pushy enough?

And now, on a daily commute or a regular trip through town, they drive by the house or the neighborhood. Each time, they wonder if they should stop, or if doing so would do more harm than good. Many times, they shed a tear, or at least feel emotions deep within. They think about texting or calling when they get near the neighborhood, but question themselves each time, wondering if it will help or if it will push that person even further away.

And it hurts. It hurts deeply.

It hurts for one reason: that's a brother or sister in Christ, and you love them more than maybe even they realize. You'd do anything to help them get to heaven, and you have no idea what to do. Every time your wheels turn even within a block or two of the house, you wonder if today should be the day you try again...or if they even care any longer.

And it makes it the hardest drive of your day.

Brother or sister in Christ, don't ever make someone else have to feel that way. Stay connected to your church family. Be involved. Show love and care. Return those texts or calls, even if it takes a few minutes of your time that you aren't sure you have. That Christian loves you and just wants you to go to heaven. Realize you would do the same if the roles were reversed.

Oh...and have them over sometime, even if just for a glass of lemonade or to watch a game. That drive is sweeter than can be imagined because the bonding of Christian family is like no other relationship on earth

By Adam Faughn

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