

SERVICE SCHEDULE for January 4, 2015

Announcements for the Week Andy Dobbs
Morning Service
Prayer- Roger German
Song Leader- Dan Buselmeier
Communion:
 -- **Comments** – Josh Hudson
 -- **Assisting** – Kevin Criswell
 -- **Assisting** – Mark Jones
 -- **Assisting** – David Johnson
 -- **Assisting** – Dean Shacklock
 -- **Scripture** – Curran LaChappelle
Closing Prayer- Andy Fuller
Evening Service
Prayer- Phillip Dorn
Song Leader- Jason LaChappelle
Comments – Russ Sollars
Communion –Phillip Dorn
Scripture – Gary Goddard
Closing Prayer- David Johnson
Wednesday Night – January 7, 2015
First Prayer- Dan Buselmeier
Song Leader – Don Casper
Invitation – Andy Fuller
Closing Prayer – Darryl Griffing
May 25 Evening Service: Marshall Irvin

Upcoming Assignments

January	Communion	Cleaning
11	Stone	McIlvain, Ferrell, Criswell, Tucker, Davis
18	German	Johnson, Baker, Goddard, Land, H. Hudson

Ladies Bible Study

The ladies have a bible class scheduled for the 1st & 3rd Monday of each month. They meet here at the church building January 19 @ 7:00PM.

Good Thoughts For A New Year -- “It has never been matter of wonder to me that human resolutions are liable to change; one passion gives them birth, another may destroy them.” — Antoine François Prevost

“Doing nothing accomplishes nothing, gains nothing, changes nothing, and wins nothing. You have to make a move.” — Richelle E. Goodrich



Schedule of Services

Sunday: 9 a.m., 10 a.m. & 5 p.m. Wednesday: 7:30 p.m.

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Deacons: John Paul Baker, Doug Davidson, Andy Fuller,

Marshall Irvin, Jason LaChappelle

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Who Said That?

1. God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that hi is Lord of heaven and earth, dwells not in temples made with hands.
2. Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you will, let us make here three tabernacles; one for you, and one for Moses, and one for Elisa.
3. Refrain from these men, and let them alone; for if this counsel of this work be of men, it will come to naught.
4. Lord, now let your servant depart in peace, according to Your word; for my eyes have seen Your salvation.



Where Does The Time Go?

By Edwin Crozier

Earlier this week, I ran across the following accounting of our time. In an average lifetime you will spend 8 years at work, 4 years eating, 5 years standing, 12 years talking, 2 years unsuccessfully returning phone calls, 1 year searching for misplaced objects, 9 months opening junk mail and 8 months waiting at traffic lights.



Where Does The Time Go?

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If you live to 70, you'll have at your disposal about 613,600 hours. 204,400 will be devoted to sleep, 176,800 will be spent at work or school, 51,100 will be used for eating, bathing and personal hygiene, 38,325 will go in traveling from here to there, and 76,000 will be spent on household chores. This leaves you with only 66,975 hours for everything else.

We already know *Ephesians 5:15-16*: “*Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of your time, because the days are evil.*”

This accounting puts it all into perspective. The number for sleep is based on 8 hours per day. The one for work and school averages out to 7 hours per day. 4 years of eating averages out to 1 hour and 22 minutes per day. The 66,975 hours averages out daily to about 2 hours and 40 minutes, the equivalent of about 7 ¾ years or 10.5 percent of the 70 year old's life.

Consider some more figures. Anything we do for 20 minutes per day, over a 70 year life span, will equal a year of life. 30 minutes per day equals about 1 ½ years. An hour equals about 3 years.

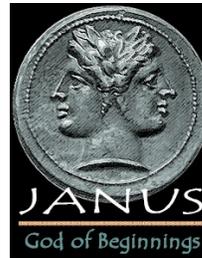
How are we spending our time? It adds up. Do you spend 1 or 2 hours per day watching television (3 to 6 years)? How many hours playing video games? How many hours reading the newspaper or magazines? How much time per day do you spend thinking about all you didn't do yesterday or figuring out how to put off what you ought to be doing until tomorrow?

How much time do you spend reading your Bible? ...praying? If it is only five minutes, over a 70 year life span you reach about 3 months? How much time do you spend talking with brethren about spiritual things? How much time do you spend inviting others to attend assemblies or classes?

The average person spends over an hour feeding himself physically every day. How much time do we spend feeding ourselves spiritually? Do we rely on 4 hours per week? That equals only 1 year and 8 months compared to the 4 years spent eating. Those who only attend on Sunday morning only rack up 5 months (remember we spend about 9 months opening junk mail—15 minutes per day).

I can't tell you how to spend your time. Please, let me encourage you to spend it wisely, seeking first God's kingdom and righteousness.

Another New Year



The first month of our year is named after the ancient Roman god of gates, doors and beginning and endings—Janus. He was pictured with two faces, each pointing in opposite directions.

What have you done this year? Have you grown spiritually? Christianity is not about where we are right now; it is about where we are growing.

No matter how mature we are, the issue is are we more mature than we were this time last year? Consider 2 Peter 1:5-8. It says we should grow in *faith, moral excellence, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, brotherly kindness and love*. How have you grown in these characteristics over the past year?

How do you plan to grow in 2015? Spiritual growth is not like physical growth. As long as we eat, we grow physically. Spiritual growth, however, takes real planning. It does not happen accidentally or naturally.

Plan your Bible reading. The point is to have a Bible reading plan and stick with it. Then have your study plan. Plan your prayer time. Daniel prayed three times every day (Daniel 6:10). Perhaps that is too much for you. Perhaps it is not enough. The point is to plan it and stick with your plan.

Finally, plan time with other Christians beyond the regular assemblies. Plan social time with your brethren. You will be amazed at how just being around other Christians on a regular basis helps you grow.

Growth only happens on purpose. What is your plan?



Answers from page 1

1. Paul [Acts 17:24]
2. Peter [Matthew 17:4]
3. Gamaliel [Acts 5:38]
4. Simeon [Luke 2:29-30]

