

SERVICE SCHEDULE for February 22, 2015

Announcements for the Week

Marshall Irvin

Morning Service

Evening Service

Prayer- Phillip Dorn

Prayer- Mike Shepherd

Song Leader- Doug Davidson

Song Leader- Roger German

Communion:

Comments – Bill McIlvain
Communion – Phillip Dorn

- **Comments** – Andy Dobbs
- **Assisting** – David Johnson
- **Assisting** – Mark Jones
- **Assisting** – Tyler Akins
- **Assisting** – Connor LaChappelle
- **Scripture** – Mike Shepherd

Scripture – Gary Goddard
Closing Prayer- Don Casper

Closing Prayer- Matt Fuller

Wednesday Night – February 25, 2015

First Prayer- Mike Shepherd

Song Leader – Jason LaChappelle

Invitation – John Paul Baker

Closing Prayer – Kevin Criswell

February 22 Evening Service: Scott Lucas

Upcoming Assignments

March	Communion	Cleaning
1	Griffing	Johnson, Baker, Goddard, Land, H. Hudson
8	LaChappelle	Davidson, K Hudson, Stone, Denney, Shepherd

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 March 2 @ 7:00PM.

Good Thoughts -- Low self-esteem causes me to believe that I have so little worth that my response does not matter. With repentance, however, I understand that being worth so much to God is why my response is so important. Repentance is remedial work to mend our minds and hearts, which get bent by sin. — [John Ortberg Jr., *The Me I Want to Be*](#):

It's a fine line between Saturday night and Sunday morning. — [Jimmy Buffett](#)



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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Lions

1. What kind of tree does Psalms compare a wicked man to?
2. What kind of wood was the Ark of the Covenant made of?
3. What prophet was a “dresser of sycamore trees”?
4. What kind of trees did the exiled Jews hang their harps upon?



I Didn't Mean To

By Edwin Crozier

A crash, a splash, a mess, someone's crying, doesn't matter exactly what is the actual outcry that draws my attention to my kids' actions. Inevitably the same conversation takes place every time with whichever child is being questioned.

“What on earth have you done?” “I didn't mean to,” responds Crozier child.

I don't know how many times I've heard this from my kids, from people I have counseled and taught, from myself. How many messes have we got into and our excuse is “I didn't mean to.”



I Didn't Mean To

Continued

Here is the problem. It is not enough to not mean to. We have to mean not to. Allow me to explain. The other night Tessa was moving Ethan's booster seat from the far back seat in the Suburban to one of the middle seats. It was his turn to sit up by Trina. Suddenly, Ethan is caterwauling and I learn that Tessa smacked him in the head with the booster seat. "Tessa, what are you doing?" "Dad, I didn't mean to."

The problem is she didn't mean not to. She was not purposefully trying to hit her brother in the head. But she wasn't purposefully trying not to hit him in the head either. She just wasn't paying attention to him at all. She didn't hit him because she meant to, she hit him because she didn't mean not to.

That's the way sin is for me. I don't ever mean to sin. That is, I never wake up in the morning saying, "Today, I want to commit such and such sin." Usually, for one reason or another I just find my way into temptation and then submit. I meet with someone and just start gossiping. I come home in a bad mood and just start with the outbursts of wrath. I happen to see a scantily clad lady and just start lusting. When I'm done, I always say, "I didn't mean to." What I've learned is I have to take a different approach. I can no longer say, "I didn't mean to." I have to say, "I mean not to." Then I start paying attention and making my plans to avoid temptation as best I can.

1 Peter 1:14-15 says, "As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct" (ESV). This will not happen on accident. This will not happen by me walking through life without paying attention banking on the fact that I don't ever mean to sin. This will only happen when I very specifically mean to be holy and very specifically mean not to sin, paying attention to what is going on around me so I can avoid what will lead me there.

If you catch yourself saying, "But I didn't mean to." Realize the problem. That is not enough. You actually have to mean not to in order to overcome.



Time

By David Maxson

Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil.

[Ephesians 5:15-16]

The word translated "time" in this text is the Greek word kairos. This word means "opportunity," "season," or "fitting time." Another Greek word for time was chronos. Chronos would be used by the ancient Greek speakers for a sequence of moments (a duration of time). An appointed time or season would be expressed by kairos.

So, the way we should think about this instruction should be in terms of seasons in our life, not what I'm going to do today for lunch. Our lives are not just made up of weeks, days, or hours. Our lives consist of seasons where we are presented with unique opportunities based on our physical abilities, experience, circumstances, etc.

Take a moment today to think about what season you are in right now. What are some opportunities do you have in your life that might not be around for much longer?

We need to have a sense of perspective about the brevity of our days. I hope we use the strength of our youth, the wisdom of our age, our position at work, our time with our kids, or whatever opportunities are unique to our life right now to God's glory.



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1. A green bay tree [Psalm 37:35]
2. Acacia [Exodus 25:10]
3. Amos [Amos 4:14]
4. Willows [Psalm 137:2]

