

**SERVICE SCHEDULE for December 27, 2015**

**Announcements for the Week** Doug Davidson  
**Morning Service**  
**Prayer-** Mark Jones  
**Song Leader-** John Paul Baker  
**Communion:**  
 -- **Comments** – Doug Davidson  
 -- **Assisting** – Russ Sollars  
 -- **Assisting** – Phillip Dorn  
 -- **Assisting** – Buck Phillips  
 -- **Assisting** – Gary Goddard  
 -- **Scripture** – Darryl Griffing  
**Closing Prayer-** Josh Hudson  
**Evening Service**  
**Prayer-** Don Casper  
**Song Leader-** Various  
**Comments** – Scott Lucas  
**Communion** – Mark Jones  
**Scripture** – Various  
**Closing Prayer-** Cliff Davis

**Wednesday Night – December 30, 2015**

**First Prayer-** Josh Hudson  
**Song Leader** – John Paul Baker  
**Invitation** – Bill McIlvain  
**Closing Prayer** – Andy Fuller

**December 27 Evening Prayer Service**

**Upcoming Assignments**

January	Communion	Cleaning
3	McIlvain	Johnson, Baker, Goddard, Land, H. Hudson
10	Tucker	Davidson, K. Hudson, Stone, Denney, Shepherd

**Good Thoughts --**

Dependability, integrity, the characteristic of never knowingly doing anything wrong, that you would never cheat anyone, that you would give everybody a fair deal. Character is a sort of an all-inclusive thing. If a man has character, everyone has confidence in him. — Omar Nelson Bradley

Love does not cost anything. Kind words and deeds do not cost anything. The real beauty of the world is equal for everyone to see. It was given by God equally to all, without restrictions. All we need to understand my friends, is that human life was given equally to us all, not partially but in totality. — Carla Jo Masterson



*Schedule of Services*

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

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*The Birds*

1. What black birds fed Elijah when he lived by Kerith Brook?
2. According to Job, what bird feeds blood to its young?
3. What prophet told Baasha, king of Israel, that the birds would feast on those of his household?
4. What bird does Proverbs compare fleeting riches to?



*Don't Mark Your Mistakes*

On New Year's Day, 1929, Georgia Tech played UCLA in the Rose Bowl. In that game a young man named Roy Riegels recovered a fumble for UCLA. Picking up the loose ball, he lost his sense of direction and ran sixty-five yards toward the wrong goal line. One of his teammates ran him down and tackled him just before he scored for the opposing team.

The strange play came in the first half. At half-time the UCLA players filed off the field and into the dressing room. As others sat down on the benches and the floor, Riegels put a blanket around his shoulders, sat down in a corner, and put his face in his hands.



## Don't Mark Your Mistakes

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A football coach usually has a great deal to say to his team during halftime. That day Coach Price was quiet. When the timekeeper came in and announced that there were three minutes before playing time, Coach Price looked at the team and said, "Men, the same team that played the first half will start the second."



The players got up and started out, all but Riegels. He didn't budge. The coach looked back and called to him. Riegels didn't move. Coach Price went over to where Riegels sat and said, "Roy, didn't you hear me? The same team that played the first half will start the second."

Roy Riegels looked up, his cheeks wet with tears. "Coach," he said, "I can't do it. I've ruined you. I've ruined the university's reputation. I've ruined myself. I can't face that crowd out there." Coach Price reached out, put his hand on Riegels's shoulder, and said, "Roy, get up and go on back. The game is only half over."

Riegels finally did get up. He went onto the field, and the fans saw him play hard and play well. All of us have run a long way in the wrong direction at times. But remember, because of God's mercy, the game is only half over.

*"If You, LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with You, That You may be feared" (Psalm 130:3-4).*



## A New Year Begins Any Time

Earlier in the fall I acquired a new automobile. It was not this year's model, but it was new to me. When I went to clean out the old car, I muttered, "How did we accumulate so much junk?" I found some old maps, dried-up ballpoint pens, 2012 & 2013

church directories, old audio CD's and a box I was using as a trash can.

I made some immediate resolutions about keeping this new car clean, orderly and functioning properly. Thinking about resolutions, I sensed a connection between a new car and a new year. The first order of business is to clear out the clutter, discard the useless, and remove the dust and dirt. Begin fresh!

A new year can begin anytime in our lives. We can sort through old attitudes, clean our minds of envy, toss out the habits of gossip and carrying grudges. We can resolve to keep our promises and curb our anger. The word "repent" sums it up.



I stood back and surveyed the fresh, shiny car. Yes, a new year could begin anytime or any place. A lot of things from the past need discarding. Things we collect that are of no more value or usefulness need to be trashed. The Good Book says, *"But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth. Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds" (Colossians 3:8-9).*

It is amazing how anything brand new can change your life. None of the old squeaks, rattles and knocks. Cruising down the road in a new car makes the journey a delight. So it can be with our journey ahead, if we can truly forget things in the past and press on to greater things.



### Answers from page 1

1. Ravens [1 Kings 17:6]
2. The eagle [Job 39:30]
3. Jehu [1 Kings 16:4]
4. An eagle [Proverbs 23:5]

