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TEN THINGS TO DO WHEN PEOPLE MAKE MISTAKES

By Larry Fitzgerald, Abilene, TX

“Nobody’s perfect. Everyone makes mistakes!” Sometimes the mistakes are not that big of a deal—other times the mistakes are a really big deal. So, what do we (Christians) do when people make mistakes, and at our expense?

Sympathize with them. If Jesus could and can “sympathize with our weaknesses” (Heb. 4:15), then why can we not try to do the same by putting ourselves in their place? You’ve been there yourself.

Be patient with them. Paul addressed how to respond to those who may test our patience sometimes by saying “Be patient with all” (I Thess. 5:14). A servant of the Lord must be “Patient when wronged” (II Tim. 2:24.)

Be kind to them. A servant of God is to “be kind and tenderhearted” (Eph. 4:32) to everyone, rather than being quarrelsome for the Lord Himself “is kind to ungrateful and evil people” (Luke 6:35)

Golden rule them. “As you wish that others would do to you, do so to them (Luke 6:31).

Go to them. If the situation calls for a resolution, then go and tell him his fault between you and him alone (Mt. 18:15).

Refuse to malign them. A Christian is charged, “Do not speak evil of one another” (James 4:11) In fact, Paul would remind us to speak evil of no one, and instead to be peaceable, gentle, showing all humility to all men” (Tit. 3:1-2)

Love them. Just as the Lord possessed and demonstrated love for all men, He calls upon us to do the same, even to love people we would consider our enemies (Mt. 5:44). Agape love is unconditional, unselfish, and seeks the best of the one to whom we direct that love.

Pray for them. Talk to God about it and for that person (Mt. 5:44; Lk. 23:34) to obtain a peace of mind.

Be merciful to them and forgive them. If we want God to forgive us then we must forgive others (Mt. 6:14-15).

Don’t let their mistake rule you. You control you. Let the peace of Christ rule in your heart (Col. 3:15).

Encourage one another in love and good deeds. Hebrews 10:23-24

Pray for the sick: We have many on our prayer list. You may not know some of them, but God knows them and their needs, so let's lift them up.

Faith Fooks, Dave Newberry, Gloria Hurley, Terry Hastings, Kay Murphy, Kristy Brady, Robin Anderson, Natalie Anderson, Pat Tucker, Bobby Phillips, Sandi Holt, Michelle Tucker, Claire Rossiter, Eleanor Roulis, all with continuing health concerns.

On-going personal Bible studies.

Carol (Sandi's friend) tongue cancer, on Hospice.

Expectant mother— Courtney

Michael Roulis; home on Hospice

Ruth Banks (Jean's sister); eyes

Dave Wooten; BP complications

Amy Mathis; back pain

Douglas (friend of Michelle's) COVID

Doris Mathis; starting shoulder therapy

Jenny Womersley; getting therapy for knee

World turmoil; people of Ukraine and Russia

Opportunities for study and worship

Sunday: (In person and virtually at:
www.laurelcoc.org)

Bible Classes 9:00 a.m.

Worship 10:00 a.m.

Teen Devo 6:00 p.m.

Thursday:

Men's Bible Study 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study at building 6:30 p.m.

We invite you to attend any of our service times, and we look forward to welcoming you, and pray that you might find a home here with us in Laurel and with God in heaven as His child.

If you need Media help — connections, addresses, or general questions contact: Don Trader or Julio Brennick

CROWN FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT CLASS: The class will meet every Fri. at 7:00 for 10 weeks. Cost is \$40. See John Justice or Troy Mathis.

WOMEN TO WOMEN WORKSHOP April 9th in FLC from 9-12.

VBS DATES will be week of August 8th. Try to reserve that week to attend/help. VBS meeting today following worship.

CONGRATULATIONS to Joel and Tina on new granddaughter, Everly Grace born Wed. and to Rhonda and Dominic, Phil and Dorothea on Anthony Robert, born Thursday morning.

MEN'S DAY April 29th with Brenn White.

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MEN TO SERVE:

Welcome/Scripture: Paul-3rd; David- 10th

Prayer: Lanny-3rd; Christian-10th

Table: Troy M.-3rd; Dale-10th

Announcements/closing prayer: Dave-3; Daniel-10

Song leader: Daniel-3rd; Troy F.-10th

WHO WE ARE

The body of Christ in Laurel, Delaware is a family of believers knit together in love (Colossians 2:2), striving to serve God in spirit and in truth (John 4:24) and carrying the gospel to the lost (Matthew 28:18). We are an autonomous body with Christ only as our head, and elders shepherding the flock of God (Acts 20:28).

We have been entrusted with the gospel (I Thessalonians 2:4) and so it is that we speak. The congregation seeks to uphold the doctrine and practice of the first century church using the only true standard, the Bible, as our guide (2 Peter 1:3). It is our prayer that all would come to a knowledge of the truth and partake in that divine fellowship in the body of Christ, being immersed for the remission of sins, and beginning life anew with Christ as Lord (Acts 2:38, Romans 6:1). Our plea is that we might be one in Christ, and serve the Lord faithfully unto death to receive our crown (Revelation 2:10).