

*****PREPARE COMMUNION*****

January - Jerry and Rosemary McCoy
February - David and Loretta Carson

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

TODAY - Millie Dauck * February 3 - Cindy Burleson

CHILDREN'S HOME NEEDS

Cereal * Chocolate Chips * Tissues (ie, Kleenex) * Coffee *
Velveeta Cheese * Picante Sauce/Salsa

OUR RECORD FOR LAST WEEK

Attendance ---
Contribution \$---

FOOD PANTRY

JANUARY ITEMS: CANNED SPAGHETTI SAUCE

Canned frosting, cake mix, cereal. Cash donations also gratefully accepted



Happy Birthday:

January 29 - Tim Flowers
January 30 - Ginger Beard
February 3 - John Barnett

Happy Anniversary:

February 1 - Jerry and Pam Collier

Bible Trivia:

What Bible-song composer is given credit for writing 1005 songs?

Last Week's Answer:

Joseph's brothers sold him into slavery for 20 pieces of silver (Genesis 37:28)

How to remember how many books are in the Bible:

How many letters in the word, "Old"? - 3; How many letters in the word, "Testament"? - 9. There are 39 books in the Old Testament. Multiply 3 x 9 and you get 27. There are 27 books in the New Testament.

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SERVING TODAY

January 27, 2019

Song Leader.....Joe Watson
Opening Prayer.....Jonathon Simmons

LORD'S TABLE

Jon Neely.....Ron Garner
Tim Flowers.....Jason Karnes
Sam Garner.....Alex Garner
Scripture.....Jacob Clayton
Prayer.....David Burleson
Announcements.....Rodney Williams
Dismissal.....Zack Tanner

Sunday Evening

Song Leader.....Wayne Reams
Prayer.....Morris Karnes
Scripture.....Darrin Shipman
Matthew 24:1-2

Dismissal.....Jerry McCoy

Wednesday, January 30, 2019

Song Leader.....David Carson
Prayer.....Jerry Burleson
Dismissal.....Sam Garner

February 3, 2019

Song Leader.....Ronnie Mays
Opening Prayer.....Tim Woods

LORD'S TABLE

Zack Tanner.....Jonathon Simmons
Jeff Rodgers.....Marty Howard
Rodney Williams.....Joe Watson
Scripture.....Jerry Burleson
Prayer.....Darrin Shipman
Announcements.....Ron Garner
Dismissal.....Bud McKuin

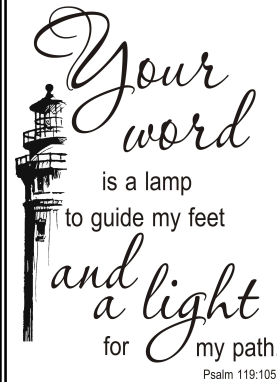
Sunday Evening

Song Leader.....Morris Karnes
Prayer.....Jacob Clayton
Scripture.....Mike Duley
Matthew 24: 3-6

Dismissal.....David Carson

COUNT JANUARY CONTRIBUTION

Rodney Williams.....Mike Duley
Jerry McCoy.....Tim Flowers



SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

Bible Study.....9:30AM
Worship.....10:15AM
Worship.....5:00PM

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study.....7:00PM

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TRUE LIGHT

January 27, 2019

MAKING IT COUNT!

Cody Parkey made a 43-yard field goal with five seconds left in the Chicago Bears Wild Card playoff game against the Eagles on Sunday, January 6. Parkey, who's been under some fire this year, especially after hitting an upright four times in a game earlier in the year, trotted out onto the field and calmly nailed the field goal, giving the Bears a 17-16 lead and an almost guaranteed win.

Except it didn't count.

Right before the ball was snapped, Eagles coach Doug Pederson called time out. Because he cut it so close, the ball was snapped anyway, and Parkey went ahead and kicked. The ball sailed through the uprights, but it didn't count. The strategy is referred to as "icing the kicker," and most coaches do it as a matter of course before a game-changing field goal attempt. If they have a time out, they'll call it to let the kicker think about the kick a little longer. They usually do it precisely the way Pederson did it, too; they let the kicking team get set up, let the kicker get ready, and then right before the snap, they call time. It's a mind game, and kickers expect it.

It's not always in a win-or-go-home game, though, like it was for the Bears that night. The TV camera caught Parkey on the field during the time out, taking a few deep breaths to calm himself down. That's when I thought to myself, "We might be in trouble here." When the ball was kicked again, it bounced off the left upright, dropped down and hit the crossbar, and then fell to the ground on the wrong side of the goalposts. No good. Eagles win. Bears go home.

Replay shows the ball was tipped by an Eagle's player near the line of scrimmage. That might have knocked it off course just enough. In fairness to Parkey, he made the kick. But not when it counted. When it counted, he might as well have had the holder pull the ball away and fallen on his rear end like Charlie Brown.

I think we can all probably relate to the way Cody Parkey must be feeling if we care to try. We've all had efforts that fell short. We've all had moments where we put it out there, but it didn't count. You didn't get called back for that job interview. You tried to help a friend solve a problem, only to have your words fall on deaf ears and your actions go unacknowledged. You've done favors that weren't noticed, spoken truth that wasn't appreciated, given advice that wasn't heeded.



You gave your best effort to a project at work, only to have it shut down around you. You put your heart into a marriage, and it ended anyway. You've tried changing a habit or overcoming addiction, and it seems to always get the best of you. You've tried to pray more, love better, serve more willingly, give more generously, and find yourself falling back into the same old ruts.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Wednesday Fellowship Meal - Baked spaghetti, garden salad, garlic bread. Desserts will be needed

Looking Ahead

Ladies Lunch Out February 12th at 11:30 at Mary Ada's in Portageville. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the foyer. If there is enough interest, we will take the van

Widow, Widowers and Seniors Luncheon February 14th at 11:30 in the Fellowship Room. If you are a widow, widower, or qualify for AARP, you are invited to attend!

Challenge Youth Conference February 21-24 in Pigeon Forge, TN

Inspiration 2019 March 8 & 9 at the Dexter church of Christ. Joe Wells is the featured speaker and the theme is "Learn to Discern". A flyer is posted on the bulletin board by the nursery

Gospel Meeting at Bernie with guest speaker Brent Newton April 7-10. Make plans now to be in attendance every night!

Ultimate Youth Rally at Germantown church of Christ May 24-26th

Continued from front: There's a myth in our world: "Your best is good enough." You've heard it said. Probably you've said it yourself. The point behind it is a good one: If you give your all to something, you've done all you can. But it's simply not true that your best is always good enough; there are countless people every day who could witness to that. They did their best, and they failed. For every person whose Herculean effort is rewarded and noticed and praised - and who we look to for evidence that our best is good enough - there are how many whose best efforts end in failure and are forgotten? Or worse, remembered. Did they just not do their best?

No, they did. It's just that, by the standards of our world, their best efforts didn't count. Only success matters in our world. Nothing else counts. That can be exhausting. Discouraging. I don't mean to depress you, though. I want to give voice to this distressing thing that we all know to be true so I can remind you that God doesn't see things that way.

In First Corinthians, Paul spends a lot of time and ink writing about the hope of resurrection. He draws a line from Jesus' resurrection to our own and emphasizes how important that belief is to our faith. In fact, he says that without Jesus' resurrection, our faith is "futile." It's empty, vain. It doesn't count. But, he assures us, "Christ has indeed been raised from the dead," and he goes on to promise that his resurrection is a preview of our own.

Anyone standing at Jesus' cross might have been forgiven for thinking that the whole enterprise was an abysmal failure. On Friday, not one of his followers felt that his teaching and healing counted. On Sunday, they were starting to believe again.

And, you know, there will be times in your life - as there are in mine - when you wonder if anything you've done matters. You'll wonder if you've accomplished anything. Guilt and shame over your failures will weigh on you. You'll question if anything you've given your life to counts for anything.

When you feel that way, please remember that "*your labor in the Lord is not in vain*" (1 Corinthians 15:58). When you make the Lord's work the primary focus of your life, then what you do matters. It counts. You won't always be able to see it now. It isn't dependent upon your proficiency. It counts because God takes obedient lives and does unimaginable things with them. It matters because it gives Him joy when His children give themselves to Him, and He will not let us give ourselves in vain. He gives meaning and purpose to our work for Him. If necessary, by raising the dead.

I hope that gives you a sense of vocation: that whatever you get paid to do, or whatever your current calling is, that your real work is the Lord's and that whatever else you do is done with that in view. Your other work is made significant ultimately by doing it for Him. Whatever else you may accomplish, what counts is that you let God tell you what His purposes for you are, and learn to give yourself fully to that work. I'm pretty sure you'll get a kick out of it!

Patrick Odum, www.heartlight.com

Lifting up in Prayer...

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Darrell Zimmerman is in Dexter Hospital. No visitors at this time, please * Jane Smith was admitted to St. Francis Hospital Tuesday with pneumonia but is doing a little better * Amy Green, David Carson's mother, was admitted to Southeast Hospital Monday * Bud McKuIn will see a heart surgeon Feb 13 for his thoracic aorta aneurysm * Paige Tanner, Brooke Smith's mother, has been diagnosed with congestive heart failure and had five stents put in * Josh Townsend is in Barnes Hospital. He has been very ill since Christmas * Rodney Williams has been ill * Amelia Garner hasn't been feeling well *

CONTINUING PRAYERS

(congregational)

Louella Akers * John David Barnett * Mary Burke * David Burleson * Jerry Burleson * Pam Claeys * Billie Cooper * Mike Duley * Scott and Judy Flannery * Sue Flowers * Grant Howard * Morris Karnes * Sonja Mays * Jeff McGowan * Ida Roberts * Gayle Rodgers * Elwood Rush * Max Snyder * David Terrill * Max Terrill * Bettie Thurston * Joy Watson * Marty Watson * Cindy Williams * Darrell Zimmerman * Pansy Zimmerman *

Sympathy is extended to Kathy Caudlei in the loss of her sister, Loretta Parker, who passed away last week. Loretta's funeral was Saturday at the Donelson church of Christ in Nashville, TN



CONTINUING PRAYERS

(non congregational)

Cancer

Ryder Boles
Roxanne Carson
Debbie Chrisman
Bill Fitzpatrick
Kevin Flowers
Tommy Jacques
Connie Lemmons
Annette Lumsden
Phil McKuIn
Betty Nicholson
Jessica Payne
Donnie Rawlings
Deanna Rogers
Norman Swafford
Diane Wilder

Other Health Issues

Beaver Blocker (Alzheimer's)
Roy Greer (COPD)
Clyde Jacques
Tommy Jacques
Beckie King (MS)
Alvin Miller (poor health)
Brian Mitchell (stroke)
Tom Provance
Gene Rowland
Traci Suiter (poor health)
Geraldine Tomah (poor health)
Dean Williams

OUR SHUT INS

Central Garden: Fern Botsch #309
Mary Burke #303
Lois McKuIn #117

Ridgeview Living/Malden:

Shirley Johnson
Bertha Skidgell #201
Max Terrill #207
Isaac Wheeler

Cypress Point:

Joy Watson # 8

Winchester Place:

Travis Cooper, #7

Gideon Care Ctr. Sue Flowers, #102

AT HOME: Pam Claeys, Scott & Judy Flannery, Gayle Rodgers, Elwood Rush