

ACTIVITIES FOR FEBRUARY:

February 24th: Ladies' Brunch at Winnies on Main Street @11:00am

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

⇒ A meal sign-up list for Ed & Sharon Loy is located on the back table.

⇒ Our congregational retreat is March 22nd-23rd at Jackson's Mill.

An interest sign-up sheet is located on the back bulletin board.

⇒ All ladies are invited to brunch at Winnies on Main Street next Saturday at 11:00am.

⇒ There are copies of the Members' Directory located on the back table.

Elders: Raymond Anderson, Don Riffle, & Wayne Hartman

Deacons: Gene Wright & Robbie Buffington

Minister: Mark Jones Phone: (304) 842-6738

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February 18th, 2024

Something is Missing

On July 4, 1939, Lou Gehrig uttered some words that would go on to be some of the most iconic in history. After being diagnosed with a debilitating disease, standing only about two years from his death, the man who had played more consecutive baseball games than anyone else ever had gave this brief speech:

"For the past two weeks you have been reading about a bad break. Yet today I consider myself the luckiest man on the face of the earth. I have been in ballparks for seventeen years and have never received anything but kindness and encouragement from you fans.

"When you look around, wouldn't you consider it a privilege to associate yourself with such a fine looking men as they're standing in uniform in this ballpark today? Sure, I'm lucky. Who wouldn't consider it an honor to have known Jacob Ruppert? Also, the builder of baseball's greatest empire, Ed Barrow? To have spent six years with that wonderful little fellow, Miller Huggins? Then to have spent the next nine years with that outstanding leader, that smart student of psychology, the best manager in baseball today, Joe McCarthy? Sure, I'm lucky.

"When the New York Giants, a team you would give your right arm to beat, and vice versa, sends you a gift – that's something. When everybody down to the groundskeepers and those boys in white coats remember you with trophies – that's something. When you have a wonderful mother-in-law who takes sides with you in squabbles with her own daughter – that's something. When you have a father and a mother who work all their lives so you can have an education and build your body – it's a blessing. When you have a wife who has been a tower of strength and shown more courage than you dreamed existed – that's the finest I know.

"So I close in saying that I might have been given a bad break, but I've got an awful lot to live for. Thank you."



Times of Service

Sunday:

Bible Study 9:30 am

Worship 10:30 am

Evening Worship 6pm

Wednesday:

Bible Study 7 pm

In so many ways, this really is a beautiful and touching speech!

Gehrig acknowledges how special it is to play the game of baseball while surrounded by people who love you and support you and want to help you succeed. He acknowledges how great it is to have a family that sacrifices for you to help you get where you are. Considering his illness, these really are impressive words.

After reading this, I asked my students, "What is missing?" Without hesitation, one bright young lady said, "He didn't mention God! He thanked everyone but Him."

That is exactly the answer I was looking for. I don't know anything about the faith of Lou Gehrig, but I know he missed an opportunity. If you watch the black and white footage or you read the transcript, you are left feeling like something is missing. In times of triumph or times of despair, it is always good to acknowledge the blessings of God (Phil. 4:12-13).

I would much rather be blessed than to be lucky!

Bart Warren

South Green Street church of Christ

Glasgow, KY

February Card Distributor: Kristina Riffle

February Greeter: Karen Seyler (25th)

Baptismal Garments: Evelyn

Bible Class Locations

Adults– Main Auditorium

Young Adults (20s-30s)– Mark's Office

Children & Teens– Downstairs

Cradle Roll– Downstairs

Events for Bridgeport 2024

March 3rd: Dessert Fellowship

March 22nd-23rd: Congregational Re-

treat at Jackson's Mill

April 7th: Dessert Fellowship

April: Family Hike at Cooper's Rock

May 5th: Dessert Fellowship

May: Friends and Family Day

May: Ladies' Tea Party at the Home of

Cheryl Kelch

June 8th: VBS

June: FOP Ladies' Breakfast

July: Back to School Cookout

Our Record:

Sunday Morning Assembly

94

Sunday Bible Class

63

Sunday Evening

34

Wednesday Bible Study

18

Contribution (Budget \$4,000)

\$2,875

February Birthday / Anniversary List:

2-Ed Loy, Alana Harper 4-Carson Currey,
Kathy Cross 5-Larry Seyler 7- Howard Collins
Jr 9-Sydney Buffington 13-Caitlin Kolar
14- Allan Craig 16- Rachael Seyler
27- Allen Wilmoth 28-Steve Cross

Prayer Requests

For Our Congregation:

- **Our Shut-in's:** Jackie Moore, Helen Potts, Yvonne Maxwell, Judy Garner, and Becky Britton
- **Cathy Hart:** Recovering from recent heart attack.

For Our Family & Friends:

- **Earnie Parsons:** Continuing chemo.
- **Teresa Kipp (Kathy's Friend):** Continuing chemo.
- **Cheryl's Mom:** Fell and broke her clavicle.



If you have a prayer request or need to put something in the bulletin– Please email it to bgptchurchofchrist@yahoo.com or write it down and give it to the secretary before Thursday.