

ANNOUNCEMENTS

AUG 2, 2015

SICK LIST:

HEALTHCARE CENTERS:

Ruby Harrison

HOME: Fred & Romaine Elliott, Carolyn Myers, Gail Windham, Willie Nelson, Robert Brown, Betty Honeycutt

PRAYER LIST: April Lazenby, Sue Hinds, Louise Alexander, Donnie Bryant, Joshua Jackson, Elmer Williams, Debra Webb, Patsy Tucker, Rhonda Poe, Debbie Odom, Robert Turner, Bobby Holloway, Ricky McDonald, David Brown, Kim Elliott, J.D. Dailey, James Horsley, Brenda Holloway, Jake & Diane Chambers, Donna Laratta, Kathy Windham, Arthur Mason, John Pruitt, Madison Banks, Charles Crump, Martha Ann, Debbie Jackson, Diane Townley, Elesia Wright, Margie Thomasson, Larry Alexander, Micah Earnest, Vonciel Phillips, Roger Deihl, Wanda Self, Katie Griffies, Bruce Windham, Eddie Rutledge, Raymond Johnson

AM - WADE WEBSTER

PM - WADE WEBSTER

OUR GOSPEL MEETING WITH WADE WEBSTER STARTS TODAY AND EVERYONE IS INVITED TO STAY FOR A FELLOWSHIP MEAL AFTER MORNING SERVICES.

WE WILL MEET TONIGHT THRU WEDNESDAY NIGHT AT 7 PM EACH EVENING

WE WILL HAVE MEALS MONDAY-WEDNESDAY NIGHT AT 5:30 PM AND THERE IS A SIGN-UP SHEET FOR THESE IN THE FOYER

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO GENE MCDONALD DUE TO THE DEATH OF HIS UNCLE WILEY SMITH. SERVICES WERE THURSDAY

BIRTHDAYS:

Aug 3: Kim Haynes

7: Eli Phillips & Shanna Robbins

8: Chuck Windham & Paige Hall

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TIMES OF SERVICES

SUNDAY MORNING

Bible Class 9:30

Worship 10:20

SUNDAY EVENING 5:00

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 7:00

ELDERS:

Gene McDonald 924-4827
Carlton Myers 221-0637
Neil Myers 924-9289
Bruce Windham 221-2348

DEACONS:

Danny Busby 387-0213
David Preston 300-1927
Kevin Richardson 295-8864
Chris Robbins 388-1354
Vince Roden 924-4062

MINISTER:

Ben Wright 522-8004

IT ALL HAPPENED SO FAST WADE WEBSTER

A snail crossing the road was run over by a turtle. Regaining consciousness in the emergency room, he was asked what caused the accident. "I really can't remember," the snail answered, "You see, it all happened so fast." We laugh because turtles and snails aren't known for their speed. However, speed is rather relative. To a snail, a turtle is probably like a gazelle.

How fast is your life moving? Doesn't it seem like it is moving at breakneck speed? Just yesterday, it seems, we were graduating, getting married, or expecting a baby. Today, we are at the halfway point of our careers, we have been married for 20 + years, and our children are preteens or teens. If we are not careful, we will look back one day and wonder what happened.

We need to slow down and take stock of what is really important. I believe that this is especially true when it comes to our children. I have known countless parents who looked back and wondered what happened to their children. For sure, there are no guarantees in raising children. Once children reach adulthood, they make their own choices, and they may not make the right choices, no matter how they have been taught. However, it is easy in our fast-paced world to let the years roll by without giving our children what they really need.

We need to redeem the time, because the days are evil (Ephesians 5:16). We need to walk wisely, not run foolishly (Colossians 4:5). There is more to raising children than putting a roof over their heads, clothes on their back, and food in their bellies. There is more to parenting than getting them fed and in bed. They need time and teaching (Deuteronomy 6:6-9), discipline and direction (Proverbs 19:18; Ephesians 6:1-4) and affection (Titus 2:4).

One day, how much time we spent at the office will not matter nearly as much as how much time we spent with our children. Nor, for that matter, will it compensate us as well. I have never heard a single person say, "I wish I had spent more time at the office." However, I have heard many say, "I wish I had spent more time at home."

THE KICKER WADE WEBSTER

The place of the kicker in NFL history is an interesting study. For many years, kickers were not held in very high esteem. Consider the following:

In 1971 when Marv Levy went to the Washington Redskins to coach special teams for George Allen, there were only two fulltime special team coaches in the league. Usually, special team duties were simply added to another coach's responsibility and received little work. However, the next season when the Redskins blocked fifteen kicks, including one that pulled them to within seven of the undefeated Dolphins in Super Bowl VII, other teams in the league took notice.

The fact that Jan Stenerud is the only player in the Pro Football Hall of Fame for his kicking speaks volumes about how kicking was viewed in the early days of the NFL.

If you are a professional football fan, then you know that a great deal more emphasis is placed on kickers and special teams today. Today, top kickers command multi-million dollar salaries. With just over 46 percent of games being decided by 7 points or less and 24 percent of games being decided by 3 points or less (in the last 20 years), the emphasis on kicking seems warranted. The kicker can be, and often is, the difference between a win or a loss.

I have told you all of these football facts to make a point. I am afraid that many congregations look at some of their members in the way the NFL teams used to look at kickers and other special team players. They emphasize a few "important" players but overlook others.

Of course, God in His wisdom has always emphasized the importance of every member. Paul emphasized to the Corinthians that the foot was not to say, "Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body" (1 Corinthians 12:15). Furthermore, the head was not to say to the feet, "I have not need of thee" (1 Corinthians 12:21). God put every member into the body for a reason. Every member in the body is important—even the foot.

The health and happiness of the body are dependent upon each of its members. Whether the team that we are a part of wins or loses will depend in part upon how we see the "little" members of the team. If we realize their importance and give time and attention to them, they will often make the difference in the success that we enjoy.