

SUPER SUNDAY

This Sunday will mark an end to football season with the Super Bowl. The two top teams of the NFL will battle for the coveted Vince Lombardi Trophy. As I was reading about the trophy handed out each year at the Super Bowl, I discovered an interesting fact. The Vince Lombardi Trophy is one of the few national awards handed out in sports that has not been broken. The Stanley Cup, which is given out in the NHL, has been dropped on the ice at least 8 times that resulted in significant dents and cracks. The Commissioners Trophy, given out in the MLB, was broken during a parade through Boston in 2018 and had to be repaired. The Larry O’Brien Trophy, given out in the NBA, unexpectedly dropped in 1994 and a new one was commissioned to be made. But the Vince Lombardi Trophy has not been broken...yet. However, Rob Gronkowski did dent the trophy while hitting a baseball with it in 2019.

Of course, awarding trophies and awards for sporting events is by no means a new thing. The victors of ancient contests like the ancient Olympic games were given a garland of leaves and a crown made from an olive branch would be placed on their head. But eventually, they would fade away and decay. Paul spoke of the contrast between a temporary award, verses what we can receive in Christ. in **1 Corinthians 9:24-27**, “Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we are imperishable. So, I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I should be disqualified.”

It is remarkable how often our life and its eternal rewards are described using the olive branch crowns of ancient times, and how that same concept is still found in sports around the world today. Even with trophies that seem so “ancient” and “coveted”, they too can be destroyed, and they are also perishable. Jesus says in **Matthew 6:19-21**, ““Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

When we set our minds on things that are above and run the race with endurance and obedience, we are promised

a crown that is much different than any award on earth. Unlike a crown made of silver or gold, our crown is eternal and is made by God. **Revelation 2:10** says, “Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life.” We also learn that when Paul came to the end of his life, he had finished the race and was approaching the finish line. Knowing this, he wrote to Timothy and said in **2 Timothy 4:7-8**, “I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.”

Peter also says, when he spoke to the elders about the importance of shepherding the flock, and the flock following, in **1 Peter 5:4**, he says, “And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.” Our glorious God will reward us with His glory. What an amazing crown. Finally, we learn in Isaiah that we are not simply given a crown in eternity, but we become a crown as well! **Isaiah 62:3** says, “You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.” We honor Him by faithful service, and He honors us by making us His crown! So how do we serve Him faithfully? **2 Timothy 2:5** tells us, “An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules.” So, we must make sure that we obey what God commands us. (**Matthew 28:18-20**) And we can make sure that we do so by looking to Jesus. **Hebrews 12:1-2** says, “Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.”

So, if you end up watching the Super Bowl this Sunday, and you see the Vince Lombardi Trophy handed out, take a moment to think of the greater reward, the eternal crown in Heaven. And think of how much more joy will be there in eternity when we have received the ultimate victory in Christ.

Andrew Spivey

COORDINATED BIBLE CLASS STUDIES
Sunday Read – Job 2
Wednesday Read – Job 3 - 42

Questions for last week's reading of;
Genesis 9-10 & Job 1

Questions:

- 1. Why does God not want people to kill other people?
- 2. Why did God put a rainbow in the sky after the flood?
- 3. What did Job do after his children feasted together?
- 4. Why did Satan say Jobe feared God?
- 5. What did Job do after he lost his animal and children?

UPCOMING EVENTS

- * 4:15 Singing class every Sunday*
Truth Seekers every Sunday @ 5pm
- Feb. 8 – Dorcas Class 9:00 – 10:30 am
- Feb. 14-17 – Youth Winter Camp
- Feb. 15 – Dorcas Class 9:00 – 10:30am
- Feb 15 – Excel’s @ 6pm Fellowship room
- Feb.18 – TNT 6:00 pm
- Ladies Class 6:30 pm
- Feb. 21 – 23 Challenge Youth/Pigeon forge

The LORD is righteous in all his ways,
and holy in all his works. The LORD is
nigh unto all them that call upon him,
to all that call upon him in truth. He
will fulfill the desire of them that fear
him; he also will hear their cry , and
will save them.
Psalm 145:17-19

ORDER OF SERVICES
SUNDAY
February 9, 2025
9:00 AM
BIBLE STUDY
(Classes for Nursery – High School upstairs)

Song Leader.....Jonathan Senn
Opening Prayer.....Eric Stephenson
Auditorium Lesson.....Andrew Spivey

10:00 AM SERVICE

Welcome.....Ben Hutson
Scripture Reading.....Ken Veale
Song Leader.....Jonathan Senn
Opening Prayer.....Bob Brown
Lord's Supper.....Rick Gallagher
Servers.....M.. Lyle, J. Johnson, C. Nelsen
T. Butler, B. Sever, D. Thompson
Sermon.....Andrew Spivey
Closing Prayer.....Kevin Siler

4:15 Singing Class

5:00 PM SERVICE

Welcome.....Ben Hutson
Song Leader.....Jonathan Senn
Opening Prayer.....Allyn Hosman
Sermon.....Andrew Spivey
Lord's Supper.....Tim Strickland
Closing Prayer.....Matt Ellis

WEDNESDAY

February 12, 2025

7:00 PM

Welcome.....Ben Hutson
Song Leader.....Jonathan Senn
Opening Prayer.....Carl Newby
Lesson.....Andrew Spivey
Closing Prayer.....Tim Cummins
Ushers for February.....R. Buck/L. Clark
Communion Care for February.....Newby/Dorcas Class
Door Greeters – West Door.....T/J Cummins
East Door.....Z/A Tooley
Visitor's Desk Volunteer.....Sherry Perry

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday Bible Study 9:00 a.m. - Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 5:00 p.m. - Wednesday Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.

SICK LIST

Evelyn Harris had knee replacement surgery and is now at NHC Sumner Place for rehab. Tony Perry is home. Shauna Lockett reports her cancer is in remission. Jonell Vaughn, mother of Rita Strickland, is back home. Ethan Huffard son-in-law of Carl & Pam Newby has completed his chemo treatments. He returns to the doctor in six months. Larry Bailey, son of Tina Bailey a former member, has been diagnosed with lung cancer. He has begun chemo.



PRAYER LIST

Wanda Seals; Lena Baggett; Hugh Fulford; Maddie Andrews; Mary Spivey; Ottis & Maxine Cothron; Shauna Lockett; Tony Perry; Jean Knowles; Zach Tooley; Mary Ann Reinhart; Sandi Jones; Pat Watson; Frances Catron; Jackie Williams; Pat Crump; Ethan Huffard son-in-law of Carl & Pam Newby; Heather Lemley daughter of Michael & Cathy Lemley; Jean McCurdy mother of Olivia Nelsen; Elaine Reynolds, friend of Christie Coleman; Alan Greene, nephew of Carl & Pam Newby; Bethany Shoulders, granddaughter of Evelyn Harris; Vycki Puckett, daughter of Jack & Anita Cato; Ty Tyler son of Ann Tyler; Ida Lou Sherrill, mother of Alex Sherrill; Taylor Lackford, niece of Brenda Veale; Dustin Lackford, nephew of Brenda Veale; Larry Conley, friend of Wanda Proctor; Harold Cole, friend of Lena Baggett; Bobbie Carter, sister of Janice Johnson; Walter Wooten, brother of Wanda Sherrill; Aza Topik, grandson of Charlie & Wanda Seals.

SHUT-INS

Jean Deaton, Mary Spivey
(new addresses for both Jean & Mary,
please call the office)

We depend on families and friends to help us update
this list. Please notify us of any changes.

OUR RECORD THIS WEEK

Bible Study.....	89
Morning Worship.....	148
Sunday Evening.....	72
Wednesday Evening.....	73
Contribution.....	\$7,208.00
Youth Group Account.....	\$11,559.00

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