

In Our Prayers...

Christy Holley (Connie's Daughter-in-law)- Blood clots

Koben Puckett- Paralyzed Cancer- Andy Smith, Sharon, Denny, Paula Powell, Sarah Wilmon, Linda Ragsdale, Cheryl Lin
Recovery- Kim Provost, Mary Orbison, Linda Johnston

Health concerns- Rosa Lee Cundiff, Ruth Sutherlin
-COVID-19

-Evangelistic opportunities
-Pray for our nation

Worship & Studies Sunday

Bible Study- Suspended
Worship- 10:30 a.m.
Afternoon Worship-
Suspended

Wednesday

Bible Study- Suspended



Happy Sunday!

December 25- Christmas



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Good Grief!

I have a lot in common with Charlie Brown, the cartoon character. I had a brother who would remove the football at the precise moment when I was ready to kick it. Like Charlie, I pitched on a little league team and I was sometimes just as unsuccessful as he always seems to be. I, too, fell in love with a little red-headed girl at a young age. Perhaps, I most clearly resemble our little friend when things just seem to go from bad to worse and nothing comes out right. Maybe, you bear some resemblance to him in this regard. Charlie releases his frustration with his expressive, "Good grief!" Everyone probably has an occasional nothing-ever-goes-right day. Charlie's "good grief" seems to describe it pretty well.

It would be great if we really could turn "grief" into "good." Well, why not? Can we find good in grief? Sometimes it is not easy, I admit. Sometimes, we have to put it **(Continued inside)**

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Scripture Reading: Ephesians 5

News & Announcements

- The 2021 pledge cards totaled \$2002. What a giving congregation we have!
- According to the San Juan Basin Public Health website, our hospitals are filling up. Please don't hesitate to stay at home if you feel you are at risk. Hopefully we are in the "home stretch" and a vaccine will be available soon!

Isaiah 45:6-7

That people may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is none besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other. I form light and create darkness, I make well-being and create calamity, I am the LORD, who does all these things.

Weekly Bible Reading Schedule

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|--------|-------|--------------|--------------|
| Dec 7 | Mon | 2 John | Daniel 5-7 |
| Dec 8 | Tues | 3 John | Daniel 8-10 |
| Dec 9 | Wed | Jude | Daniel 11-12 |
| Dec 10 | Thurs | Revelation 1 | Hosea 1-4 |
| Dec 11 | Fri | Revelation 2 | Hosea 5-8 |
| Dec 12 | Sat | Revelation 3 | Hosea 9-11 |
| Dec 13 | Sun | Revelation 4 | Hosea 12-14 |

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(Continued from the front) behind us before we can see any good because we are just unable, in the midst of our troubles, to see good things. There is, however, the promise of Scripture that "We know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God" (Romans 8:28). I will stand by that...I know it is true.

I cannot suggest, as some do, that Christians should never be unhappy. There are those occasions when we are grieved...even deeply grieved. It is inhuman as well as unchristian to think that we should simply wear a smile through these difficult times. Sometimes it is just not possible to outwardly smile.

I can tell you, however, what helps me through those "good grief" times. I hold to the promise of God. I know that God still loves me, even though times are tough and it might appear that He has forsaken me. I know, too, that all grief is short-lived or temporary. The sun will shine again and the Lord's blessings are renewed every morning.

You just cannot keep a good man like Charlie Brown down. He is tireless in his efforts to overcome life's problems. Christians are made of the same kind of metal. We face tribulation, distress, hardship, and other troubles of life head-on. The battles of life are tough, but our faith brings us out of each one as victors.

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