

# UNA CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Walter Pruitt, Bob Turner**

## December 10, 2017

Many years ago, Simon & Garfunkel wrote a song entitled: "The Boxer." It was about a poor boy who followed his dreams to New York, but soon fell victim to its streets. Now with no money and only strangers as friends, Paul Simon says that he spent his days "laying low, seeking out the poorer quarters where the ragged people go, looking for the places only they would know."

During the song, the boy thinks about quitting. Going home. Giving up. But just when he decides to be finished, he encounters a boxer

*In the clearing stands a boxer and a fighter by his trade, and he carries a reminder of every blow that laid him down or cut him till he cried out in his anger and his shame-'I am leaving, I am leaving!' but the fighter still remains.*

That's my favorite line: "The fighter still remains."

How much do we leave undone? How much is not finished in our lives? Do any of us have cars that we decided to work on but are still where they were five years ago? How about an unused gym membership? An abandoned diet? Or how about life itself?

There are children whose parents never finish what they started; there are people who jump from job to job because we've made it a habit to quit once we get hired. There are marriages that are wrecked because we are "done." And there are faiths that have grown cold, because we are "finished" evangelizing.

Jesus never quit. Through all of the backbiting, yelling, and harassment; through the agony of Lazarus' death and knowing of even his *own* impending murder, Jesus never threw in the towel. And that's why his words mean so much in John 19:30:

### **"It is finished"**

To me this was not a cry of defeat. This was a cry of completion. It is a statement of victory and fulfillment. Maybe it's even a cry of relief. The fighter remained. And thank God that he did.

Don't quit. Whether it is your job, your children, your marriage...let's go one more round. Maybe two. Do not let tomorrow turn into never. Even if you make it through wounded and scarred... Just make it. Mother Teresa once said: "God didn't call us to be successful, just faithful."  
I couldn't agree more.

Love to you all, Adam

## **Children's Church**

Children's Church is available for children ages 3-10. We will announce when it's time for your child to be dismissed. *Today's volunteers are **Celeste King and Jill Perry**.*

There is also a nursery upstairs for your convenience.

## **Privileged to Serve**

### **Sunday AM**

Worship Leader: Adam Medley  
Opening Prayer: Bill Burrus  
Communion: Daniel Briggs  
Contribution: John Green  
Read Scripture: Kevin Compton  
Genesis 42:25-29  
*Sermon: Adam Tune- Dealing  
with our own demons*  
Closing Prayer: Ken Rinehart

### **Sunday PM**

Worship Leader: Adam Medley  
Opening Prayer: Charles Martin  
Communion: Justin Vaughn  
Contribution: Bill Eads  
Closing: Brent Donegan  
Attendance 12/03/2017- 293  
Contribution: \$ 9,003

## **Care Center**

Our Care Center item for this week is Canned Corn.

## **Prayer List**

Mary Boucher, Brenda Calvin, Margaret Campbell, Ann Carter, Ivon Claud, Doris Copeland, Edith Eakin, William Elliott, Jeanette Foster, Shelia Glover, Billy and Faye Greenfield, Rafaela Hernandez, Dorothy Hinds, Mary Hopper, Jeannie Hopper, Charlie Martin, Lou Montgomery, Ida Palmer, Pete Rieschick, Jeremy Sartain, Scott Sawyer, Angie Scott, Peggy Stinson, Evelyn Sullivan, Shirley Waggoner, Mattie Ward, Mindy Wilson, Elleine Witty, Lucille Young

## **Sympathy**

We extend our sympathy to Doris Bussell and all of her family on the loss of Ron. He passed away Wednesday night. His service was held yesterday at Woodlawn.  
4116 Philhall Parkway  
Antioch, TN 37013

## **Thank You**

Dear friends at Una,  
Thank you so much for my wonderful book. I am so blessed by your expressions of love. You are the best and prove it more every day by your actions. May God bless each of you.  
Love, Edith Eakin

## **Remember in Prayer**

Tricia Compton had hand surgery last week. Please keep her recovery in your prayers.  
4825 Barclay Square Dr. Antioch, 37013  
Donna Mitchell is in rehab following a fall. Cards would be appreciated, but no visitors quite yet please.  
The Pavilion - 1406 Winter Drive Room 309  
Lebanon, TN. 37087

## **December Cooks**

Coordinators - Jackie Roberts and Jennifer Green  
Cooks: Janice Beard, Marcy Bolden, Anna Hinson, Carolynne O'Neal

## **GYC's**

Please check the bulletin board and sign up for the January Prayer Breakfast.  
Deadline for signing up is the end of the month.

## **Second Harvest**

Tuesday we will pack 150 Second Harvest boxes. Please be here by 9AM Tuesday morning if you are able to help.

## **Y.E.S. Christmas Store**

Thanks to everyone who participated donating items for the YES Christmas store. A large amount of clothing, toys, bicycles and money was delivered to YES on Thursday.  
A special thanks to the Una Elves (Thelma, Jean, Jane, Wendy and Linda) who came and helped sort clothing and toys just in time for Christmas. Marcy