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It Didn't Count

On this day in 1988, the Chicago Cubs played the first ever night game at Wrigley Field. For nearly 60 years, other teams were playing at night and were seeing a huge increase in attendance and revenue. So on August 8, 1988, the Chicago Cubs finally hosted their first night game under the lights.

However, if you look at the record books, you will see that the first night game at Wrigley Field was not played on August 8, 1988, but on August 9, 1988. Why the discrepancy? Because the first game didn't count. It was rained out in the fourth inning. So while the players played and fans cheered at Wrigley field on August 8, what they were doing that night didn't count.

I can't help but think of how many spiritual applications this historical tidbit packs.

- Consider how many people eat the Lord's Supper each week, but fail to remember Jesus while doing so. No one can deny they attempted to memorialize Jesus, but their attempt "didn't count" (1 Corinthians 6:27).

- Consider how many people sit on a pew and respectfully bow their heads in prayer, but their lives are full of hidden sins. While an attempt was made to pray, it "didn't count" (James 5:16).

- Consider how many hymns are sung by people who give no thought to the words they are singing because they're more concerned about the musical notation and aesthetics. While an attempt at praise was made, it "didn't count" (Ephesians 5:19).

- Consider how many people are "baptized," but through a mode or for reasons that are not authorized. While an attempt was made in such cases, "it didn't count" (Romans 6:17).

- Consider how many good works are done to be "seen of men." While no one would deny the works helped the recipients, it "didn't count" for the one doing the works (1 Corinthians 13:3).

On August 8, 1988 the players played just as hard as they did on August 9, 1988. On August 8, 1988, the fans cheered just as enthusiastically as they did on August 9, 1988. Yet, in spite of their efforts and feelings, the game on August 8, 1988 didn't count because of the rule.

—Steve Higginbotham, MercEmail, August 8, 2017

Dates to Remember:

August 10—Caring Cooks
August 14—MNftM
August 18-24—Polishing the Pulpit, Sevierville, TN
August 24—Caring Cooks
August 31—Red Cross Blood Drive

A Pause . . . And Reflection

The “dog days” of August are here; the beginning of school is upon us; and the long-anticipated and (too?) much ballyhooed total eclipse of the sun is just days away. It has indeed been a busy summer! Much good has been done and we are still feeling the effects of our “Big Questions” campaign. As we head into the latter part of the year, let’s keep our focus on God and his word; our eyes open for those who need to our help, and ears open for those who need to hear us speak of Jesus. Be sure and continue in prayer for those who have recently obeyed the gospel and those restored. Encourage all of them—and one another.

Randy O’Bryan reported that the new converts’ class got off to a good start on Sunday morning. If you know of someone who is a new Christian, and not attending that class, please encourage them to do so.

Monday Night for the Master will be held again August 14. This will be a great opportunity to follow up on some of the contacts made during our campaign. If you have contacts that have “fallen through,” now might be the time to go back through your list and try again.

I hope you have a great week.—Lance

Birthdays: August 13-19

- ◆ August 14—Evan Owen, Brenda Wynn
- ◆ August 15—Brent Fortner
- ◆ August 16—Howard Beth
- ◆ August 17—Karen Henderson
- ◆ August 19—Jimmy Smith

Ancient Truths for Modern Times

WCKK, FM—95.7

Sundays 9:00 a.m.

Speakers: Lance Cordle & Gary Knuckles

Good News!!!

Our hearts are filled with joy with the restoration of our brother and sister in Christ, **Carlton and Tina Cutsinger** Sunday morning, August 6 and the baptism of **Grace DeLeon** Sunday afternoon, August 6. Please keep all in your prayers and encourage them.

Sympathy

Deepest sympathy to **Heather Arant** for the passing of her grandfather, **Joseph Hayden**. Mr. Hayden’s funeral service was held in Paducah Friday, August 4.

New Converts’ Class

The new converts’ class is meeting in **Room 9** on Sunday mornings.

Monday Night for the Master

Monday Night for the Master for August will be held Monday, August 14 at 6 p.m. at the activities building. Please sign up at the back of the auditorium if you plan to work.

Caring Cooks

Caring Cooks are back to work at 10 a.m. on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month, August through May at the activities building. The exception to that will be during November and December with meals delivered only on the 2nd Thursday of those months. If you would like to help in any way please see Laura Cordle.

Bread of Life

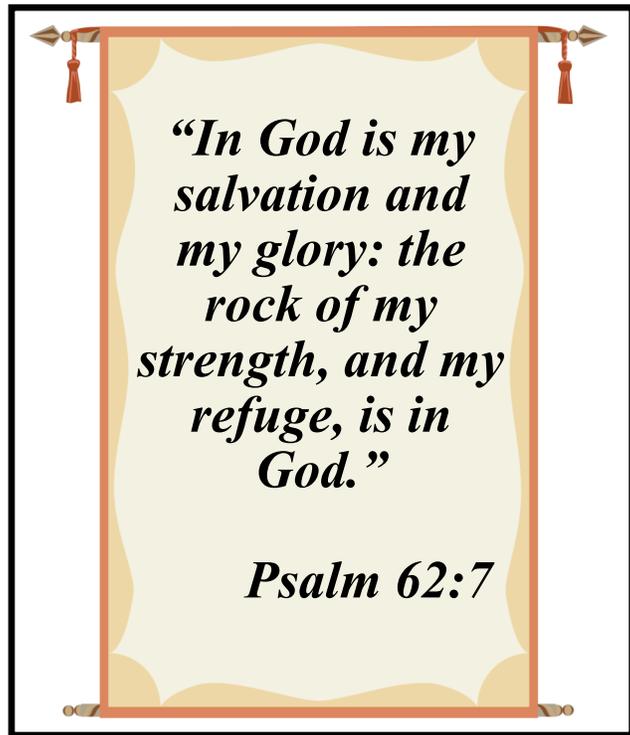
Items are being collected for school supply kits. Items needed are: **packs of paper, spiral notebooks, pairs of scissors, bottles of school glue, packs of crayons, rulers, erasers, packs of #2 pencils, crayon boxes, small pencil sharpeners and folders with fasteners.** Please donate by Wednesday, August 30.

Remember in Prayer:

Imogene Hulsey—Superior Care, 406
Johnny Adams (Georgia’s husband)—
recovering from surgery.

**Sandy Barlow, Nelda Beth, Norman
Bradford, Ethel Davis, Jimmy Davis,
JoNell Dawes, Robert Driver, Cindy
Grubbs, Karen Hicks**

Nursing Home/Assisted Living:
Brookdale (Paducah)—**John Main,
Jim & Barbara Story**
CCCCtr—**Betty Clark, Bobbie Travis**
Stilley House—**Ed O’Dell, Ralph Steury**
Military: **Cory O’Bryan**—Ft. Campbell



**Record:
August 6, 2017**

Mid-Week (August 2)	180
Sunday Bible Study	191
Sunday Morning Worship	291
Sunday Evening Worship	137
Contribution	\$9,612

**A Little (dry) Humor & a
Little Wisdom**

(via past issues of *Preacher Talk*)

Movies Better?

“It’s wonderful how the movies have progressed over the years. First they were silent. Then came the talkies. Now most of them smell.” —Ken Joines, Ken’s Newsletter, April, 2006

The Senility Prayer

“God, grant me the senility to forget the people I never liked anyway, the good fortune to run into the ones I do like, and the eyesight to tell the difference.” —*The Informer*, 1/02/13

Describe Your Preacher?

I asked a friend what color his preacher’s eyes were. He said, “I don’t know. When he prays he closes his eyes, and when he preaches, I close mine.” —Cleveland, MS Bulletin, 9/29/13

A Good Description

I eschew labels, but the following description is one I accept and strive for: *‘Biblical in doctrine, conservative in practice, liberal in love.’* —Jimmy Jividen

“I Believe”

Marshall Keeble said, *“I don’t believe in water; I believe in the One who said, ‘Get in the water.’”*

Charles Hodge said, *“I don’t believe in prayer; I believe in God who answers prayer.”*

Some, I think, have a nebulous faith in faith. Faith, just in the sense of a positive attitude has provable benefits. But saving faith is not faith in faith. It is faith in Almighty God and in Jesus Christ, whom God raised from the dead. —Cecil R. May, Jr.

**Pew Packers
Sunday, 5:45 p.m.**

Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Study — 9:15 a.m.
Worship — 10:00 a.m.
Evening Worship — 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Mid-Week Bible Study—7:00 p.m.

Bible Classes For All Ages

Those Who Are To Serve:

Sunday, August 13, 2017

10:00 A.M.

Song Leader: Ben Leonard
Opening Prayer: Larry Wynn
Closing Prayer: Robert Hall
Convalescent Center: Larry Davis
Gary Smith

6:00 P.M.

Song Leader: Brent Fortner
Opening Prayer: William Smith
Closing Prayer: Dennis Driver

Wednesday, August 16, 2017

Announcements: Nick Darnell
Song Leader: Danny Walker
Opening Prayer: Thom Simpson
Closing Prayer: Jared Hall