

Feb 5, 2023 (562) 531-6820

connecting people to Jesus, people, and God's mission



Christian sympathy Our to Hofmeyer, Holly Weisenburger, and family -TANYA COLLIS: severe pain 24 hrs/day on the passing of Daryl's wife, Holly's -CHARRON GAYDEN: Mental Health mother, Barbra Hofmeyer, on Friday, -JADEN MALDONADO: (child) January 27th. Services will be held at Congenital cytomegalovirus 11am, Ťuesday, Feb 14th, at Emmanuel Reformed Church. Luncheon followina

Our Christian sympathy to Ray and -BERTHA MARTINES Stroke complete healing Donna Burley and family on the passing -FRANCES HOLTON: Full recovery of knees of Donna's sister, Shirley Doss, on -RAQUEL MALDONADO (23): Recently Thursday, January 26th, at the age of diagnosed with MS 82. Memorial Service will take place at -WILLIAM SUAREZ: CHF 11am, Thursday, Feb 16th, at Emmanuel -JOSE PAGAN: Malignant tumor Reformed Church. Luncheon following.



Please keep the following people & their families in daily prayer...

- -RICHARD GRIFFIN: Issues with blood flow and circulation to legs & feet
- -GREG ENGLE: Inclusion Body Myositis -SHEILA IANTORNO: Lupus, Breast Cancer
- -TROY KUBINSKI: Inclusion Body Myositis
- Daryl -GAY WALKER: Lung cancer

  - -TANYA MCKOWN: Lupus, Health issues
  - -EMMA ROMERO (Teen): Seizures

  - located near front of ear

English: 9am 10:30am 12pm 6pm | Spanish: 10:30am 12pm | Nepalese: 9:30am

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## Additional Giving Opportunities Christian Care Organizations offering Feb 5



Weekly Offering

YTD Offering: \$304,532.84 YTD Budget: \$303,880.00

Last Week's Offering: \$36,654.56 2023 Weekly Budget: \$60,766.00

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## A LONG OBEDIENCE IN THE SAME DIRECTION



The Tortoise and the Hare - "Slow and steady wins the race"

A long obedience in the same direction

- Eugene Peterson
- Long obedience is a lifetime of faithfulness
- Same direction is a life oriented around following Jesus
  - Daniel was most likely 83 years when he was thrown into the lion's den

## - Scripture Reading: Daniel 6:1-28

Holiness - is to be set apart

- One of the ways to do this is to excel at what you do and give God glory (Daniel 6:3)
- Another way to set yourself apart is to be a person of integrity (Daniel 6:4)

In Daniel 6:6-9 the other administrators and satraps were jealous of Daniel so they tricked the king into making a law that if anyone prays to anyone but the king they get thrown into the den of lions. Expect opposition!

Even when the edict came out Daniel lived as if nothing had changed because for him nothing had changed (Daniel 6:10)

With no way around the law, Daniel was thrown into the den of lions (Daniel 6:16-18)

God saved Daniel! (Daniel 6:21-23)

Daniel's faith was not forged in the lion's den, it was revealed in the lion's den. His trust and obedience in the Lord were forged over the course of 83 years before that day he was tossed in the den.

In 1795, Timothy Dwight, grandson of Jonathan Edwards, combatted the disdain of Christianity at Yale by preaching on the trustworthiness of Scripture for six months. He was met with ridicule, rage and then revival.

The king declares God is the true God (Daniel 6:26-28)

Daniel's life was a foreshadowing of Jesus

- Innocence
- Focus on prayer
- Jealous enemies sentenced him to death
- Sealed in a "tomb" with a stone
- Death lost, God won, he came out alive

## - Time of Reflection

Daniel's faith was not forged in the lion's den, it was revealed. For 83 years he walked faithfully with the Lord

In what ways is God calling you to step into a more consistent relationship with him?