

One Last Season

by Robert J. Morgan

Professional baseball player Brett Butler achieved a lot during his career in the year 1997. He was very successful, the oldest starting outfielder, and ranked first among active players. Despite the success, Butler's mind was somewhere else that season, for a trickle in his throat had led to the discovery of squamous cell carcinoma - cancer. The news jolted Brett and his family like an earthquake, but he told the press, "Even more than baseball, my faith in Christ is my strength."

I read and reread a verse Vince Nauss, head of baseball chapel, sent me. "For I know the plans I have for you... plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Finally I came to a point of peace. "All right Lord just give me the strength to get through it, whatever it is, whether by death or in life." I wanted God to be glorified in all of this. After all, he had given me so much.

Shortly, Brett needed surgery to remove lymph nodes where the cancer might have spread, then radiation treatments started. Yet the Lord allowed Brett to go back to the Dodgers for several games in 1997, including a career game in which he went 5-for-5, raising his batting average to .311 and his on-base percentage to .446, tops in the National League for lead-off hitters.

I am thankful for one last season. God allowed that to happen. My future is in God's hands. He knows best. Everything that happens to us happens for a reason. Our job is to determine that reason and make sure God gets the glory.

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Sunday, June 30, 2019

<p>Prayer List Updates</p> <p>Jennifer Penix – had doctor appointment last Thursday about foot</p> <p>Joe Cagle – improving mentally, still struggling physically after stroke</p> <p>Jamie Rainwater – grandmother passed away last week</p> <p>Desorre Beach – recovering from surgery last week</p> <p>Frankie Towell – appointment July 2</p> <p>Renell Beach – appointment July 3</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Birthday</p> <p>Deanna Cagle July 30</p>	<p>Upcoming Events</p> <p>today potluck after morning services</p> <p>today 5 pm men’s business meeting in library</p> <p>July 8 Children’s Home truck runs; needs list at back</p> <p>Wednesday prayer night; give requests to Raymond or Dakota today</p> <p>July Service Assignments</p> <p>Announcements: Matthew Sills Scripture Reading: Ed Young</p> <p><i>To get an announcement or prayer request in the bulletin, send it to pambeach30@gmail.com or post it on the Leachville church of Christ Facebook page.</i></p>	<p>Correspondence Course Ministry</p> <p>week of June 24-29: 24 lessons graded</p> <hr/> <p>July’s Haiti Needs</p> <p>pencils and pens pencil sharpeners</p> <hr/> <p>Last Week’s Attendance</p> <p>Sunday morning: 48 Sunday evening: 35 Wednesday evening: 30</p>
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Weekly Service Assignments

Sunday Morning	Bible class: 9:45 am worship: 10:45 am	Sunday Evening	6:00 pm
First Prayer	Raymond Lasley	First Prayer	Larry Towell
Announcements	Raymond Lasley	Closing Prayer	Ken Beach
Second Prayer	Rudi Cagle	Lord’s Supper	Matthew Sills Ken Beach
Scripture Reading	Dakota Crossno	Wednesday Evening	7:00 pm
Lord’s Supper	1. Ed Young 3. Jerry Bolar 2. Matthew Sills 4. Ken Beach	First Prayer	Rudi Cagle
Closing Prayer	Ed Young	Closing Prayer	Larry Towell