

# Ministry Guide

For the week of February 26

## Are You Ignoring God?

Russ and I ignored God for more than 40 years, but He never gave up on us. Through the years, He tried to get us to listen but we thought “our plan” was better than His.



Things changed when my father died. After his death, I began to search for the meaning of life. I read “The Purpose Driven Life” and started to feel the presence of the Lord. I shared my thoughts with Russ. We never talked about God, so it was difficult because I didn’t know what he would think. But he listened intently (and, actually, he was on his own path to Christ that I knew nothing about).

Then I had a medical scare. (I was very worried because my mom is a breast cancer survivor and my dad died from cancer in four short months.) One morning, the day before the test results were due, Russ and I clung to each other in fear. I looked at him and said, “We need Jesus.” He looked at me with tears in his eyes and said, “Yes, we do.” We both accepted Jesus Christ at that very moment—and the love of the Lord filled our hearts.

It’s amazing that all that we had to do was TURN AROUND. Jesus had always been there, ready to forgive us. We admitted our weaknesses to Him that day—and vowed to serve Him for the rest of our lives.

Russ and Nancy Hammond

Join us today at the 11:40 a.m. Worship service as we welcome seventy-four people into membership.