

The Ray Guys of Our Church

How many of you here have ever heard of Ray Guy? You have to be a true football fan or really old to know that name. Or you might just be an Oakland Raiders fan.

Ray Guy was the punter for the Oakland Raiders when they won three Super Bowls. He is the first and only “punter” ever inducted into the Hall of Fame. Punters just don’t get a lot of love and they don’t get the big paychecks. But they are VERY IMPORTANT to winning games because they can flip field position with one kick, making it more difficult for the other team to score. Ray Guy did that better than anyone in the history of football and it landed him in the Hall of Fame.

Punters are much like 99% of the people at this church. About the only time we pay attention to punters is when something goes wrong. Yet their contribution to the game makes a huge impact. Here at OUR CHURCH most of the attention comes to those that are here week after week on the platform. Yet behind the scenes are scores of people that make what we enjoy each week happen. They set up chairs and tables, man our booths, wipe babies bottoms and do crazy things with teenagers. Seldom do they get any attention but without them we would be doomed. So how about a round of applause for all those that work to make all this happen!

Every time you give when we take up the offering you help us continue the life changing work of this church. Just like a winning football team is made up of players that are seldom mentioned, those that give here are our Ray Guys. Your gifts fuel what we do. It makes possible the fulfillment of our vision. So thank you for your generosity. Thank you for being a team player.

Ray Guy made it into the Hall of Fame because he gave every punt his best effort. He did that to help his team win football games. That gave joy to Raider fans but that joy is gone and mostly forgotten. **Your best gift today will help OUR CHURCH now but it will last far beyond the present moment as we are building for eternity.**

As our ushers come forward for our offering let’s give a hall of fame offering today for the glory of God!