

## **Who is in First Place?**

**Do you know what team is in first place of Central Division of the National League? The Cubs!** We are half way through the baseball season with the All Star game set to be played this week and the Chicago Cubs are way ahead of the rest of the teams in their division in first place. The reason that is significant is that it has been since 1945 since the Cubs have ever made it to the World Series. The last time they won a series was 1908. Usually by this time in the season they are already mathematically eliminated. So, not only do we have a weird election year, we have a weird baseball year!

While it is still too early to declare the year a success for the Cubs it has brought their fans pleasure and excitement. Frankly you had rather be in first place than in last place.

**Who is in first place in your league?** I don't mean a baseball or some other sports league. I mean in our life. Who has first place there? Since we are in church and we ask churchy type questions you would probably say God. Yet, is He truly in first place in your life?

**One great way to reveal what is first in your life is to evaluate who or what gets your time and your money.** We spend time on what we value and we spend money on what matters most to us. So, who gets your time and money? The answer to that question reveals who is first place in your life.

**Consider the words of Jesus in Matthew 6:33 when He says,**

**“Seek first his kingdom, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added to you.”**

What Jesus means is that IF you put God first all the other needs and “things” we worry about will be taken care of.

This morning as we take up the offering we get a chance to show who has first place in our hearts!