

Life In The Body

News and Notes for the :
Shelbyville
Church of Christ

November 5, 2017

Think Nobody's Watching ?

A family was rushing to get to the movies. The parents told the children they had to leave "right now" at which point their teenage daughter headed for the bathroom to apply makeup. Her father yelled for her to get in the car immediately, and headed to the garage grumbling.

On the way to the theater, the father glanced in the rearview mirror and saw his daughter applying lipstick and blush, which produced the predictable lecture. "Look at your mom," he said. "She didn't put on any makeup just to go sit in a dark movie theater."

The daughter's response was, "Yeah, but Mom doesn't need makeup."

The mother's heart was swelling with the compliment, and she turned back to thank this sweet, wonderful daughter just as she continued, "Nobody looks at her."

I'm sure there have been times when your choice of clothing or the way you got yourself ready in the morning was determined by whether anybody would see you or not. If you're just going to be around the house where no one can see you, you may dress one way. If you're planning to be out in public, you'll likely dress another way.

Sometimes, though, we make the mistake of determining our actions in the same way. If we think someone is watching, we're careful to do what's right. But if we think no one is paying attention, we tend not to be quite as careful. We think, "Nobody's looking at me anyway!"

The truth is, though, you constantly being watched (and not just by God!). If you have children, you can be sure they see and hear everything you say and do! When you're in line at the grocery store, others are watching. When you work in your office, others are watching. When you go out to eat at a restaurant, others are watching. When you go to the Post Office, others are watching.

That shouldn't make us nervous or bothered. Rather, it reminds us that everywhere we go, we have an opportunity to live in a way that honors and glorifies God! Always be conscious of that opportunity.

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven." (Matthew 5:16).

Somebody's watching!

– Author Unknown

A Prayer Starter After A Mess Up

Have mercy on me, O God.

– Psalm 51:1

David confessed, "I have sinned against the Lord." God's prophet responded, "The Lord has taken away your sin" (2 Sam 12:13).

God fast tracks forgiveness of the penitent. The Lord honors your faith, notwithstanding your failings. Never forget that.

If you need a prayer-starter after a mess up, David left this one for you:

"Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. . . .

Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity” (Psa. 51:1-2, 9).

God will answer that prayer, for he delights in showing mercy (Mic. 7:18).

You can't do it over, so get over it.

– Joe Barnett

Skating party at Mattoon :

The Mattoon congregation is hosting a skating party on Saturday, November 11 from 12:00 to 4:30 p.m. All re invited. It will cost those skating \$8.50 which includes skates, food, etc. Admission is free for spectators. We have gone to this in the past and found it a lot of fun.

Pride Packages For Soldiers: We rotate the items that we bring in so there will be a variety of things available for Pat to send to our soldiers. For the next two weeks we'll be bringing : Microwave popcorn, Little Debbie treats (preferably brownies, fudge rounds, oatmeal pies), Gummi Bears Jolly Rancher candy

Birthday : Scott Shumard ... November 7

Reading : James 4: 13-17 ; Luke 12: 13-23

NEXT WEEK : (November 12, 2017)

Song Leader : Greg

Scripture Reader : Ron

Table & Announcements : Bob

Prayer list :

Nancy Miller : The morning of her father's funeral Nancy fell down the basement stairs and broke BOTH of her arms between the wrist and elbows. She is in casts so she cannot even feed herself. For the meantime, she is staying with her daughter (Kiely) in Montecello.

Cindy Bowyer : Susan Bowyer's sister, Cindy Bowyer, is going into Barnes hospital for surgery this Tuesday the 7th to have the upper lobe of her left lung removed. There is a mass there which is restricting her airflow, and it can only be removed by excising the lobe. It appears to be benign, but they cannot be certain until the surgery. Surgeons at Carle declined to do the surgery, which indicates that it will be complicated and difficult. Please begin praying for Cindy and her family. Ask God for her procedure to be successful and that the biopsy will prove mass is NOT cancerous.

Hailey Wilhour : Madonna's niece, Haley Wilhour is again in urgent need of prayers. You will recall that back in July of 2015 she was diagnosed with acute myeloid leukemia. Tests have revealed that young Haley's leukemia has returned. On Monday she will be admitted in Barnes Jewish hospital in St. Louis where she will immediately begin Chemo treatments. Please pray for her and her family at this time. If I remember correctly, she has 4 very young children.

Ernie Wasson : Ernie (Herrick congregation) is scheduled for surgery on Dec. 4 to remove an aneurism.

Wayne : scheduled for his second throat surgery on Tuesday

Nancy Miller : Nancy father, Hira "Bud" Byers, was laid to rest Thursday. (11-2-17) He was 88 years old.

Robin Shumard : As a consequence of diabetes, Robin is having significant issues with her feet limiting her mobility

Ron Bartanen : Ron has a blood clot in his left leg and clots in both lungs so the surgery to remove the large, painful stone from his bladder cannot happen for some months to come.

Those with ongoing need of prayer :

Those with age related issues :

Ruby, Doris, Mary Smith, Marg, Pete & Hazel, Betty, Francis

Other members with ongoing issues :

Brenda Stevens : Ongoing painful back issues

Megan Nichols : Is now taking weekly physical therapy.

Rosanne : It's painful but Rose is getting around with a cane

Madonna : Madonna's chemo will continue indefinitely.

Glenda Hyneman : Improving, but issues remain / surgery

Mindy Stevens : Experiencing immune system issues.

Jerry Rankin : Heart Issues

Butch Reynolds : Heart condition and back issues

Dan Luidhardt : Wayne's friend is suffering from kidney failure due to diabetes. Stabilized, but remains an ongoing problem.

** Each day as you pray for those on this list,
always include our congregation and her elders.*

*Visitors are always welcomed.
We invite you to visit our assemblies.*

Schedule of Services :

Sunday Morning : Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:20 a.m.

Sunday Evening : Worship 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday : Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

Ya'll Come !