

Life In The Body

News and Notes for the :
Shelbyville
Church of Christ

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Knowing, Doing, Becoming

I heard about a story about a man whose wife wanted to buy a pet monkey. The husband protested strongly. He said, "Where will the monkey eat?" She said, "He'll eat at the table with us." He said, "But what will he eat?" And she said, "He'll eat the same thing we do." He said, "But where will the monkey sleep?" She said, "He'll sleep in bed with us." He said, "But what about the smell?" She said, "I got used to you, I reckon he will, too."

So often when we think about the need for change, we are quick to think of ways that somebody else needs to change. We are much more hesitant to recognize that there are problems in our own life that need to be dealt with. But Christianity is a growing process, a process by which we are constantly looking for those things that need to be changed and improved, and then taking steps to do just that.

I want to share with you some things that relate to changes that may need to come about in your individual lives. They are certainly changes that I'd like to see in my own life. In regard to our Christian lives, I think there are three areas that we need to focus on -- we need to KNOW the will of God better, we need to DO more of the work of Christ, and we need to BECOME more like Christ.

Knowing, doing and becoming -- I really think those are the three pillars of the Christian life. I believe that's what Christianity is all about.

"For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God." (Col 1:9-10).

Do you see the ideas of knowing, doing and becoming in Paul's prayer for the Colossians? In my next message, I'll begin a closer look at each of these points.

— Alan Smith

A New Day

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men."

– John 1:1-4 NKJV

Every new morning provides an opportunity to think about our past, and our future. As we think back, what brings us joy? And what do we regret? What would we like to do *differently*?

The Bible has a great deal to say about beginnings. John declares simply that "in the beginning was the Word." The Bible also makes clear that this Word was Jesus. He was the *logos*, God's revealed Word.

Through these truths, the Bible reveals a pattern that can apply to any situation: The key is to start with Jesus. To start with the Word. With this focus, we can *know* that our hearts and minds are in tune with God. That we are building a strong foundation. That He will lead and guide us, and correct us if necessary.

Many people say they are Christians, but fail to live according to the Bible. Yet, they wonder why they do not have the joy, peace, love, and power that God promises. How different their

lives would be if they truly focused on the Word, and make it their foundation!

Today, make a commitment to read and study the Bible every day. In your life, make sure that you begin every day with the Word. As you have difficult decisions to make, fill your mind with the Word. Let it provide your standards. The Word will give you wisdom, and will help shape your mind and heart, and give you discernment and a victorious lifestyle. And it will prepare you to receive more of God's blessings, today, and every day.

— Spencer Cromwell

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 : Dried fruit, Little containers of spaghetti O's in pull tab cans, Bags or cans of any kind of nuts, Bags of sunflower seeds (*Respecting Islam .. U.S. gov. forbids pork products or religious items*)

Anniversary : Scott & Terry Perry Jul 16

NEXT WEEK : (**July 23, 2017**)

Song Leader : **Greg**

Scripture Reader : **J.J.**

Table & Announcements : **Tim**

Prayer list :

Mary Smith : Mary requested prayers for her late husband's, (Harold) sister, Wilma. Prayer works. Wilma is much improved and has been moved to an assisted living facility in Pana

Jeff Yantis : Stan's nephew, has completed the chemo and radiation treatments for his cancer. The tumor has reduced in size and is in remission. Your prayers work, keep praying.

Nancy Miller : Nancy Miller, needs prayers for her daily commute taking her mother from Effingham to Champaign to sit with her cousin Denise who is under hospice care.

Jannetta Calvert : Cancer has returned, but Jannetta cannot tolerate the chemo so they will decide what to do this Wed. She is now residing at the Heritage Manor on 6th St. in Pana.

Rosanne: The broken bones are healing well, but she's still unable to put any weight on them.

Mindy Stevens : Due to an immune system issue, having significant problems with infections in organ systems and mono.

Brenda Stevens : Trip to Arizona was difficult, but was very worthwhile. Lucas, the new grandson is healthy and like all grandchildren is adorable. Upon arriving back home, Brenda went to the pain clinic for more injections. Pray she gets relief.

Megan Nichols : Her head injury continues to be very slow to heal. She's having therapy, but it's a lengthy process.

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 :

Madonna : Madonna's chemo will continue indefinitely.

Glenda Hyneman : Improving, but issues remain / surgery

Jerry Rankin : Heart Issues

Butch Reynolds : Heart condition and back issues

Ernie Wasson : He is having on going problems with strokes,

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.**

Achievement —vs— Success

Helen Hayes once said that her mother drew a distinction between achievement and success. Her mother advised her that "achievement is the knowledge that you have studied and worked hard and done the best that is in you. Success is being praised by others, and that's nice too, but not as important or satisfying. Always aim for achievement and forget about success."

—Bits & Pieces

*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 !