

Life In The Body

News and Notes for the :
Shelbyville
Church of Christ

July 2, 2017

The Green Sickness (2)

A story is told about two great Italian symphony conductors, Toscanini and Mascagni. Mascagni was a proud, egotistical, unbelievably terrible character. Just to give you an idea of what he was like, he dedicated one of the operas he wrote to himself. Well, Mascagni resented Toscanini because of Toscanini's popularity.

One day, a committee in charge of putting on a music festival in Milan inquired as to whether Toscanini and Mascagni would both lead the orchestration. Mascagni was so jealous of Toscanini that he didn't even try to hide it. So he said, "I will conduct on one condition -- that I am paid more money than Toscanini." The management agreed, and at the close of the festival, Mascagni received his fee - one lira. Toscanini had conducted for nothing, and Mascagni came out looking like a fool.

Let me remind you of a story in the Old Testament. King Saul had a son named Jonathan, who was likely next in line to inherit the throne. Then along came a singer by the name of David. Not only was he a singer, he was also a great shepherd, a giant-killer, articulate, poetic, a supreme musician -- he had all kinds of abilities. One person with so much talent could be a very unpopular fellow. And with Saul he was. Saul hated

him. He was jealous of David. The people were giving David more praise than Saul. Maybe David would even try to take the throne! So, one day, in a fit of fury, Saul grabbed his spear and threw it at David, trying to kill him.

Now we don't know much about Saul's son, Jonathan. We don't know anything about his musical ability, or his articulation or much of anything else about him. But, scripture does let us know one very important thing about him -- Jonathan never had any jealousy of David. You may say, "Well, he didn't stand to lose as much as Saul." But he did. He was in line for the throne, and from the human perspective it could one day have been his. But the Bible says this about Jonathan, "And he [Jonathan] loved him [David] as he loved his own soul." (1 Samuel 20:17).

Do you see what made the difference between Saul and Jonathan? It was a difference of love. Saul was jealous, and Jonathan wasn't. The reason is that Jonathan loved David, and love can't be jealous (1 Cor. 13:4).

So how are YOU doing? Do you ever get jealous over someone who owns more than you, is more attractive than you, has a better job than you, is more eloquent than you, is smarter than you, is thinner than you, wears nicer clothes than you, drives a nicer car than you, has more friends than you, has a happier marriage than you, gets better grades than you, and so on?

Strive to grow in love, because love can't be jealous.

—?? A. Smith ??

Ten Rules For Happier Living

1. Give something away (no strings attached)
2. Do a kindness (and forget it)
3. Spend a few minutes with the aged (their experience is a priceless guidance)
4. Look intently into the face of a baby (and marvel)
5. Laugh often (it's life's lubricant)

6. Give thanks (a thousand times a day is not enough)
7. Pray (or you will lose the way)
8. Work (with vim and vigor)
9. Plan as though you'll live forever (because you will)
10. Live as though you'll die tomorrow (because you will on some tomorrow)

— Unknown

Happy Independence Day

Why not declare your independence from sin by becoming a member of the household of God. Surrender to His son.

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 :
* **Hormel dinners in small oval containers** (Dinty Moore, turkey and dressing, beef and mashed potatoes) **Beef Jerky, Slim Jims, Little containers of fruit in pull tab cans** (the little plastic containers of fruit seem to get broken in shipping)
(*Respecting Islam .. U.S. gov. forbids pork products or religious items*)

Birthday : Sherry Clark : July 1 (belated)

NEXT WEEK : (**July 9, 2017**)

Song Leader : **Tim**

Scripture Reader : **Bob**

Table & Announcements : **Jonathan**

Prayer list :

Nancy Miller : Denise, the cousin of Nancy Miller, is under hospice care in Champaign. Nancy is making almost daily trips from Effingham to Champaign taking her mother to visit Denise. Nancy request prayers for Denise and for her to have safe travels daily. This is also difficult for Nancy's mother.

Jannetta Calvert : Cancer has returned, but Jannetta cannot tolerate the chemo so they are doing radiation therapy. Her situation is very serious. She is now residing at the Heritage Manor on 6th St. in Pana.

Mary Smith : Mary requests that we pray for Harold's (her late husband) sister, Wilma, She has an abscess on her stomach, but they will not operate because she is 85 years old.

Rosanne: Unchanged. trying to adjust to life in a wheelchair, but not comfortable with it. Working from home gives her some encouragement. Greg's trying to be a good-caregiver.

Mindy Stevens : Is having significant problems with infections in organ systems and mono due an immune system issue.

Brenda Stevens : Has blood clots in her lungs and is dealing with severe pain issues, but hope her appointment tomorrow at the pain clinic will give her some relief from the pain.

Megan Nichols : Same 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, but had a good week for his 60th wedding anniversary,

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 !