

Life In The Body

News and Notes for the :
Shelbyville
Church of Christ

July 23, 2017

Knowing

I heard about a preacher who was talking with a man, and he asked him, "Do you know the Bible?" The man said, "Yes, sir." He said, "What part of the Bible do you know the best?" The man said, "The New Testament."

The preacher went on to ask him what part of the New Testament he knew the best. The man said, "Well, I suppose I know the story of the Good Samaritan best of all." The preacher said, "Tell me that story."

The man said, "Well, as best as I can recall, there was a good Samaritan traveling down the road from Jerusalem to Jericho and he fell among the thorns and they sprang up and choked him and left him half dead.

"But a man came by feeding his swine and he said to the man, 'I will arise and go to my father.' So he took up his bed and walked. But while the soldiers were chasing him through the forest, he got the hair of his head caught up in the trees and he hung there 40 days and 40 nights, and the ravens fed him.

"Just then, Delilah came along with a big pair of shears and she cut off his hair and he fell on stony ground. But the good master of the house resurrected the man and he journeyed on his way.

"All of a sudden, he came to the wall of Jericho and there's Jezebel sitting on the wall and she mocked him. And he said, 'Chunk her down to the dogs.' And they chunked her down 70 times 7, and great was the fall thereof, and of the fragments that remained they picked up twelve baskets full, and whose wife shall she be in the resurrection?"

Now I would hope that your Bible knowledge is not quite as bad as that, but I think it's safe to say that few of us know the Bible as well as we should. I have spoken about three pillars of spiritual growth -- knowing, doing and becoming. God has always stressed the fact that his people need to know His word. And contrary to popular opinion, when it comes to spiritual matters, ignorance is not bliss.

In the days of Hosea, God said, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I will also reject you from being priest for me; because you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children." (Hosea 4:6).

What was the problem? It wasn't that they didn't have access to God's Word. They just simply didn't care enough about it to listen to it. Does it scare you just a bit to realize that God could possibly say the same thing about us - "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge... because you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children." Folks, we need to once again become known as a people of the book, a people who study and know and love the Bible. Throughout the Bible, God's repeated command to the people of God is "learn, study, grow."

92% of households in the United States have a Bible. We have the Bibles, but we don't pay much attention to them. A Gallup poll from 2000 shows that only 59% of Americans read the Bible at least occasionally. The percentage of Americans who read the Bible at least once a week is 37%.

Contrast this with the people of Berea. We read in Acts 17, "These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so." (Acts 17:11)

May we continue to study and learn and grow in our knowledge of God and our responsibility before Him.

— Alan Smith

Wrong Is Always Wrong

This is the way of an adulterous woman; She eats and wipes her mouth, and she says, "I have done no wrong".

Proverbs 30:20

People find a way to justify their behavior. We must either accept our judgment, change our ways, or find a way to think we are all right. Our conscience and the advice of people in the world are not good guides. The only sure guide is to compare our life with the Word of God. May we never become so overcome with the lusts of the flesh that we can live in sin, eat, wipe our mouths, and say, "we have done nothing wrong." The judgment day will be the ultimate test of what was right and what was wrong.

— David Grubb

The real issue is not talent as an independent element, but talent in relationship to will, desire, and persistence. Talent without those things vanishes and even modest talent with those characteristics grows.

— Milton Glaser, Graphic Artist

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 : Tim & Susan July 26

NEXT WEEK : (**July 30, 2017**)

Song Leader : **Delmar**

Scripture Reader : **Butch**

Table & Announcements : **Bob**

Prayer list :

Megan Nichols : On Friday the 28th Megan will undergo a battery of tests which will last 4 to 5 hrs. These are to determine if her injury has caused any damage to brain function.

Jannetta Calvert : Remains basically the same, but is having issues with her low blood pressure to the point she has had to have transfusions. She remains residing in room 305 at the Heritage Manor on 6th St. in Pana.

Rosanne: Has been diagnosed as having kidney stones. The course of treatment for this has not yet been determined. Though her broken bones are healing well, she's remains 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 : Brenda went to the pain clinic for more injections, but is not getting sufficient relief.

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.

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

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.**

*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 !