

Life In The Body

News and Notes for the :
Shelbyville
Church of Christ

July 9, 2017

Contentment

There was a father who was known by his family to be a chronic growler. He complained about everything. He was sitting one day with his family in the presence of a guest in the living room when the subject of food came up.

One of the children, a little girl, was telling the guest what food each member of the family liked best.

Finally, it came to the father's turn to be described. "And what do I like, Nancy?" he asked.

"You," said the little girl slowly, "Well, what you like most is anything we haven't got."

There are some people like that, who simply are never content. If they're served one food, they want something else. If it's hot outside, they want it to be cold. If it's cold, they want it to be hot. And they'd rather be ANYWHERE else other than where they're living right now!

To the young man Timothy, Paul wrote, "Now godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and clothing, we shall be content." (I Timothy 6:6-8). Since most of us seem to need far more than that to be content, we are challenged by Paul's words!

But, to Paul, they weren't just words to be spoken and discussed. They were words to be lived out. Despite the fact that Paul was writing from prison, he was able to say, "I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content." (Philippians 4:11). In the next verse, he said that he had learned to be content with a lot (which would be easy for most of us), but he was also content with little. The reason he could be content because he had Jesus Christ, and that was all he needed to bring contentment.

Do you have food? Do you have clothing? More importantly, do you have Jesus?

Have a contented day!

— Alan Smith

God's Maturity

Have you ever noticed how the world tries to keep us in adolescence? When we were younger we wanted something like cabbage patch dolls or baseball cards. When we get older we move on to a Camaro or the perfect dress. Then, we may progress to more mature sounding items like a house or 401k. Many times they are based on the same immature model "I want so I get." I want the doll. I want the car. So I get it.

The world would gladly keep you in adolescence. You, continually wanting more and getting it, is good for the economy. The Bible tries to get you to grow up. **"And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it. For the pagan world runs after all these things and your Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom, and all these things will be given to you as well."** (**Luke 12:29-31** NIV)

The devil is happy when you focus on getting. You work harder so you can get more. You look for satisfaction in the things you have. If you are occupied with what you have, good. If you are pre-occupied with getting more and try to get more, well that is even better.

Rather than focusing on the endless cycle of working and getting, God would like us to slow down and focus on how much

we receive from him. This is where Sunday worship is so helpful. When we are committed to worship every week, we are forced out of the cycle of working and getting. We worship God. We are reminded of how much we receive, and we are thankful.

Are you stuck in adolescence? If you catch yourself thinking, “Worship is a waste of time. I could be making money instead,” or “I could be out buying what I want.” You are head deep in this working and getting cycle.

“Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom.” (**Luke 12:32** NIV). God calls us to see what we have received rather than the continual hunger for more. Which are you focused on?

— Jimmy Hodges

Annual Singing

Before you know it the time will be here again. Our *10th Annual Singing In The Park* is rapidly



approaching. It's less than 3 months until October 28th. This being the tenth year, we'd like to make it a little special, so it's time to start planning and to start inviting those we know from around the area. Last year we had fifteen congregation represented. Let's try to do better than that this year. *“He who aims at nothing will hit it every time.”* Could we challenge ourselves to bring in 120 people from twenty different congregations ? That's doable if we all pitch in and work together.

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 : Scott Perry July 9
Marge Christman July 14

NEXT WEEK : (July 16, 2017)

Song Leader : Stan

Scripture Reader : Bob

Table & Announcements : Jonathan

Prayer list :

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.

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: 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 : Has blood clots in her lungs and is dealing with severe pain issues, but attempting a trip to Arizona.

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.**

*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 !