

Life In The Body

News and Notes for the :
Shelbyville
Church of Christ

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Set Your Mind On Things Above

Here are some tips on the subject of aviation:

- * Takeoffs are optional. Landings are mandatory.
- * If you push the stick forward, the houses get bigger. If you pull the stick back they get smaller. (unless you keep pulling the stick back -- then they get bigger again)
- * Flying is not dangerous; crashing is dangerous.
- * The propeller is just a big fan in the front of the plane to keep the pilot cool. Want proof? Make it stop; then watch the pilot break out into a sweat.
- * It's best to keep the pointed end going forward as much as possible.
- * Every one already knows the definition of a "good landing" is one from which you can walk away. But very few know the definition of a "great landing." It's one after which you can use the airplane another time.
- * A helicopter is a collection of rotating parts going round and round and reciprocating parts going up and down -- all of them trying to become random in motion.

- * Helicopters can't really fly -- they're just so ugly that the earth immediately repels them.
- * There are three simple rules for making a smooth landing:
Unfortunately, no one knows what they are.
- * Try to keep the number of your landings equal to the number of your takeoffs.
- * Gravity never loses! The best you can hope for is a draw.
- * It's better to be down here wishing you were up there, than up there wishing you were down here.

Several of these tips lend themselves to spiritual application, but the one that jumped out at me was that last one. How much better it is to be on this earth with a mind set on "things above", than to be anywhere with a mind set on "things below"!

"If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory." (Colossians 3:1-4)

Because we are surrounded by a world which we can see, it's easy to keep our eyes focused solely on that world. We will never grow as Christians, though, until we set our sights higher. Wherever your mind has been this morning, may this serve as a gentle reminder to set it on "things above".

— Allan Smith

Constant Contact

*He wakens me morning by morning,
wakens my ear to listen like one being taught.*
— Isaiah 50:4

"Call me anytime," he said, "I have my cell phone on 24/7/365." 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year seems a bit excessive for human availability. But not for divine connection; constant contact is needed and available.

Polished pianist Ignacy Paderewski said, "If I miss one day of practice, I notice it. If I miss two days, the critics notice it. If I miss three days, the audience notices it." And Grant Hill, professional basketball player known for his arduous off-season practice regimen said: "When I take one day off, I feel like I'm lacking a bit."

You can't take a day off from connection with God without losing a step.

*The best exercise for spiritual fitness
is a daily walk with God.*

— Joe Barnett

Steppingstones to Christ

But you, why do you judge your brother? Or you again, why do you look at your brother with contempt? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God.

Romans 14:10

As the song goes. "Lord speak to me that I may speak, in living echos of Thy tone. As Thou hast sought so let me seek, Thine erring children lost and lone." Jesus came to lead lost souls to the cross where they could experience forgiveness. Our words, our tone of voice, and the expressions on our faces, send a message. When our hearts are filled with contempt and judgment, our faces will be read by all. Let's commit to be steppingstones to Christ and not stumblingblocks in front of Him. Lord speak to me.

— David Grubb

Invite your friends to our area-wide singing - - Oct. 28th

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 : Baby wipes (need to be unscented and alcohol free) **Sample containers** of shampoo, conditioner, foot powder, lotion, shower gel, body wash, mouthwash

Birthday : Jocelyn September 2

NEXT WEEK : (September 3, 2017)

Song Leader : Tim

Scripture Reader : J.J,

Table & Announcements : Bob

Prayer list :

Pray for our area-wide singing - - October 28

Rosanne : Rose can now get around some with a walker

Brenda Stevens : Brenda is scheduled for surgery to repair two of her broken vertebra. The surgery will be tomorrow at the pain center in Sarah Bush Hospital in Mattoon.

Megan Nichols : No real update; Megan's condition remains largely unchanged.

Ron Bartanen : significant health issues, needs prayers

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 :

Rosanne: Rose is now able to put a little weight on her injured leg. It's slow going but she can get around some with a walker

Madonna : Madonna's chemo will continue indefinitely.

Glenda Hyneman : Improving, but issues remain / surgery

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

Jerry Rankin : Heart Issues

Butch Reynolds : Heart condition and back issues

Jannetta Calvert : Remains basically the same. She is dealing with pain, but has a positive attitude. She enjoys visitors.

Her in room 305 at the Heritage Manor on 6th St. in Pana

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 !