

Life In The Body

News and Notes for the :
Shelbyville
Church of Christ

September 17, 2017

I Didn't Authorize That

I took Ben's car to the shop the other day to be inspected for renewing the license. I dropped the car off and received a call from the mechanic a few hours later. All the car needed was a new serpentine belt to pass inspection. I gave permission to replace the belt - a relatively minor cost which I was happy to pay to get Ben's car up to speed.

Now suppose when I went to settle up with the mechanic, he presented me with an \$800 bill instead of the \$80 I was expecting. When I inquire as to the reason for the massive bill, the mechanic replies, "Well, even though it didn't need it and even though you didn't authorize it, I decided to overhaul the engine, as well."

Do you know what I'd do in a situation like that? Well, I can tell you this: I would not be happy, would not pay the bill, and he probably would get a letter from my lawyer.

We understand the concept of "doing only what is authorized" in the business world and in our personal lives. It is a common sense principle that we use every day. If I go to the dentist for a checkup, he is not authorized to sedate me and do a root canal. If a carpenter is hired to build some kitchen cabinets out of oak, he is not authorized to build the cabinets using

whatever wood he has handy. If I employ someone to remove an old carpet and put down a new one, they are not authorized to install the new one over the old one simply because he didn't think the old one needed taken out.

Of course you see where I am headed with this, I'm sure. If we so readily accept this precept in all matters of life, then why do so many apparently have such trouble applying this to religion? God has clearly stated in the Bible that He just wants us doing exactly as He has commanded - no more, no less. In Moses' day, the Israelites were commanded "Therefore you shall be careful to do as the LORD your God has commanded you; you shall not turn aside to the right hand or to the left." This basic principle is repeated in the New Testament in Rev. 22:18-19.

In Col. 3:17 we are told, "And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord..." The phrase "in the name of" means "by the authority of." So everything we do - secularly and spiritually - we are to make sure we have specific authorization and approval from Jesus Christ as revealed in the Scriptures He inspired. It will be a sad day indeed for those who thought they were doing things to honor God and He will say to them "I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!" only because they did not do what God had authorized (Matt. 7:21-23).

—Edd Sterchi

Uncommonly Committed

*I have set you an example that
you should do as I have done.*

—John 13:15

When Jesus stated his reasons for coming to earth he reduced them to two: to serve and to give. ***"The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life ..."*** (Mk. 10:45).

That's vastly different from the mindset of our ***"me-first"*** world.

Because he wants the best for you, he wants you to embody his priorities: ***"Whoever wants to become great among you,"*** he said, ***"must be your servant"*** (Mk. 10:43).

The eternal payoff? *“Many who seem to be important now will be the least important then, and those who are considered least here will be the greatest then” (Mk. 10:31 NLT).*

You don't have to be uncommonly gifted to serve and give, but you do have to be uncommonly committed.

*People that do things that count
usually don't spend time counting them.*

— Joe Barnett

The time is rapidly approaching for our 10th Annual Area-wide Singing. October 28th will be here before we know it so now is the time to start inviting your friends.

Great Job : You are to be highly commended for your love and your generosity. Our special collection was above \$1240. That is great, especially considering attendance was down a little last week. Some who were absent will be adding to this. You did very well. Keep up the good work.

Sympathy

Thursday we said our final goodbye to Jannetta Calvert. She passed on Sept 11th and on the 14th her body was laid to rest in Linwood Cemetery east of Pana. Jannetta was a devout Christian lady who was loved by many. She suffered much with cancer and after 79 years she was ready for her reward.

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 : Sunblock, Sunscreen, Chap stick, Feminine products for female troops, Men and Women's white or black crew socks (no other colors on them and no design)

Birthday : Ryan Stevens Sept. 17
Hazel Rankin Sept. 20
Doris Faulkner Sept. 23

NEXT WEEK : (**September 24, 2017**)

Song Leader : **Delmar**

Scripture Reader : **Jonathan**

Table & Announcements : **Tim**

Prayer list :

Pray for our area-wide singing - - October 28

Nathan & Adrienne Niehls : Adrienne is in the early part of her pregnancy & has started to experience some complications. She has had trouble with previous pregnancies and we are praying this one is born near full-term.

Brenda Stevens : Brenda got some relief from her surgery, but she still has more broken vertebra to be repaired.

Megan Nichols : Is now taking weekly physical therapy.

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 still moving slowly, but she's has graduated from a walker to a cane.

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

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 !