

Life In The Body

News and Notes for the :
Shelbyville
Church of Christ

October 29, 2017

Justice or Mercy

I hear about an 80-year-old woman who was arrest for shop-lifting. When she went before the judge in Cincinnati he asked her, "What did you steal?"

She replied, "A can of peaches."

The asked her why she had stolen the can of peaches and she replied that she was hungry. The judge then asked how many peaches were in the can.

She replied, "Six."

The judge said, "Then I will give you six days in jail." Before the judge could actually pronounce the punishment, the woman's husband asked the judge if he could say something

The husband said, "She also stole a can of peas."

It is so true that whenever others are found guilty, we want to make sure they are prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. I sometimes ask people the question, "Do you want a judge (or a police officer) who shows mercy or one who administers justice?" The answer I get is always the same - if we are standing before the judge or pulled over by the police officer, we want mercy; if others are standing there, we want justice.

The interesting thing about God is that He is His justice while at the same time full of mercy. How can He be both? When we are guilty of sin, He finds us guilty to the full extent of the law.

The penalty of our sin is death - spiritual death, separation from God (Romans 6: 23). But in His mercy, God has found a way to pay the price Himself.

“For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.” II Corinthians 5:31

Praise God for being the just and holy God that He is, but praise Him as well for being full of grace and mercy.

— Alan Smith



Being a Christian ...

... is like a pumpkin. God picks you from the patch, brings you in, and washes all the dirt off you. He opens you up and scoops out all the yucky stuff including the seeds of doubt, hatred, greed, etc. Then He carves you a new smiling face and puts the light inside you to shine for all the world to see.

— Author unknown, submitted by Sherry 2016



Proactive Resolve

Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. But resist him, firm in the faith.... **I Peter 5:8-9**

If we spent the same amount of effort loving God, loving our neighbor, brother, and enemies, that we expend running from the devil, his power would be diminished in our lives. Our best defense against the devil is a great offense. As Romans 12:21 puts it, "**Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.**" Let's resolve to be firm in the faith.

– Arthur Unknown

Glory to God on High

The 10th annual Singing In The Park was a most enjoyable and uplifting event. We were not able to get an accurate count. However, I spoke to representatives from more than a dozen congregations. In numbers, attendance may have been down just a little, but it was well attended and very well received. All were uplifted, edified, encouraged. The fellowship afterward was also great.

A great big “THANK YOU” to our ladies. They did a fantastic job with the food. There was a good variety and all of it was tasty. There were a wide variety of sweets and of pies. I got to taste peanut butter pies for the first time.

Likewise, we thanks all of you who did the set up and the cleanup. A hard job went quickly because the load was shared. In fact, our hat is off to the whole congregation. It was a project well accomplished. Those who were unable to attend, REALLY missed out on a spiritual feast.

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 : Word Find books, Devotional material, Guideposts, and etc., Small Bibles, Toothbrushes and toothpaste,

Birthday : Darrell Shumard ... October 30

NEXT WEEK : (November 5, 2017)

Song Leader : Stan

Scripture Reader : Jonathan

Table & Announcements : Tim

Prayer list :

Nancy Miller : This past week the cancer of father of Nancy Miller grew much worse resulting in him being taken by “Life Flight” to St. John’s hospital in Springfield. However, he has now been released to hospice and is clinging to life.

Robin Shumard : As a consequence of diabetes, Robin is having significant issues with her feet limiting her mobility.

Ron Bartanen : Ron has a blood clot in his left leg and clots in both lungs so the surgery to remove the large, painful stone from his bladder cannot happen for some months to come.

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 :

Brenda Stevens : Ongoing painful back issues

Megan Nichols : Is now taking weekly physical therapy.

Rosanne : It’s painful but Rose is getting around with a cane

Madonna : Madonna’s chemo will continue indefinitely.

Glenda Hyneman : Improving, but issues remain / surgery

Mindy Stevens : Experiencing immune system issues.

Jerry Rankin : Heart Issues

Butch Reynolds : Heart condition and back issues

Ernie Wasson : He is having on going problems with strokes,
Dec. 4 Scheduled for surgery to remove aneurism

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 !