

Life In The Body

News and Notes for the :
Shelbyville
Church of Christ

October 15, 2017

Heavenly Wisdom

It is easier for us to judge what we see. That is one of the reasons we do not make good judges and God does not appoint us as such. We do not see people's hearts or motives behind what they do. Thankfully, Judging is left up to Jesus who sees the whole picture.

Since we only see a sliver of people's lives, and that which is visible, we tend to place a lot of weight on those visible things. We in turn tend to make those things the priorities in our lives because that is how we see others. What about those things that are not easily seen; those traits and characteristics that are more like attitudes and spiritual ways of thinking? I think we have the tendency to downplay these things and the role they play in our lives. However, James uses some strong words when it comes to a spiritual way of thinking we ought to possess. I would like for you to reflect on these words from James. See if you feel the weight of what he is saying as I did when I read through this today.

"Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. Such "wisdom" does not come down from heaven but is earth-

ly, unspiritual, demonic. For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.

But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness.” — James 3:13-18

— Steven McFadden

You Stumbled ... Now What?

We all stumble in many ways.

—James 3:2

My song leader and I were perched on the front pew, ready to lead the congregation in song and sermon following communion, which was now being served from the platform seven steps up.

Our server, beginning his descent with trays of filled cups, tripped and lofted into a headfirst dive, zeroing in on two petrified parsons and a flock of front-rowers. Nothing damages dignity like taking a tumble in public.

Spiritual stumbles are worse. But stumbling is a stubborn fact of life. Have you ever taken a spiritual spill? Sure you have. You wish like crazy you hadn't done what you did . . . but you did.

God has never used anyone who hasn't stumbled, for “We all stumble in many ways” (Jas 3:2).

Nor has God ever used anyone who, after stumbling, didn't get up and give it another go.

***All of life you have left is in the future.
Don't live it in the past.***

— Joe Barnett

Inside-out

As a ring of gold in a swine's snout, so is a beautiful woman who lacks discretion.

Proverbs 11:22

Lipstick or jewelry on a pig does not change the fact that you still have a pig. Many a person has tried to decorate their outside, hoping that it would change their inside. God prefers that we concentrate on the inner man in Christ, and let the beauty on the surface come from the inside. A gentle, holy, and genuine spirit produces the real beauty.

— David Grubb

Fellowship - Hospitality :

As the hosts, we customarily serve some snacks, refreshments and sweet treats to those who travel to our singing. Some come from quite a distance so we extend hospitality to them. In preparation for this, Susan will be contacting folks by phone about their contributing to the meal after the singing. Thank you so very much for your participation.

Building Attendance :

It's only 13 days until our **10th Annual Area-wide Singing**. **Do you plan to be there?** Have you already invited all your friends? Do you have an invitation to the singing posted on your **FACE-BOOK page**? Are you talking it up on **TWITTER**? I've sent out 50 letters to area congregations and emails to their preachers. Attendance does not just happen; it's built. We certainly hope you are one of the construction worker.

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 : Men's boxer shorts (dark colors, M, L, XL) ; Women's cotton regular underwear (dark colors, s, M, L) ; Word find books, crossword puzzle books, Sudoku books.

NEXT WEEK : (**October 22, 2017**)

Song Leader : **Delmar**

Scripture Reader : **Butch**

Table & Announcements : **Darrell**

Birthdays

Roger Shumard: 10-15

Mary Niehls: 10-18

Rosanne Reynolds: 10-16

Ron Julius: 10-19

Prayer list :

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,

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 !