

# Life In The Body

News and Notes for the :  
Shelbyville  
Church of Christ

**October 8, 2017**

## *Sin Is Like A Tick*

I found a tick on me the other day. Fortunately I got it off before it embedded itself into my skin. Afterwards, I was thinking - sin is a lot like a tick. Notice, for example:

- \* **It tries to sneak into your life.** Ticks are successful because they can get on you without being detected. Sin often works like that, too. It tries to get into your life without being noticed for what it is.
- \* **It finds a hidden spot.** Once a tick gets on you, it usually tries to find a spot where you won't discover it. Sin does the same. Sin usually works so that we end up doing it in secret.
- \* **Once imbedded, it is hard to get off.** When a tick has buried its head into you, it holds on for dear life. Sin is the same. Once it becomes a part of our lifestyle, it is difficult to shed.
- \* **It gets bigger over time.** If a tick remains on you long enough, it will gorge itself and get disgustingly huge. And so does sin. If left in your life long enough, one sin grows into many and gets worse and worse.
- \* **It can leave you infected or seriously ill.** Tick bites damage the skin and can carry diseases, some even deadly. Sin is also like

that. Left in our lives, sin can damage our lifestyle, relationships, and souls.

I also realized that avoiding and getting rid of sin is like doing so with a tick.

**\* Use preventative measures.** Covering exposed areas and applying repellent helps avoid ticks getting on you. Preparing yourself to resist temptation keeps sin at bay. Covering your life with Christ also helps.

**\* Avoid places where heavy infestation occur.** Staying away from where ticks congregate reduces the risk greatly. Staying away from sinful places also helps reduce the risk of sin getting a hold on you.

**\* Examine yourself on a regular basis.** Checking for ticks after you have been in the woods is always a good idea. Checking your life regularly to see if sin has entered is also a really good idea.

**\* If you notice one on you, get it off immediately.** The sooner you can get rid of a tick, the better. The same goes for sin.

**\* If one bites you and you don't look or feel well, see a doctor.** Concerning tick bites, it is important to let a medical expert help if they can. It is also important to see the Great Physician if sin has damaged our life - He can help to make us all better!

- Edd Sterchi

## ***Repentance***

***Rend your heart and not your garments.***

- Joel 2:13

Joel warned Israel they were going to pay a high price for ditching God: locusts would demolish their fields and destroy their crops.

But that didn't have to be the final word, for God delights in showing mercy—erasing calamity with compassion when the rebellious repent and return to him.

*Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity.*

Repentance is not outward show, but inner sorrow—a change of heart. ***“You do not delight in sacrifice,”*** said David, ***“or I would bring it ... The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise”*** (Psalms 51:16-17).

***Repentance is the renewal of life.***

— Joe Barnett

### **Social Media :**

The time is approaching for our **10<sup>th</sup> Annual Area-wide Singing. October 28<sup>th</sup>** will be here before we know it so now is the time to start inviting your friends. Many of you have **FACEBOOK** accounts and some of you have **TWITTER** accounts. May I request that you make mention of our singing on whatever social media platforms that you use. If you have an email list, please send a copy of the flyer to everyone on it.

### **Upcoming Gospel Meeting :**

Southside Church of Christ  
1100 South 4<sup>th</sup> St.  
Mattoon, Illinois

Dates : October 9-14

Time : 7:00 p.m. nightly

Speaker : Andrew Roberts of Tampa, Florida

**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 15, 2017** )

**Song Leader :** **Greg**

**Scripture Reader :** **J.J.**

## *Prayer list :*

### **Pray for our area-wide singing - - October 28**

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

#### **Answered prayers :**

Sherry's son ( Chris) is now home from working the hurricane relief in Florida. He's tired, but none the worse for wear.

**Ron Bartanen :** Was released from the hospital today, but insurance issues prevent him from returning to the nursing home. He's at home being cared for by his son and his wife. Ron has a blood clot in his left leg and clots in both lungs. Thus, the surgery to remove the large and 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 !*