

Life In The Body

News and Notes for the :
Shelbyville
Church of Christ

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The Mind of Christ

I heard once about a man who went to the doctor after weeks of symptoms. The doctor examined him carefully, then called the patient's wife privately into his office. He said to her, "Your husband is suffering from a rare form of anemia. Without treatment, he'll be dead in a few weeks. The good news is, it can be treated with proper nutrition."

"You will need to get up early every morning and fix your husband a hot breakfast—pancakes, bacon and eggs, the works. He'll need a home-cooked lunch every day, and then an old-fashioned meat-and-potato dinner every evening. It would be especially helpful if you could bake frequently. Cakes, pies, homemade bread—these are the things that will allow your husband to live.

"One more thing. His immune system is weak, so it's important that your home be kept spotless at all times. I can't impress upon you just how important this is. If you don't do these things, your husband is going to die. Do you have any questions?" The wife said, "No."

The doctor said, "Do you want to break the news to him, or shall I?" The wife said, "I'll do it."

She walked back into the examination room. Her husband, sensing the seriousness of his illness, said to her, "It's bad, isn't it?" She nodded, tears welled up in her eyes. He asked her, "What's going to happen to me?"

And, with a sob, his wife blurted out, "The doctor says you're gonna die!"

While I would like to think that those of us who are husbands and wives would be willing to serve our mates in a situation like that, the truth of the matter is that we don't usually get very excited about the opportunity to serve someone else.

Paul says in Philippians 2:5 to, "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus". And the "mind" or "attitude" that Paul tells the Philippian Christians to take on is the attitude of selflessness, humility, service. "Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others." (Philippians 2:3-4). The attitude a Christian should have is one that focuses on the needs and interests of others.

That's not something that comes naturally. When Christ came into this world, he brought into being a whole new approach to relationships with people. Listen to what he said to his disciples one day when they were arguing among themselves regarding who was to be greatest in his kingdom:

"You now that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those who are great exercise authority over them. Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant. And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave -- just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many." (Matthew 20:25-28).

Jesus said that in the Gentile world, in the world around us, there's very little humility. People operate basically out of selfish motives. They have little or no interest in helping others to reach their goals -- except when it might benefit them-

selves. The name of the game is to get power and authority and then to exercise that power and authority.

But that's not how Christians are supposed to act. And Christ did more than just teach us that truth. He lived it out as well. He demands nothing of us that he wasn't willing to demonstrate himself.

"Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus."

– Alan Smith

There are no victories at discount prices.

Dwight D. Eisenhower

Thought Question :

Remember putting your face above a headless frame painted to represent a muscle man, a clown, or even a bathing beauty? Many of us have had our pictures taken this way, and the photos are humorous because the head doesn't fit the body. If we could picture Christ as the head of our local body of believers, would the world laugh at the misfit? Or would they stand in awe of a human body so closely related to a divine head?

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 : Microwave popcorn, Little Debbie treats (preferably brownies, fudge rounds, oatmeal pies), Gummi Bears, Jolly Rancher candy

Birthday : Mary Smith ... November 14

Reading :

James 1: 13-18 ; Romans 1: 18-32

**We don't change the message,
The message changes us.**

NEXT WEEK : (November 19, 2017)

Song Leader : Delmar

Scripture Reader : Bob

Table & Announcements : Greg

Prayer list :

Cindy Bowyer : Susan Bowyer's sister, Cindy Bowyer, is recovering from having had the upper half of her left lung.

Hailey Wilhour : Madonna's niece, Haley Wilhour is receiving chemo treatment for acute myeloid leukemia. Haley is the mother of 4 very young children.

Ernie Wasson : Ernie (Herrick congregation) is scheduled for surgery on Dec. 4 to remove an aneurism.

Harold (Bob) Calvert : Bob is having debilitating side effects from his chemo therapy.

Nancy Miller : Nancy is recovering from two broken arms. .

Robin Shumard : having significant issues with her feet

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.

Brenda Stevens : In addition to her back issues, Brenda has recently learned that she has a broken rib.

Pat Uphoff : In addition to her severe foot issues, tests have revealed that she has somewhat significant heart issues as well.

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

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 !