

Life In The Body

News and Notes for the :
Shelbyville
Church of Christ

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Heaven Will Surely Be Worth It All !

Thirty years ago, on a Sunday morning, I was in a 15 passenger van with a deacon of the local congregation picking up kids to bring them to Bible study. I remember it as if it were yesterday. The van was packed to the gills with children, and my job was crowd control. It must have been a full moon the night before and the kids must have had extra sugar in their cereal that morning, for they were rowdy and getting out of hand. As a fairly young and somewhat inexperienced Christian, I was doing the best I could, but was losing the battle. Luther, who was driving the van and was a songleader as well as a deacon, turned to his vast repertoire of songs and said to me with a big smile on his face, "Remember Edd, heaven will surely be worth it all."

I have taken the lesson learned that day with me all of my Christian life. There have been many times when things weren't going my way and I would harken back to that day and those words: "Heaven will surely be worth it all."

When you have to deal with that difficult person again, remember: "Heaven will surely be worth it all." When you have that task to do that brings dread, remember: "Heaven will surely

be worth it all.” When that temptation comes that is difficult to deal with, remember: “Heaven will surely be worth it all.” When hard times hit and hope seems far away, remember: “Heaven will surely be worth it all.” When you want to give up, give in, or give out, don’t! Just remember: “Heaven will surely be worth it all.”

Read 1 Pet. 1:3-9 very carefully. Soak it in. Let it give you the strength to keep you going no matter what happens. Trials? Tribulations? Turmoil? Hang in there, Christian - and even smile! You can make it through it, and:

Heaven will surely be worth it all!

“Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless” (2 Pet. 2:13-14)

– Edd Sterchi

Heavenly Perspective

It is reported that the German controllers at Frankfurt Airport expect pilots to know their gate location and how to get there without any assistance from them. This conversation is said to have taken place between the control tower in Frankfurt and a British Airways 747 (radio call Speedbird 206) after landing:

Speedbird 206: "Good morning Frankfurt, Speedbird 206 clear of the runway."

Ground: "Guten morgan, taxi to your gate."

The British Airways 747 pulls onto the main taxiway and stops.

Ground: "Speedbird, do you not know where you are going?"

Speedbird 206: "Stand by, ground, I'm looking up the gate location now."

Ground (with impatience): "Speedbird 206, have you never flown to Frankfurt before?"

Speedbird 206 (coolly): "Yes, in 1944. But I didn't stop."

Things look different from the ground than they do in the air! (*especially when the view from the air has crosshairs that get in the way :-)*) Our perspective makes all the difference in the world.

Which raises an interesting question -- what is our perspective? Do we tend to look at things from an earthly point of view or from a heavenly point of view?

"If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth." (Col.3:1-2)

Erwin W. Lutzer once said that, "Worldliness is excluding God from our lives and, therefore, consciously or unconsciously accepting the values of a man-centered society." If things in your life aren't looking so good from "ground level", perhaps it will help to take a look at things from a heavenly perspective.

— Alan Smith

In The Presence Of God

"For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand outside. I would rather stand at the threshold of the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness." (Psalm 84:10)

These are the words of one who really loves the Lord and knows that His presence is better than anything on earth. His "comfort zone" is with the Lord. Being in the courts of the Lord really is better than all the pleasures of wickedness. Where would you expect to find this person at the time of worship? When we speak from the heart, and our actions match our words, we become a strong testimony for the world. When we live that testimony, people will always know where to find us.

—Grace for your spirit

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 : Cheese and crackers (small packages), Cookies (small packages), Bags of any kind of hard candy individually wrapped, Gum, Bubble gum

Birthday ... Delmar Brunk ... 12-13
Eric Stevens ... 12-16

NEXT WEEK : (December 17, 2017)

Song Leader : Delmar

Scripture Reader : Jonathan

Table & Announcements : Bob

Prayer list :

Ernie Wasson : Had surgery Monday, but complications prevented it's completion leaving him in even worse shape.

Cindy Bowyer : Her recovery is right on track, doing well

Nancy Miller : Nancy is recovering from two broken arms.

Bob Stevens : Awaiting schedule for bypass surgery

Ryan & Rily Stevens : Are laid up with influenza B

Robin Shumard : having significant issues with her feet

Ron Bartanen : Ron's condition is improved slightly, but basically the same; enduring pain due to a huge bladder stone.

Megan Nichols : Megan's recovery has stalled. She is no longer receiving physical therapy and seeking a new doctor

Hailey Wilhour : Chemo treatments for myeloid leukemia.

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, and broken rib

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 !