

Life In The Body

News and Notes for the :
Shelbyville
Church of Christ

December 8, 2017

Enduring the Shameful

It's not just young people that are bullied.

Karen Klein, a 68-year-old school bus monitor, said she had been bullied by some middle school students for a while, but it was especially vicious one day recently - and it was all caught on video. The video was put on YouTube and it went "viral."

In the video that is both heartbreaking and disturbing, several middle school students in Greece, NY can be seen and heard taunting Klein with statements like, "Karen, you're fat. Dude, you're so fat." The insults continue to be hurled in the video in extremely graphic and offensive language.

Yet Klein did not retaliate. She told Fox News that throughout the children's assaults she restrained herself, and tried to pretend as though it wasn't happening. "I have escaped a lot in my life, and I'm trying to let things go," she said.

In a particularly harsh remark, one of the children claimed that Klein didn't have a family because "they all killed themselves because they didn't want to be near you." Did the student know that Klein's oldest son took his own life 10 years ago?

Klein stated that she endured the bullying because she doesn't like confrontation. "I didn't want to do anything to hurt anybody. That wouldn't have looked good either." *

There was Another who endured the taunts of a mocking crowd....

It was *JESUS*, the Son of God. Please read Matthew 27:11-54 and 1 Peter 2:21-24. Even as He was hanging on the cross, "the chief priests and the teachers of the law mocked him among themselves. 'He saved others,' they said, 'but he can't save himself!'" (Mark 15:31).

Actually, He COULD have called more than twelve legions of angels to deliver Him. But He didn't. And He endured MORE than just the mocking insults of the angry mob; He TOOK UP-ON HIMSELF the sins of the whole world of all time - including your sins and mine.

God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that WE might become the righteousness of God IN HIM. (2 Corinthians 5:21)

We are credited with the righteousness of Christ WHEN we accept His offer of salvation on His terms!

-- D.A. Sargent

Endurance

*A mighty wind blew night and day;
It stole the oak tree's leaves away,
Then snapped its boughs and pulled its bark,
Until the oak was tired and stark.
But still the oak tree held its ground
While other trees fell all around.*

*The weary wind gave up and spoke,
"How can you still be standing, Oak?"
The oak tree said, "I know that you
Can break each branch of mine in two,*

*Carry every leaf away,
Shake my limbs, and make me sway,
But I have roots stretched in the earth,
Growing stronger since my birth.
You'll never touch them, for you see,
They are the deepest part of me.
Until today I wasn't sure
Of just how much I could endure.
But now I've found, with thanks to you,
I'm stronger than I ever knew."*

– Author unknown

Hands To The Plow

But Jesus said to him, "No one, after putting his hand to the plow and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God." **Luke 9:62**

The call to be a disciple of Christ is to deny ourselves, take up His cross and follow Him. Many times people expressed a desire to follow him, with guarded self denial. Some would be willing if they could go back and load up a U-Haul just in case things didn't work out. The call to Christ is a call to come and die in complete self denial. If we have one eye on the past and one eye on Him, we are not fit for Him. Like plowing while looking back, we cannot plow effectively. Lets fix our eyes on a specific point ahead of us, and let's make that point Jesus.

– David Grubb

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 : Oatmeal packets, Cocoa packets, Peanut butter, Squeezable jelly (not jars)

Birthday ... Gloria Brunk ... 12-4
Tim Bowyer ... 12-4

NEXT WEEK : (**December 10, 2017**)

Song Leader : **Greg**

Scripture Reader : **Eric**

Table & Announcements : **Tim**

Prayer list :

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

Cindy Bowyer : Excellent pathology report - not cancer

Nancy Miller : Nancy is recovering from two broken arms.

Bob Stevens : Awaiting schedule for bypass surgery

Ryan Stevens : Laid up with a respiratory infection - 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 !