

# Life In The Body

News and Notes for the :  
Shelbyville  
Church of Christ

**January 14, 2018**

## *Worship From The Heart*

A little boy asked his father what was the highest number he had ever counted. Replying that he didn't know, the father asked his son his highest number. It was 973.

"Why did you stop there?" wondered the father.

"Because church was over."

I suspect that you have probably sat through worship services where your mind was focused on something just as trivial rather than on God.

It's easy to let the mind wander. "I can't wait to see the ball game this afternoon." "I wonder what we're having for lunch." "I've never noticed before that the carpet down there is starting to unravel a bit." Is it any wonder that we so often leave the worship assembly with the feeling that it wasn't very meaningful?

Worship should be a time when we are confronted with the majesty and glory of God. As we reflect on God's power, we realize how much we need Him in our times of weakness. As we reflect on God's wisdom, we realize how much we need Him in our times of indecision. As we reflect on God's holiness, we are made aware of our own sinfulness and the need for for-

giveness. As we reflect on God's love, we realize the effort God has gone to to make that forgiveness available.

It's not a ritual we go through every week. It is an opportunity to express our praise to the One who means more to us than all the earth. As we truly worship and praise God from the heart, we become more aware of how much we want to live close to Him. We leave with the challenge to "be holy as He is holy."

"For the LORD is great and greatly to be praised; He is to be feared above all gods. For all the gods of the peoples are idols, But the LORD made the heavens. Honor and majesty are before Him; Strength and beauty are in His sanctuary. Give to the LORD, O families of the peoples, Give to the LORD glory and strength. Give to the LORD the glory due His name; Bring an offering, and come into His courts. Oh, worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness! Tremble before Him, all the earth." (Psalm 96:4-9)

-- Alan Smith

## *You Are What You Think*

We often hear the phrase, "You are what you eat." For many of us, that's a sobering thought...I love to eat pork.... But this same thought may be true when it comes to that upon which our minds dwell.

Paul says, "Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable. If there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you" (Philippians 4:8-9). Paul clearly believes there is a significance to what we think.

Paul explains that we must keep our minds true. If we are going to follow in the steps of Jesus, we must be true and teach truth. We are to keep our thoughts on that which is honorable. Peter exhorts us to "Keep your conduct ... honorable, so that when [others] speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God..." (1 Peter 2:12). And we need to keep our thoughts just

and pure. We must keep our minds on that which is lovely, commendable, excellent, and praiseworthy. These words are descriptive of God and His presence, His countenance. Essentially, Paul is calling for his readers to be imitators of God.

If we are what we eat, is it possible that we are what we think? Are we living out the image of God? Let's make sure we are focusing our minds on that which brings honor and glory to God.

– Keith Harris

### **Discipleship Seminar .. *See bulletin board***

**Date :** Saturday, January 20, 2018

**Topic :** Discipleship

**Speaker :** Mike Stroud

**Place :** Philo Road Church of Christ  
2601 S. Philo Road  
Urbana, Illinois 61802

**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: Nutri Grain Bars, Breakfast bars-of any kind, Protein bars, Pringles, Small containers of chips ( no bags)

### **Reading : Psalm 19: 1-14**

**Birthday :** Betty Lowe ..... January 16

**NEXT WEEK : ( January 21, 2017 )**

**Song Leader : Tim**

**Scripture Reader : Jonathan**

**Table & Announcements : Greg**

## *Sympathy*

On Wednesday, January 11, 2018, Charlie R. Johnston, the son-in-law of Mary Smith passed away as a result of a heart attack. He was 72 years old. Visitation will be Sunday ( 14<sup>th</sup> ) from 3:00-7:00 at Howe and Yockey funeral home and the funeral will be on Monday at 11:00.

## *Prayer list :*

**Frances Reynolds :** Is in the hospital due to dehydration

**Brenda Greet :** Larry's sister is battling late stage cancer

**Hailey Wilhour :** Has undergone surgery to remove both her gallbladder and her appendix. They were sent for biopsy.

**Bruce Miller:** *Bruce is NOT the son of Nancy Miller.* He is the brother-in-law of Madonna and the father of Hailey Wilhour. Bruce has prostate cancer and while undergoing a stress test they learned that he has lung cancer.

**Nancy Miller:** Nancy's recovery from broken arms continues

**Rosanne Reynolds :** Knee replacement recovery goes well

**Bob Stevens :** Had open heart surgery on Friday morning.

**Megan Nichols :** Had MRI and is back in physical therapy

**Ron Bartanen :** They are hoping for surgery in February.

**Ernie Wasson :** Recovering from complications from surgery

## **Those with ongoing need of prayer :**

### *Those with age related issues :*

Ruby, Doris, Mary, Jeanne, Delores, Marg, Pete & Hazel, Betty, Francis

### *Other members with ongoing issues :*

**Robin Shumard :** significant respiratory and foot issues

**Brenda Stevens :** Ongoing painful back issues, and broken rib

**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 !*