

Life In The Body

News and Notes for the :
Shelbyville
Church of Christ

January 21, 2018

Testing The Spirits

"Cleanliness is next to godliness" (Sanitations 6:3).

"The Lord helps those who help themselves" (Assistances 4:10)

"Spare the rod and spoil the child" (Indulgences 15:7).

"God works in mysterious ways" (Enigmatics 3:1).

"The eye is the window to the soul" (2 Psyche 9:6).

Although all of these sound "godly" and appear as if they belong in the Bible, they are not there, and we as believers in our Lord and Savior must always be on guard to protect the body from influences that will lead us to accept **"as doctrine the commandments of men"** (**Matt. 15: 9** [NKJV]).

In **2 Timothy 2:15** [NKJV] the Apostle Paul warns, **"Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."** God also warns us through His servant John that we should not believe everything people tell us, but rather we should **"test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world"** (**1 John 4:1** [NKJV]). Because Eve did not understand God's word enough for herself, because she had not rightly divided the word of truth, she fell to the deception of the Serpent who inserted one word, **"hot"**, declaring to Eve that if she ate of the

Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil, **“You will not surely die”** (**Genesis 3:4** [NKJV]).

When people do not study for themselves they allow many false teachings and doctrines to spread that are contrary to God’s word. This has been so from the beginning days of the church’s founding. **3. Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints. 4. For certain men have crept in unnoticed, who long ago were marked out for this condemnation, ungodly men, who turn the grace of our God into licentiousness and deny the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ.** So writes **Jude**, the brother of our Lord. Jesus, too, rebuked the churches of Asia Minor for allowing false doctrine to be brought into His body of believers. Pergamos permitted the doctrine of Balaam and the doctrine of the Nicolaitans within its midst (Revelation 2:14-15). Thyatira had allowed a false prophetess to teach sexual immorality within that church (Revelation 2:20). None of this could have happened if people had studied for themselves. Come Judgment Day, claiming ignorance will be no excuse. Not only do we have specific commands to **“test the spirits”** in order to be **“approved to God”**, we have the great example of the church at Berea. Of them Luke states they **“searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so”** (**Acts 17:11** [NKJV]).

-- David Ferguson

Worry Won't Share Space With Faith

Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him.

— Psalm 37:5

Behavioral scientists assert that we see things that we’ve conditioned ourselves to see. If you’ve disciplined yourself to see God in control, that’s what you will see—and you’ll be pleasant company and sleep well. If you’ve conditioned yourself to see doom and gloom, that’s what you will see—and you’ll be unpleasant company and won’t sleep well.

Are you limping through life, worrying about everything from global warming to political corruption to catastrophic accidents

to hangnails to you-name-it? If so, the uncomfortable truth is that this deadly cancer is poisoning your faith. It's not incurable but can be fatal left untreated.

Fear and worry suck the oxygen out of faith. When worry takes up residence in the mind, it refuses to share the space with faith.

Faith and fear can't exist in the same space at the same time.

— Joe Barnett

God's Plumb Line

The Lord said to me, "What do you see, Amos?" And I said " A plumb line." Then the Lord said "Behold I am about to put a plumb line in the midst of My people Israel. I will spare them no longer."

Amos 7:8

A builder uses a string with a weight on the end of it, to insure their building is straight. It is called a plumb line. If the building is crooked, it has to be torn down. Amos was sent to the house is Israel with this warning. God's word was the plumb line hanging in Israel, and it showed that they were crooked. Their kingdom was about to be destroyed. We don't want to hear news like that. When the plumb line of God's word is held up next to our life, will we stand or be torn down? It's best to keep the plumb line handy as we build, to avoid destruction.

— Ron Thomas

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 : **II Timothy 3: 10-17 ; I Peter 1: 6-12**

Birthday : Bob Stevens January 24

NEXT WEEK : (**January 28, 2017**)

Song Leader : **Stan**

Scripture Reader : **Ron**

Table & Announcements : **Darrell**

Prayer list :

Bob Stevens : Bob is scheduled for heart surgery on Wednesday in Springfield. 4 bypasses and replace a valve.

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

Hailey Wilhour : Has started another round of chemo and is lined up for a stem cell transplant in February.

Bruce Miller: An MRI revealed that Bruce also has cancer on his spine and a tumor on one of his kidneys. *This Bruce is NOT the son of Nancy Miller.* He is the brother-in-law of Madonna and the father of Hailey Wilhour.

Nancy Miller: Nancy's recovery from broken arms continues

Rosanne Reynolds : Knee replacement recovery goes well

Megan Nichols : About the same - still 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.



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