

Life In The Body

News and Notes for the :
Shelbyville
Church of Christ

January 7, 2018

A New You For A New Year (continued from previous issue)

This sounds like a commercial line from a weight loss clinic, a fitness club, a hair salon, or a skin cream company, but it's not. It's about making decisions about spiritual well-being. Are you satisfied with 'you' at the beginning of a new year? This is the time of year we generally look at ourselves and make resolutions for self-improvement. We often write them down or tell someone so we'll feel some pressure (encouragement) to stick to them. As you think about 'a new you for the new year,' please consider these common clichés and their spiritual applications.

THIS YEAR, LET'S 'PUT OUR BACK TO THE WALL.' One with his 'back to the wall' realizes the gravity of a situation. He has but one option--fight. Christians need to appreciate the gravity of the situation in which they daily exist. We are in a free-for-all-no-holds-barred-winner-take-all fight for our souls. We are not playing war games or firing blanks. This is for real. Nobody gets out of this world alive physically (until Jesus comes), and few get out alive spiritually (Matthew 7:13; Ephesians 2:1). This may be the year that determines my destiny. Am I taking my battle with Satan seriously (1 Peter 5:8)? Have I strapped on my armor (Ephesians 6:11-18)? Will I survive? Will my family?

THIS YEAR, LET'S 'PUT OUR FEET TO THE FIRE.' A man whose feet are held to the fire tends to become enthusiastic! To put a person's 'feet to the fire' is to make him/her responsible for his/her actions. God does hold us responsible for our actions. 'For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad' (2 Corinthians 5:10). Jesus even spoke of each word we use being significant: '...every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned' (Matthew 12:36-37).

God likes enthusiastic people. Phinehas was given a covenant of peace because he was 'zealous for his God' (Numbers 25:13). Dorcas was loved by many because she was full of good works (Acts 9:36). God redeemed and purified us that we might be 'a peculiar people, zealous of good works' (Titus 2:14). We 'are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them' (Ephesians 2:10). God wants us to 'consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works' (Hebrews 10:24).

THIS YEAR, LET'S 'PUT OUR EYES ON THE PRIZE.' A man with his eyes on a prize has it as the object of his heart, the apple of his eye. He wants nothing more; he will settle for nothing else. Paul had his eyes on the prize of heaven: 'Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus' (Philippians 3:13-14). May our eyes, too, stay on the prize until we hold it in our hands.

A 'new you' or the 'new year'? There's no better time to start than today!

(Author unknown)

A New Trend

Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.

Ephesians 4:32

Today begins "national return week". When people crowd the stores returning gifts. There are gifts we can give that we love to have returned. Those gifts are kindness and forgiveness. We love it when people return our gifts, and we build love when we return theirs. Kindness and forgiveness are the free gifts we can give to everyone and love having them returned. Let's start of new trend.

– David Grubb

Discipleship Seminar

Date : Saturday, January 20, 2018

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

Topics :

- 9:00 a.m. - The body on Life Support
- 10:15 - Knowing and Experiencing the Life-giver
- 11:30 - Lunch
- 12:15 - Disciple Making Through Life Connections

Speaker : Mike Stroud

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 : Pop Tarts, and flavor (they love strawberry flavor) Fruit snacks, Fruit by the Foot, Gushers (a fruit snack)

Birthdays :

Jerry Rankin January 9
Butch Reynolds January 13

NEXT WEEK : (**January 14, 2017**)

Song Leader : **Delmar**

Scripture Reader : **Butch**

Table & Announcements : **Tim**

Prayer list :

Nancy Miller : Nancy is still in casts, but her broken arms seem to be healing well. She sends the hearty thanksgiving for all of the cards and well wishes she has received.

Rosanne Reynolds : Rose's knee replacement surgery went well. She's now recovering at home. Seems to be doing okay

Bob Stevens : Will have heart surgery which includes 4 by-passes. He was to have returned to the doctor the day this bulletin was published so no update yet.

Megan Nichols : Had MRI and is back in physical therapy

Ron Bartanen : They are hoping for surgery in February.

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

Thomas Walton : Larry's cousin is also losing his battle to cancer

Ernie Wasson : Transferred to the Prairie Rose nursing home. He is being treated for lengthy leg incisions to relieve swelling.

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 :

Hailey Wilhour : Completed current round of chemo. Waiting
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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