

Life In The Body

News and Notes for the :
Shelbyville
Church of Christ

April 22, 2018

An Oft-Repeated Tragedy

There's a story in *Deuteronomy 1* that is all too familiar. It's a story of rebellion too deeply seated to end any way but in tragedy.

It happened to the people of Israel while they were traveling between Egypt and Canaan. As the story goes, they were camped near the banks of the Jordan. Across the river was their destination chosen by God, the Promised Land. One man from each of the twelve tribes of Israel was chosen to go into the Promised Land as a spy. It was truly a land flowing with milk and honey as God had promised. But it also was inhabited by powerful people. Now, that wasn't a problem for God, but it was for ten of the twelve spies. They returned to their camp and reported that the Israelites seemed like grasshoppers compared to the people in Canaan (despite the fact that God had proven his power to them over and over). Their lack of faith built an uncrossable chasm.

After being told that no one twenty and over would be allowed to enter the Promised Land (except Joshua and Caleb, the two spies who reported favorably), the people responded, "*We have sinned. We will go up and fight as the Lord com-*

manded us" (1:41). Having said this, they concluded it would be easy to defeat their enemies in the hill country. But again, they were a rebellious people. They refused listen to God.

The Lord told Israel not to go to battle because He would not be with them. They went anyway, and were chased by the Amorites, like running from a swarm of bees. Israel wept and prayed, but God "*turned a deaf ear*" to them, and they ultimately headed into the wilderness to die. A tragic story - but all too typical.

The same sad story has been often repeated throughout history, though the names of the people and the circumstances have changed. If you think about it you've probably even seen it played out yourself. You've seen people who knew exactly what God expected of them, but for some reason or another, refused to listen to God's clear direction, refused to trust God. Instead, they chose a rebellious path that ended in tragedy. Then, when they realized their mistake, they tried to make up for it by doing something else God hadn't commanded. They couldn't understand why God wasn't answering their prayers. "*I told God I was sorry. I asked Him to help me, but I got no help.*" It was too late. The rebellion had gone too far. People can become so accustomed to rebellion, so accustomed to listening to their own voice, that they cannot hear God when He clearly speaks.

Make every effort to listen to God as clearly as possible and obey him today.

— Joe Chesser

Come To Him

Come to me . . . I will give you rest.

— Matthew 11:28

Uncompromising commitment to your spouse simplifies your life: "Dos" and "Don'ts" are on auto-pilot; no need to chart "For" and "Against" columns.

Likewise, when you commit to Jesus, life is simplified. You're no longer faced with lists of "Do This" and "Don't Do This." Single-minded allegiance to him brings your will into harmony with his.

Tired of bearing the burden of guilt? You're just one decision away from relief. "Come to me," he said, and "I will give you rest." That doesn't mean he'll tuck you in, hold your hand, and sing you to sleep.

It means he will give you rest from your anxieties; rest from your guilt; rest from your fears. Jesus beats Prozac.

***Jesus doesn't come to give you answers;
he comes because he is the answer.***

— Joe Barnett

Are you committed to that to which Jesus was committed ?

Who's Your "Plus One?"

And the Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let the one who hears say, "Come" And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who wishes take the water of life without cost. **Revelation 22:17**

All Christians are the bride of Christ and invited to the ultimate experience; the Marriage Supper of the Lamb." All Christian should spread the joy of this event by inviting everyone to accept Christ and be a part of Him, the bridegroom. When we decide to die to sin and be born again, it is our R.S.V.P to Jesus. We are responding to His invitation to be joined with Him eternally. Let's R.S.V.P today. All excuses ceasing. — 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: Q-tips, razors, dental floss, hand sanitizer, deodorant, Finger nail clippers, Finger nail files, and etc. Sunblock, Sunscreen

Reading : Matthew 28: 17-20 ; John 17: 7-21

NEXT WEEK : (April 29, 2018)

Song Leader : Greg

Scripture Reader : Jonathan

Table & Announcements : Bob

Are you God's "Go to guy or gal ?"

Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. **19** " Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations,

Matthew 28: 17-20

Prayer list :

Ron Bartanen : Ron has been transferred to Mason Point. He is in room 123. He will be there for some weeks. His wife (Doris) is also there but in room number L210.

Rosanne Reynolds : No update .. awaiting biopsy results

Megan Nichols : Physical therapy completed, much improved

Mark Niehls He got his new heart valve and the surgery went well though he is still in considerable pain.

Wayne : Thanks for prayers. Surgery went well.

Hazel Rankin : Back surgery went well, but fall has reinjured

Riley Stevens : Procedure to release upper lip went well.

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 : Painful Neuropathy is limiting her mobility

Nancy Miller : Parkinson's Disease, moved back in town

Brenda Stevens : Ongoing severe painful back issues

Madonna : Her biweekly chemo will continue indefinitely.

Glenda Hyneman : Multiple recurring issues, some serious

Jerry Rankin : Heart Issues

Butch Reynolds : Heart condition and back issues

Bruce Miller: Madonna's brother-in-law .. chemo continues

Hailey Wilhour: Beginning to show some improvement

Ernie Wasson : Wounds are finally healing, physical therapy

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 !