

Life In The Body

News and Notes for the :
Shelbyville
Church of Christ

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Don't Settle For Second Best

The story is told of a professor who stood before his class of 20 senior organic biology students, about to hand out the final exam.

"I want to say that it's been a pleasure teaching you this semester. I know you've all worked extremely hard and many of you are off to medical school after summer. So that no one gets their GPA messed up because they might have been celebrating a bit too much this week, anyone who would like to opt out of the final exam today will receive a "B" for the course."

There was much rejoicing amongst the class as students got up, passed by the professor to thank him and sign out on his offer. As the last taker left the room, the professor looked out over the handful of remaining students and asked, "Any one else? This is your last chance." One final student rose up and took the offer.

The professor closed the door and took attendance of those students remaining. "I'm glad to see you believe in yourself." he said. "You all have "A's."

Too often, we're content to settle for second best. A lot of students would be thrilled to settle for a "B" ("That's better than I usually get." "That's doing better than most of the others I know."). And most students, I think, would rather get a "B" with

little time spent studying, than to make the effort it takes to get an "A".

A lot of us are content to settle for second best in our spiritual lives as well. We're close to God (at least closer than many people we know), but we aren't willing to take the time and the effort to have the kind of relationship we know God wants us to have.

The biggest problem with settling for second best is that we miss out on that which is best.

"As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, 'Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!' 'Martha, Martha,' the Lord answered, 'you are worried and upset about many things, but only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her.' "

(Luke 10:42)

What Martha was doing was good (second best, even), but "Mary has chosen what is better." May we always seek out and choose "what is better" in our relationship with God!

— Alan Smith

We Should Be Like a Tree



- * Have deep roots
- * Branch out
- * Be flexible
- * Keep growing on the inside
- * Bloom often
- * Show your true colors
- * Stretch upward toward the sun
- * Raise your limbs to heaven
- * Bring forth fruit as long as you live

— selected

“Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, and whose hope is the LORD. For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters, which spreads out its roots by the river, and will not fear when heat comes; But its leaf will be green, and will not be anxious in the year of drought, nor will cease from yielding fruit.”

(Jer.17:7-8)

Continued Sympathy

Of His followers Jesus said, “By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love one for another.” (Jn 13.35) That love was on full display as we laid Frances Reynolds body to rest this past Monday. We lived that old song, “They’ll Know We Are Christians By Our Love.” Yes, our love for the Reynolds family was apparent then, but there grieve will continue for some time so let us continue that same special love as they continue through the grieving process.

NEXT WEEK .. Congregational Fellowship : It’s time to start baking pies. **“Our Potluck fellowship is coming up in one week, August 26th immediately following morning worship service in Pavilion #1 beside the Senior Building. To make it easier for travelers and others as well, we are providing two kinds of meat for sandwiches and also providing drinks. Please bring chips, buns, salads, or desserts; anything suitable for a light lunch and easy to bring in a small cooler. Also please bring your own individual service for each member of your family. After lunch any of you who wish to join us, may come to the Manor for church services which start at 2:30.”**

Birthday : Stan Uphoff August 22

Reading : **Philippians 3: 12-21 ; I John 1: 5-10**

NEXT WEEK : (**August 26, 2018**)

Song Leader : **Delmar**

Scripture Reader : **J.J.**

Table & Announcements : **Jonathan**

Service is nothing but love in work clothes.

Prayer list :

John & Mary Cutillo : Friends of the Niehls family in PA, tests indicate that John indeed does have lymphoma. They thought he did; then they thought he didn't, now they say he does. They continue to run tests and we will continue to pray for him

Brenda Stevens : Brenda is rejoicing that her appointment with the specialist in St. Louis was moved up a month. 9-14-18

Debra Robinson : Betty Lowe's stepdaughter had surgery for breast cancer but when they tried to install a port for the chemo treatments she went into AFib. We have no update.

Those with ongoing need of prayer :

Those with age related issues :

Ruby, Mary, Doris, Delores, Marge, Betty, Pete & Hazel,

Other members with ongoing issues :

Pete & Hazel : Dealing with multiple issues, some age related

Delaney West : Surgery on hold as tumor is being observed

Nancy Miller : Parkinson's Disease

Robin Shumard : Due to neurological issues which are secondary to diabetes, Robin is confined to a wheelchair.

Brenda Stevens : Ongoing severe painful back issues

Wayne : Ongoing issues related to stroke recovery

Madonna : Her biweekly chemo will continue indefinitely.

Glenda Hyneman : Multiple recurring issues, some serious

Butch Reynolds : Heart condition and back issues

Jerry Rankin : Heart Issues

Bruce Miller: Madonna's brother-in-law ..awaiting test result

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 !