

Life In The Body

News and Notes for the :
Shelbyville
Church of Christ

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Loving Losers

In sports, there are a lot of people who are avid fans as long as the team they support is winning. But somehow a string of losing seasons seems to weed out those who are true fans of the team from those who are merely fans of winning. True fans of a team love and support the team whether they win or lose. Unfortunately, this attitude of loving only when circumstances are favorable is not confined to the sports arena. It has, in fact, infiltrated almost every area of life.

We see it in the community. Who gets the most attention at school? Is it not the athletic stars, the academically elite, the irresistible personalities, the wealthy? What kind of breaks do the losers get? Who loves those who are socially unskilled, those who have little to offer to the community? Thankfully there are some who truly love the losers, but their number is small. However, Jesus calls on Christians to love all people, especially those low on the social scale: *“Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position” (Romans 12:16).*

We see it in the home. One of the major reasons divorce is so common is that men and women have not learned true love. It's easy to love those who love us and fulfill our needs. But often at the first sign of difficulty, the first thought that comes to mind is divorce. Many marriages are begun with the “try it and

see” attitude. In the family, as long as a person is getting what he/she wants, everything is wonderful. But the test of true love is when the family starts to deteriorate: it may be attractiveness, health, a job, companionship, affection, energy, etc. Loving a loser is much more difficult than loving a winner. And so the temptation is to bail out like a fair-weather football fan. But true love stays and works to improve the problems.

We also see it in the church. There are those who are “fans” of the church as long as the church is fulfilling their needs and desires. But let circumstances turn, before you know it they have bailed out, looking for something more favorable. We also see it in another way. Instead of loving and honoring every member of the body, some are given special treatment while others are neglected. True love treats every member with the kind of love they received from God.

Thanks be to God that, though we are all losers because of sin, He loves us anyway, and has forgiven and accepted us through Jesus. Interestingly, learning to love losers will make us winners.

— Joe Chesser

Getting People To Listen

“Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will declare what He has done for my soul.” (Psa. 66:16)

If you think about it, there is good advice in that verse on telling others about the good news of Jesus Christ

To be honest, very few people we encounter respond positively to lectures in theology or finger-in-the-face attacks on their morality. Now, don’t get me wrong, it is crucial that we speak the truth and speak it in love (Eph. 4:15). But maybe there is a better way to get folks interested in the truth of the gospel.

People tend to respond more favorably when we reveal what God has done for us through Jesus Christ. When we make our words personal and positive, people will listen. When we tell of how Jesus Christ has changed our life, people will be interested. It is then we will be given the opportunity to declare gospel truths to them. Give it a try!

— Edd Sterchi

***"The truth is like a lion.
You don't have to defend it.
Let it loose. It will defend itself".***

— Augustine of Hippo

After services today .. Congregational Fellowship :

“Our Potluck fellowship will occur immediately following our 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. Each was supposed to bring his own individual table service for his family members. However, if you forgot, paper plates and plastic utensils will be available. After lunch any of you who wish to join us, may come to the Manor for church services which start at 2:30.”

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: Little containers of ravioli, Easy Mac & Cheese, Soups in pull tab cans, Hormel dinners in small oval containers, (also, Dinty Moore, turkey and dressing, beef and mashed potatoes)

Birthday : Ruby Miller August 26

NEXT WEEK : (September 2, 2018)

Song Leader : Tim

Scripture Reader : Larry

Table & Announcements : Greg

Dust on your bible is indicative of dust on your soul.

Prayer list :

John & Mary Cutillo : Friends of the Niehls family in PA, tests indicate that John indeed does have lymphoma. Last word, his doctors had not yet decided on a course of treatments. No further information is available, but they continue to run tests.

Brenda Stevens : Brenda is rejoicing that her appointment with the specialist in St. Louis was moved up to Sept 14.

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 !