

Life In The Body

News and Notes for the :
Shelbyville
Church of Christ

August 5, 2018

Take A Stand

As Christians we must be careful not to be intimidated by the world. We must stand up for our convictions.

Years ago, Jimmy Durante told of a baseball game being umpired by a runt of a fellow. An enormous player was at the plate and an equally large catcher stood behind him. The count was one and one. The little umpire watched the pitch sizzle across a corner, and yelled, "Two!" "Two what?" snarled the catcher, mashing his mask into the umpire's face." "Yeah, two what?" growled the batter, raising his bat. The umpire looked from one brute to the other and said, "Too close to tell." HE felt the pressure to remain neutral.

The will of the world and the will of God are in constant conflict. In every way possible the world is trying to get us to conform to its standards (or lack thereof), while God desires the best for us by urging us to conform to His will. Do we have the courage to stand up for God and righteousness?

The world is not the Christian's friend. In fact, we are enjoined, **'Do not love the world or the things in the world. If any one loves the world, love for the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the pride of life,**

is not of the father but is of the world. And the world passes away, and the lust of it, but he who does the will of God abides forever.” (I John 2:15-17)

This is no time for the Christian to be wishy washy. Rather than being conformed to the world, we must be transformed by the renewal of our mind, as the apostle Paul urges.

In a day when anything goes in morality and religion we need to hear again the inspired words of Jude, “I found it necessary to write, appealing to you to contend for the faith, which was once for all delivered to the saints.”

Christians have no option but to take a stand!

— John Gipson

The Value Of A Sermon

The following story has been around for quite a while, but continues to make a good point. It is supposed to have begun with a letter to the editor of "The British Weekly."

"Dear Sir:

I notice that ministers seem to set a great deal of importance on their sermons and spend a great deal of time in preparing them. I have been attending services quite regularly for the past thirty years and during that time, if I estimate correctly, I have listened to no less than 3,000 sermons, but, to my consternation, I discover I cannot remember a single one of them. I wonder if a minister's time might be more profitably spent on something else? Sincerely...."

That letter triggered an avalanche of angry responses for weeks. Sermons were castigated and defended, but eventually a single letter closed the debate:

"Dear Sir :

I have been married for 30 years, during that time I have eaten 32,580 meals -- mostly of my wife's cooking. Suddenly, I have discovered that I cannot remember the menu of a single meal. And yet, I have received nourishment from every single one of them. I have the distinct impression that without them, I would have starved to death long ago. Sincerely...."

There is a great deal of wisdom in that letter. I have heard countless sermons over my lifetime -- many were memorable, many more were not. The truth is, I can't even remember everything that I have preached (that's why God created databases)! But I know that many of the sermons which I heard have made an impact in my life, and I pray that the sermons I deliver do the same for others.

"And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God."
(I Cor. 2:4-5) (Cf- I Cor. 1: 18-29)

— Old Standby, Author Unknown

Congregational Fellowship : It's only three weeks until **August 26th** we will gather in a pavilion in the park for a potluck fellowship. After we have our lunch together, all who would like to do so will conduct a service for the residents at Shelby Manor. The service will start at 2:30 and last about a half hour.

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, Protein bars, Pringles, Small containers of chips (no bags), *Flavoring packets for water, Rice Krispy Treats

Birthday : Pete Rankin August 8

Anniversary : Gloria & Delmar August 1

J.J, & Beth August 3

Pat & Stanley August 6

(Jonathan & Mary's anniversary is not in August)

Reading : **John 3: 1-21**

NEXT WEEK : (**August 12, 2018**)

Song Leader : **Stan**

Scripture Reader : **Jonathan**

Table & Announcements : **Bob**

**Do you really believe that Jesus has taken all your sin,
or do you reserve a part for old time sake?**

Prayer list :

Blake : Sherry's granddaughter is recovering at home and is doing well. Her tube will be surgically removed August 9. The family is extremely grateful for your continuing prayers.

Rosanne : Carpel tunnel surgery was successful this week

John & Mary Cutillo : Friends of the Niehls family in PA, John is undergoing tests. They fear lymphoma, Mary is concerned

Those with ongoing need of prayer :

Those with age related issues :

Ruby, Mary, Doris, Delores, Marge, Betty, Francis,
Pete & Hazel, Ron & Doris Bartanen

Other members with ongoing issues :

Ron and Doris Bartanen : Are slowly improving, but continue to have significant age related health issues.

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

Delaney West : Surgery on hold as tumor is being observed

Wayne : Recovering from stroke.

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

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 !