

Life In The Body

News and Notes for the :
Shelbyville
Church of Christ

September 9, 2018

Learn To Be Kind

In a movie I saw recently a whole community, including her immediate family, had turned against a young lady. They had basically shunned her, harbored unfounded suspicions about her, and looked with disgust at anyone who would befriend her. When a stranger came to town, fell in love with and married the young lady, he was treated with the same cruelty. They had done nothing wrong. They worked hard and kept mostly to themselves. Still, they were treated with contempt and malice. One of the really sad things about the movie is that the townspeople were churchgoing people. Not only did they look down on the young lady with disgust, they snubbed her when she wanted to enter the church building to worship with them.

Although the movie was set in the early 1800s, people still treat each other with similar attitudes because others differ from them in race, education, accent, wealth, abilities, politics, gender, religion, age, etc.

People can be so mean and hateful toward each other, and often for no apparent reason other than from warped minds. Malice, slander, hatred, envy, jealousy, arrogance, strife, and murder all come from a heart that is given over to a depraved mind that did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God (*Rom. 1.28-32*). These kinds of actions obvi-

ously stem from a heart ruled by the flesh/sinful nature (*Gal. 5,19-21*) rather than by the Holy Spirit (*Gal. 5.22-23*).

When we speak or act toward others with malice and anger rather than love and kindness, we reveal what rules our hearts. People who have love in their hearts for God will be drawn to treating others like God would ... they will learn from God to let the Spirit bear the fruit of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. No more outbursts of anger or fits of rage. Instead of responding with evil, Christians learn to let kindness and goodness rule their hearts and lives (*Rom. 12.21*).

Not that this is an easy thing to learn. It's not. That's probably why there are so many Bible verses urging *Christians* to replace bitterness and rage toward each other with kindness (*2 Cor. 6.4-7; Eph. 4.31-32; Col.3.12; 1 Peter 3.8-9*). Adding kindness to our Christian lives is one of the qualities that not only identifies as Jesus' disciples (*John 13.34-35*), it also will help keep us from falling away from God (*2 Peter 1.7*)

Kindness is a quality we learn from the Spirit. Let's work on it every day!

– Joe Chesser

What's In Your Bucket?

If you were walking from a well carrying a bucket of water, and someone bumped into you jostling your bucket, you would only spill that which your bucket already contained.

As you walk along the path of life, people are constantly bumping into you, disrupting your travel. Some do it out of spite and others quite unintentionally. Regardless, things in your life are going to get jostled. It may be anything from a minor inconvenience to a major disruption.

If your life is full of ill nature, bad temper, bitterness, or ugly disposition, those things will be spilled from you as you get bumped. But if you fill your life with the love of the Father (*Rom. 3:39*), the attitude of Christ (*Luke 23:34*), and the fruit of the Spirit (*Gal. 5:22-23*), then you will pour forth blessings to others, even though they have bumped you.

Remember, you will spill from your bucket only that which it contains!

“Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life.” (Proverbs 4:23).

– Edd Sterchi

**A man who walks with God
always gets to his destination.**



11th Annual Area-wide Singing in the Park

October 27, 2018

**Please mark this date on your calendar and
plan to attend. Begin Inviting your friends.**

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: Beef Jerky, Slim Jims, Little containers of fruit in pull tab cans (the little plastic containers of fruit get broken in shipping), Dried fruit, Little containers of spaghetti O's in pull tab cans, Bags or cans of any kind of nuts, Bags of sunflower seeds

Reading : II Peter 1: 2-11 ; Ephesians 4: 11-16

NEXT WEEK : (September 16, 2018)

Song Leader : Greg

Scripture Reader : Butch

Table & Announcements : Bob

About Two Minutes

Tennis champion Hana Mandlikova was once asked how she felt about defeating great players like Martina Navaratiлова and Chris Evert Lloyd. She replied, "Any big win means that all the suffering, practicing, and traveling was worth it. I feel like I own the world." When asked how long that feeling lasts, she replied, "About two minutes." The only real satisfaction in life comes from work and accomplishment, but from a relationship with God.

— Mark D. Haan, Logansport (IN) Lifelines

Prayer list :

John & Mary Cutillo : Friends of the Niehls family in PA, tests indicate that John indeed does have lymphoma. His cancer is presently confined to the area of the small intestine. He is scheduled to begin chemo treatments on August 31.

Debra Robinson : Betty Lowe's stepdaughter had surgery for breast cancer. She has had one chemo treatment and did well enough with it so that they are scheduled to continue.

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

Those with ongoing need of prayer :

Those with age related issues :

Ruby, Mary, Doris, Delores, Marge, Betty, Pete & Hazel, Ron & Doris B.

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 !