

Life In The Body

News and Notes for the :
Shelbyville
Church of Christ

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Treasure or Trash?

Years ago, there was a woman who went browsing through an antique store. While she was there, she found a piano that she fell in love with. It was a magnificent old mahogany upright with beautiful carvings across the front. Inside the top was a beautiful hand detailed painting along the back along with the serial number and name of the original maker. It had been made in 1901. It had a warm full tone and so she thought all it needed was to be tuned.

So she bought the piano, brought it home and called a piano restoration specialist to come out to tune it. But it didn't take him long to determine that the pinblock had been "doped." He explained to the woman that old pianos "die" when the pinblock dries out because the pinblock can't keep the pins tight when they're tuned. If someone wants to sell a piano in this condition, they will sometimes dope it, which means to pour a mixture of anti-freeze and water around the pins to swell the pinblock. Sometimes, it will add some life to an aging piano; in this case, it ruined it.

The woman was so disappointed and so angry that she put the piano outside her home and made a sign for it that said

"Free: 500 pounds of firewood". What she thought was a treasure had turned to trash.

Have you ever had something like that happen to you? You find something that you love, something you think is going your life so much better, but shortly after you get it, it's destined for the trash pile. How many of you have corners in your garages and basements and attics where you keep all those so-called treasures? Yard sale lawn mowers that can't cut a lick of grass, maybe even your collection of 8-track tapes - now there's a treasure!

We pursue many things in life hoping to gain a wonderful treasure. We spend our lives in the pursuit of "things." But there are moments when we're forced to stop and ask ourselves, "Is what I have really such a treasure, or is it nothing but trash?" The apostle Paul was a man who once faced this difficult question. Here's the conclusion he came to:

"I once thought these things were valuable, but now I consider them worthless because of what Christ has done. Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I could gain Christ." (Philippians 3:7-8, NLT)

Paul says, "At one time, I had it all. But the things that I used to think were important, I have evaluated them, and I have come to the conclusion that they are absolute garbage compared to what I have in Jesus Christ."

What were those "things"? In the first few verses of Philippians 3, Paul sets forth his credentials as a Jewish leader. Paul says, "If you were to look at me, you would assume, 'Here is a man who has it all. He has prestige, he has honor, he has power. He has everything that a man could possibly want.'"

But, again, "I once thought these things were valuable, but now I consider them worthless because of what Christ has done." Everything he had as a Jew that he considered to be

important, he re-evaluated and came to the conclusion that it really wasn't all that important. "Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I could gain Christ." (3:8).

Now I understand that generally the things that are important to us are not the same things that were important to Paul, but they are "things" nonetheless. Maybe we enjoy living in our dream house. Maybe new clothes or jewelry excites us, maybe a new computer, maybe a new car. Maybe making it big in sports is our pride, maybe being popular and well-liked. Maybe those awards we've hung on our walls. But when you take all these things and you compare them to our blessings in Jesus Christ, they're a pile of garbage, and we need to understand that.

Take a look around you. What do you see -- treasure or trash?

— Alan Smith



11th Annual Area-wide Singing in the Park

What a fantastic festival of praise to our wonderful God. 106 people attended representing 19 different congregations. What a time of loving fellowship. It was a great day and you are the ones who made it happen. Thank each of you and especially those who set up the venue, supplied the food and who cleaned up afterward. Thanks !!

Quest speaker : Today Larry Miles from Louisville, Kentucky will be our guest speaker this morning. Larry is the member at the Cherry St. cong. who posts our material on our websites.

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: Card

games, Word Find books, Crossword puzzle books, Sudoku books, Devotional material like Guideposts, etc., Small Bibles

Reading : I Peter 1:13-21

NEXT WEEK : (November 4, 2018)

Song Leader : Stan

Scripture Reader : Johnathan

Table & Announcements : Tim

Prayer list :

Mike Nichols : Physical therapy at the bounce back at Manor

John Cutillo : Major improvement after only 2 chemo infusion.

Debra Robinson : problematic chemo after breast cancer

Those with ongoing need of prayer :

Those with age related issues :

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

Other members with ongoing issues :

Delaney West: Monitoring fragment of tumor left after surgery

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**

God always has something for you,

- ~ a solution for every problem,
- ~ a light for every shadow,
- ~ a relief for every sorrow,
- ~ and a plan for every tomorrow.

*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 !