

Life In The Body

News and Notes for the :
Shelbyville
Church of Christ

December 30, 2018

Ready For Service

At the beginning of this new year, are you ready for service? Let me tell you how one man became prepared. His name was Isaiah. Many Old Testament scholars tell us it happened on New Year's Day. Whether that is true or not, it was a new beginning for Isaiah.

Isaiah was permitted to see the glory of the Lord, high and lifted up. Above him stood the seraphim crying "*Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of host.*" And when he spoke, the thresholds shook and the house was filled with smoke. Is this God? Or is this Jesus? In John 12:41, after quoting Isaiah 6:10, John said that Isaiah "*saw Jesus' glory and spoke about him.*" If this is Jesus, it is well to remember that Jesus "*reflects the glory of God and bears the very stamp of his nature*" (Hebrews 1:3).

After seeing such holiness, Isaiah becomes acutely aware of his own sinfulness. He cries, "*Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips!*" Then one of the seraphim touched his mouth with a burning coal and said, "*Your guilt is taken away, and your sin forgiven.*"

No one is ready for service until he is cleansed from sin. David knew this when he cried out for a clean heart and spirit.

"Then I will teach transgressors thy ways (Psalm 51:10). First cleansing then service.

Isaiah was now prepared for service. When God called, Isaiah responded, *"Here am I! Send me."* As Christians we have been washed, cleansed and sanctified. We are now ready for service.

Remember the admonition of the apostle Peter, *"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, that you may declare the wonderful deeds of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light"* (1 Peter 2:9).

— John Gibson

Ancient New Years

"Happy New Year!" That greeting will be said and heard for at least the first couple of weeks as a new year gets under way. But the day celebrated as New Year's Day in modern America was not always January 1.

The celebration of the new year is the oldest of all holidays. It was first observed in ancient Babylon about 4000 years ago. In the years around 2000 BC, Babylonians celebrated the beginning of a new year on what is now March 23, although they themselves had no written calendar.

Late March actually is a logical choice for the beginning of a new year. It is the time of year that spring begins and new crops are planted. January 1, on the other hand, has no astronomical nor agricultural significance. It is purely arbitrary.

The Babylonian new year celebration lasted for eleven days. Each day had its particular mode of celebration, but it is safe to say that modern New Year's Eve festivities pale in comparison.

— David Ferguson, Mattoon

Our Ministry

Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation.

II Corinthians 5:18

In Christ we are new creatures. We no longer live for ourselves, but we live for Christ. In Him we are saved to help save others. In Him we have been given grace to give grace to others. In Him we are reconciled to God and given a ministry of reconciling others to God. As His ambassadors, let's quit wondering what we should say or do, and let Him work through us. Our mission awaits.

— David Grubb

Let this be our challenge for 2019.

Guest Speaker :

This Sunday morning, we will be having a special guest speaker. Aaron Stevens, the son of Bob and Brenda, will be in town to visit his family and the elders have invited him to speak this morning. Aaron is the youth minister for a congregation in Mission Viejo, California.

Reminder :

Please be reminded that we are scheduled to conduct a service at the Villas of Holly Brook this afternoon. The service will start at 2:00 and last only about a half hour. Some of our regulars are out of town so your participation is truly needed.

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: Pop Tarts, (any flavor but strawberry favorite), Fruit snacks, Fruit by the Foot, Gushers Nutri-Grain Bars, Any flavor breakfast bars of any kind, Protein bars

Birthdays :

JJ Niehls:	January 1
Larry Johnston	January 2
Gloria Zander	January 5

NEXT WEEK : (January 6, 2018)

Song Leader : Greg

Scripture Reader : Larry

Table & Announcements : Tim

Prayer list :

Larry Bales : The stepfather of Rosanne is dealing with significant heart issues. (A-Fib) Undergoing therapy at home, but though already too thin, is losing weight due to loss of appetite.

David Ferguson & Bill Livesay : David (preacher at Lakeland) is donating one of his kidneys to Bill (a member at Lakeside), but surgery is being held up by complications.

Mike Nichols : He is continuing with physical therapy at home, but is increasingly discouraged that he cannot yet walk much.

Nancy McConley: Sherry's aunt is waiting to get into a nursing home until she heals enough for surgery. **No Update**

Those with ongoing need of prayer :

Those with age related issues :

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

Others with ongoing issues :

Nancy Miller : Parkinson's Disease

Debra Robinson : problematic chemo after breast cancer

Delaney West: Monitoring fragment of tumor left after surgery

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 has severe kidney failure due to diabetes. His condition is slowly deteriorating.

** 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.



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