

Life In The Body

News and Notes for the :
Shelbyville
Church of Christ

December 9, 2018

Straw Servants

“Blessed is the one who considers the poor! In the day of trouble the Lord delivers him; the Lord protects him and keeps him alive; he is called blessed in the land; you do not give him up to the will of his enemies.” (Psalm 41:1-2)

Some people are like reservoirs. They collect God’s blessings but then hoard them.

Other people are like a straw. They say, “God, help other people through me.”

A critical spiritual lesson is that God gives you far more blessings when you’re a straw than when you’re a reservoir.

So, the question for you today is, Are you a “straw” to those around you in your immediate location?

Do you seek to let God use your life in order to bless others before yourself?

If you want God to bless you, then you must first learn to bless others, particularly the most vulnerable in our society.

The Bible says, God blesses those who are kind to the poor. He helps them out of their troubles. He protects them and keeps

them alive; he honors them and destroys the power of their enemies.

God makes many amazing promises to those who give to the poor, but here's one of my favorites. The Bible says in Proverbs 19:17, "Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed. "

God considers it a loan to Him every time you give to the poor. And God promises that he will always pay you back. One of my favorite scriptures about the divine promises of God that are given to those who serve Him are found in 2 Peter 1:4. "...by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire."

What a promise that is! To escape this world and be in perfect harmony with our Father in His divine nature! Lets become a straw for someone today!

– Spencer Cromwell

The Coming of the Messiah

As the holiday season is in full swing, many are preparing for family gatherings, office parties, and special events with friends. We tend to focus our time and attention on decorating and shopping. We want each year to be better than the one before. So gifts are one-upped from the year before. Decorations are one-upped from the year before. And lest we forget one of the most important things...food is one-upped from the year before!

While all the activities of this time of year brings smiles to peoples' faces, we must always remember the true source of joy. God loved us so much that he willingly sent his son to the earth, to live among his creation, to live as a servant, to die, not for his own sin, but for the sins of humanity. This sacrifice brings hope, peace, and joy. It was the angel of the Lord that appeared to the shepherds and said, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people" (Luke 2:10). That great joy? A Savior is born. The Messiah. And the process of redemption and salvation is made available through

his coming. Because he came, because he lived, because he died, and because he lives again, we have the a

– Keith Harris

New Address For Doris

Doris Faulkner
Taylorville Estates Assisted Living
705 S. Houston St.
Taylorville, Illinois 62568

Phone : 217 / 287-1111

Doris was settled in her new apartment in time to take refuge in the hallway during the recent tornado. ☺ **Send her a card.**

No Room For Evil

David was playing the harp with his hand. Saul tried to pin David to the wall with the spear, but he slipped away out of Saul's presence, so that he stuck the spear into the wall. And David fled and escaped that night. I Samuel 19:9-10

David played his harp for King Saul to sooth him and keep him from suffering greatly. Eventually Saul's anger turned to David, and while David tried to comfort him, Saul tried to kill David. When an evil spirit gets hold of anyone, it is difficult for it to be controlled. We can even turn on those who want to help us the most. Let's fill ourselves with the Spirit of God and make no room for any evil spirit to control us. Everyone around us will be grateful.

– David Grubb

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: Peanut butter, Squeezable jelly (not jars), Cheese and crackers (small packages), Cookies (small packages), Bags of any individually wrapped hard candy, Gum, bubble gum.

Birthday : Delmar Brunk December 13
Eric Stevens December 16

Reading : Colossians 1: 3-12 ; Titus 3: 1-8, 14

NEXT WEEK : (December 16, 2018)

Song Leader : Delmar

Scripture Reader : Jonathan

Table & Announcements : Jonathon

Prayer list :

Mike Nichols : He is continues with physical therapy at home, His progress is slow. Even a walk down the hallway is painful.

Nancy McConley : Sherry's aunt was taken to Carle hospital in Champaign for emergency surgery to seal up a hole in her pancreas this past week. She's now breathing on her own, but has a variety of tubes remaining. Complications creating pain.

Larry Bales : The 86 yr old stepfather of Roseanne is doing well on his recovery. He is scheduled to go home on the 8th.

Bill & Cecilia Livesay : Bill is a member at Lakeside. He has been scheduled for a second try at a kidney transplant-Dec 18

Doris Bartanen : Ron Bartanen's wife is scheduled for a lumpectomy on the 14th. That's this coming Friday.

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

John Cutillo : Major improvement after only 2 chemo infusion.

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

*** 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 !