

Life In The Body

News and Notes for the :
Shelbyville
Church of Christ

January 20, 2019

Blessed Assurance

It was a scene often repeated in my childhood – my mother at the kitchen sink washing dishes and singing, *"Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!"*

The New Testament offers many words of assurance for those who are children of God.

That doesn't mean we are freed from doing our part. We are to keep ourselves in the love of God, and work out our own salvation with fear and trembling. But we are not on our own. We have divine help.

"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared before-hand, that we should walk in them" (Ephesians 2:10). I remember how faulty my work was in building a bookshelf in my first shop class with the various cutouts done on a jigsaw. But God doesn't do shoddy work, and He is at work in our lives. What an encouragement that is!

"Who by God's power are guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time" (1 Peter 1:5). What better protection could we have than to be guarded by God?

"And I am sure that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ" (Philippians 1:6). I like the way Isaac Watt stated it:

*Grace will complete what grace begins
To save from sorrow and from sins:
The work that wisdom undertakes,
Eternal mercy ne'er forsakes*

"Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith . . ." (Hebrews 12:2). Our salvation begins with Jesus! That's wonderful, but there is more – He is also the finisher of our faith! ***"Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine. O what a foretaste of glory divine!"***

Care to sing it along with me?

— John Gipson

God Is Left Handed

Little Bobby was spending the weekend with his grandmother. His grandmother decided to take him to the park on Saturday morning. It had been snowing all night and everything was beautiful.

His grandmother remarked, "Doesn't it look like an artist painted this scenery? Did you know God painted this just for you?"

Bobby said, "Yes, God did it and he did it left-handed."

This confused his grandmother a bit, and she asked him, "What makes you say God did this with his left hand?"

"Well," said Bobby, "we learned at Sunday School last week that Jesus sits on God's right hand!"

Indeed he does! "[God] worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come." (Ephesians 1:20-21)

The Hebrew writer tells us that such is an indication that Christ is far greater than any of the angels (1:3-4). Paul tells us in Romans 8:34 that Christ makes intercession for us while he is there at the right hand of God.

Jesus sits on God's right hand. That doesn't mean God is left-handed, but it does tell us just how magnificent Christ is!

– Alan Smith

Are you current on your daily reading ?

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: Hormel or Dinty Moore dinners in small oval containers, Beef Jerky, Slim Jims, Little containers of fruit in pull tab cans

Birthday : Butch Reynolds January 13
Betty Lowe January 16
Bob Stevens January 16

Reading : **Psalm 51: 1-17 ; I John 1: 5-10**

NEXT WEEK : (**January 27, 2019**)

Song Leader : **Stan**

Scripture Reader : **Jonathan**

Table & Announcements : **Tim**

Prayer List :

Delores Crutcher : Delores is at home recovering from breast cancer surgery. She may avoid radiation by oral medications.

Riley Stevens : Despite multiple urgent care visits Riley has had a recurring sickness for the past week with coughing and fever. It is now effecting the whole family.

Stanley Rich : Our prayers for Jonathan's uncle Stanley to recovered from pneumonia were answered, but in the meantime, Stanley has been diagnosed cancer in his esophagus. He is currently being cared for by Mary and Jonathan as he awaits an appointment for testing and treatment in St. Louis.

Andy Nichols : Mike's brother is now recovering at home after heart surgery, but is being monitored by home health nurses.

Mike Nichols : He continues with physical therapy at home as he prays for patience as well as the ability to walk.

Nancy McConley: Sherry's aunt is responding to her therapy, but awaiting CAT scan to verify that she is healing..

Larry Bales (Rosanne's step-father) improving but on blood thinners and a heart monitor for 3 mo preparatory for stints

Debra Robinson : (Betty's step-daughter) can not longer receive chemotherapy so she's now having radiation treatments

David Ferguson & Bill Livesay : David (preacher) is donating one of his kidneys to Bill (a member) on January 29.

Marsha Silotto : She has a cancerous tumor which is larger than at first thought and surgery is scheduled on January 29.

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

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

Delaney West : Cancer being monitored - if surgery needed

Bruce Miller: Madonna's brother-in-law is holding his own.

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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