

Life In The Body

News and Notes for the :
Shelbyville
Church of Christ

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Modern Idolatry

We are often amazed at the utter foolishness of atheism. How can atheists not believe in the Creator God when they see the brilliance of a sunrise or the twinkling of the evening sky or the wonder of a baby's birth? As Paul so pointedly wrote, "*For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So, they are without excuse*" (Romans 1.20).

However, it is just as amazing, perhaps even more so, that people professing faith in Jesus, those claiming a knowledge of the truth, "*exchange the truth about God for a lie and worship and serve the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever!*" (Romans 1.25).

Although idolatry today uses different methods and takes different forms than it did in the first century, the basic principle that the truth about God is exchanged for a lie and that people worship and serve what is created rather than the Creator is still just as true. Idolatry does not require carving an image from wood or shaping one from stone or metal. No, idolatry is a matter of heart. Idolatry is about what is most important to us, whatever captures and controls most of our love.

It is often money and material possessions. Jesus acknowledged this when he warned us against worshiping and serving

both God and money (*Matthew 6.24*). Paul made it clear that desiring the things of others, covetousness, is idolatry (*Ephesians 5.5, Colossians 3.5*). None of us are tempted to carve an idol and worship it, but there is, none-the-less, the constant temptation all around us towards idolatry.

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An example is worship that is directed towards pleasing the human senses (*what I like*) instead of submission to God. The increasing demand for exciting music and feel-good preaching and felt-need programs at church is the opposite direction from worshiping God in spirit and truth (*John 4.24*). It's the opposite of dying to self and becoming a servant (*Luke 9.23; Mark 10.45*).

Another example of where our hearts are is when parents choose to involve their children in every kind of activity except spiritual training. Sports, band, and other activities are good for kids, but not when they become the focus of their hearts and are emphasized at the expense of serving and worshiping God. No wonder so many children grow up without a love for God and His church!

Yes, idolatry is still alive and well in our modern world.

— Joe Chesser

Your Treasure and Your Heart

*Where your treasure is, there
your heart will be also.*

— *Luke 12:34*

At my age, the first thing I do each morning is grab the newspaper and turn to the obituaries. If I'm not in there, it's a good day. Joking.

Most people don't read their newspaper straight through from front to back. They turn first to the section that most interests them: sports, business, politics, entertainment.

Our primary interests reveal who we are. Jesus said, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Your treasure

isn't just about money; it's about whatever is most important to you. It's where you predominantly invest your time, thought, and energy.

Whatever is preeminent in your life takes possession of your heart—the center of your being. “Guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it” (Prov. 4:23).

You are a prisoner of your priorities.

— Joe Barnett

Upcoming Events :

Annual Sweetheart Banquet : On Saturday, March 2nd we will be meeting at the Lion's Club Building to enjoy our second annual Sweetheart Banquet. Everyone is invited, but all who will attend are asked to sign up on the sheet a back.

Lady's Day : The ladies of the Lakeside congregation on Rita Rd. in Springfield will host a Lady's Day. Registration begins at 8:30, Speaker Celine Spark, .. Because I Said So

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: Dried fruit, Little containers of spaghetti O's in pull tab cans, Bags or cans of any kind of nuts, Bags of sunflower seeds (A short note of appreciation is always welcome.)

Birthday : Kendal Koonce February 11

Reading : **Deuteronomy 12: 28 – 13: 11**

NEXT WEEK : (February 17, 2019)

Song Leader : Tim

Scripture Reader : Bob

Table & Announcements : Greg

Prayer List :

Butch Reynolds: On Wednesday Butch got new batteries in his pacemaker and defibrillator. The surgery went well and Butch is back recovering at home, but can't drive for a week

David Ferguson: Dave is recovering well at home from the removal of his kidney, but dealing with pain and side effects. .

Bill Livesay : The implanted kidney is working well, but there are very painful complications which necessitated a second surgery. Bill remains in the ICU at St. John's.

Stanley Rich : Jonathan's uncle Stanley met with his oncologist on Monday morning. He'll soon be starting chemotherapy and radiation. He is scheduled for a PET scan on Fri, morning

Mike Nichols : On Monday Mike will be fitted for a custom brace which may help him learn to walk again

Marsha Silotto : She had a cancerous tumor removed and will have radiation as a precaution but is presently cancer free.

Those with ongoing need of prayer :

Those with age related issues :

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

Others with ongoing issues :

Madonna : Her biweekly chemo will continue indefinitely.

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

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 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.



Ya'll Come !