

Life In The Body

News and Notes for the :
Shelbyville
Church of Christ

February 17, 2019

Are You Ashamed

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes...” (Romans 1:16)

Being ashamed is never a pleasant feeling. The experience of shame is one that leaves us uncomfortable around others and clinging to the safety of our inner being. The word that Paul uses in Romans 1:16 is the same word he uses in his second letter to Timothy. In 2 Timothy 1:8, Paul urges Timothy, “...do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord...”

The original word for *ashamed* means “to experience a painful feeling or sense of loss of status because of some particular event or activity.” We often associate this word with negative aspect of a person’s life. For example, when someone has committed a sin that is public in nature, we say they have brought shame upon themselves, their family and their church family. This sin may cause one to feel ashamed. When one is “ashamed”, they tend to avoid others, choosing rather to confine themselves to the emotional safety of their personal domain.

So imagine what that looks like when one is “ashamed” of the gospel. How can we fulfill the mission that God has given us if we are avoiding others, retreating to our personal domain? Paul says, “Don’t be ashamed!” Are you concerned more with your sense of status before God or man? We must challenge

ourselves to have the kind of faith that drives us to boldly proclaim the message of reconciliation unashamedly!

— Keith Harris

Unlocking The Mystery

I heard recently about a man who filled his car with gas at a self-service gas station. After he had paid and driven away, he realized that he had left the gas cap on top of his car. He stopped and looked and, sure enough, it was lost.

He thought for a second and realized that other people must have done the same thing, and that it was worth going back to look by the side of the road since even if he couldn't find his own gas cap, he might be able to find another one that fit.

Sure enough, after only a short time of searching, he found a gas cap. He carefully wiped it off and slipped it into place with a satisfying click.

He told his wife as he climbed back into the car, "I may have lost my gas cap, but I found another one that fits and it's even a better cap than the one I had - it locks..."

Oops! A locking gas cap is a great idea -- but only if you have the key that opens it! Understanding the Bible is much the same way. Remember when Jesus first began speaking in parables -- his apostles came to him for an explanation. They wanted the "key", and Jesus gave it to them. Jesus said, "To you it has been given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God." (Mark 4:11).

The book of Revelation is a difficult (some would say impossible) book for people to understand, but it becomes a much easier task when you have the "key" explaining the symbolism of the numbers, colors and images found in the book.

Sometimes the ministry of Jesus is referred to as a "mystery". Paul wrote often about the "mystery of the gospel" (Eph. 6:19), the "mystery of Christ" (Col. 4:3), or simply "the mystery" (Eph. 3:9). The word "mystery" means that it was something that was "hidden" for a while. All through the Old Testament, God was preparing for Jesus Christ to come to this earth, but no

one fully understood what that would mean. The prophets foretold his coming, but they didn't fully understand (I Peter 1:10-12). Even the angels didn't know what God had in mind. But we do. We understand the significance of the crucifixion and the resurrection.

Give thanks to God for "the mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been revealed to His saints. To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory." (Colossians 1:26-27)

— Alan Smith

Upcoming Events :

Service at the Manor : We are scheduled to conduct the services at Shelby Manor on Sunday the February 24th at 2:30

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 on March 23. Registration begins at 8:30. Celine Spark's will speak on "*Because I Said So*" which is the title of one of her books. lunch

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 : Megan Nichols February 18
Mikala Nichols February 18

Reading : Acts 20: 16-27 ; Deuteronomy 6: 4-9

NEXT WEEK : (February 24, 2019)

Song Leader : Stan

Scripture Reader : Butch

Table & Announcements : Tim

Hearing several daily bible readers are on schedule.

Keep up the good work. ☺

Day 47 = Exodus 20, Mark 5, Psalm #23

Prayer List :

Bill Livesay : Received a kidney transplant from Dave Ferguson. The implanted kidney is working well, but there are very painful complications which have led him into a depression. He is really bummed; not because he may be released over the weekend, but that he will have to wear a colposcopy bag.

Stanley Rich : Tests showed Stanley's cancer is limited to his esophagus. He started chemotherapy and daily radiation.

Mike Nichols : Still undergoing therapy attempting to recover from extensive back and neck surgery. He's waiting on a custom brace. Meanwhile his progress is incremental and painful

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 !