

Life In The Body

News and Notes for the :
Shelbyville
Church of Christ

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Struggling With the New

The great Hebrew writer had much to say about Jesus. It seems clear, even from a cursory reading of the book that the author was convinced of the truth that no one is more superior than our Savior. But it seems rather interesting to me that the author would make each of his arguments in favor of Christ based squarely upon those who lived under the old law. Many suggest that the audience to whom Hebrews was addressed were Christians that formerly were practicing Jews. This would seem appropriate given the vast amount of discussion dedicated to showing how Jesus is superior to the Levitical priesthood, Levitical sacrifices, and the Mosaic covenant.

I suppose one might conclude that at least some of the recipients of the book of Hebrews may have been struggling with the transition from the old to the new. But the author leaves no room for questions regarding which covenant is superior.

Have you ever struggled with transitioning from something old to something new? My son, Kade, has a new (to him) Tailor-made driver. He and I both love playing golf. Kade's new driver is a little bit larger and just a bit longer. He has been struggling somewhat with this new club. He's just not used to it yet. But

with every opportunity he has to practice, he gets better. I'm confident that before long, he will be knocking the ball out there farther than ever. He just needs to get used to it.

I wonder if the same is true for us when it comes to following the will of God. Like the recipients of Hebrews, we tend to struggling with the new life to which God calls us. But thanks be to him that we are not left to our own strength. God gives us his strength to live the new life to which he's called us.

— Keith Harris

*Those of you who are faithful daily bible readers;
good on you ! You are highly to be praise !*

A Word About the Word

We have all read and many have memorized I Timothy 3 "All scripture is inspired by God." We believe that to be a true statement. The bible is the words of God, but we read things in the scriptures that we know not to be true and some are confused by that. How can words inspired (*breathed*) by God be in error? I bring this up because our daily bible reading schedule has us reading the book of Job and in this book there are a host of errors presented by Satan, by the friends of Job and even by Job himself. For example, Satan says to God, "Put forth your hand now and touch all that he has; he will surely curse you to your face." Another example, Job's friends made horrible accusations against Job which were totally baseless. Eliphaz made this false accusation: "Is not your wickedness great, and your iniquities without end? For you have taken pledges of your brothers without cause, and striped men naked. To the weary you have given no water to drink, and from the hungry you have withheld bread..." These statements are totally false, but they are also inspired of God. How can that be ? The bible accurately quotes all who are quoted in the scriptures, but not everyone who is quoted speaks the truth and not everyone who is quoted is speaking doctrine. The friends of Job are accurately

quoted, but they are uninspired people who spew forth false and irrational reasoning based upon tradition and misunderstanding of God.

Job and all of his friends had great difficulty harmonizing their religious beliefs with their life experiences. They believed a doctrine known as "The Theory of Retribution." Simply stated this theology espouses that God blesses the righteous and that He curses the wicked. Thus, if one is healthy and well off financially, it is assumed that he is approved of by God. The opposite assumption is also true, one in Job's condition would be assumed to be cursed by God because of wickedness. This is why the friends of Job implored him to repent so his suffering would stop and they were offended by his denials

— Wayne

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
Megan Nichols February 2
Mikala Nichols February 2

Reading : I John 4: 7-21 ; Romans 5: 6-11

NEXT WEEK : (February 10, 2019)

Song Leader : Delmar

Scripture Reader : Larry

Table & Announcements : Jonathan

Prayer List :

Pierce Walk : The 3 week old infant daughter of the granddaughter of Greg's cousin has been being treated for RSV and is improving in response to that treatment and prayers.

David Ferguson & Bill Livesay : The kidney transplant went well. Both David and Bill are recovering nicely. Dave is home.

Marsha Silotto : She had a cancerous tumor removed and is recovering well. Will have radiation treatments as followup..

Butch Reynolds: On Wednesday Butch will have his pacemaker replaced and get new batteries for his defibrillator.

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.

Andy Nichols : No update - He's still recovering at home after heart surgery, and still being visited by home health nurses.

Mike Nichols : Mike is making some progress with physical therapy , but in small increments.

Nancy McConley: Sherry's aunt is healing well.

Larry Bales : On heart monitor for 3 mo. preparatory for stints

Debra Robinson : (Betty's step-daughter) can no longer receive chemotherapy so she's now having radiation treatments

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.

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

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 !