

# Life In The Body

News and Notes for the :  
Shelbyville  
Church of Christ

**March 10, 2019**

## *No Matter What*

The Apostle Paul was not unfamiliar with the hardships that often accompany serving God. We see his experiences shared in the writing of Luke as he offers “Part 2” of his “orderly account,” (Acts of the Apostles). Luke does not avoid disclosing those moments when the Apostles were challenged in their ministries. It would seem that one desiring to put forth a positive image of the way things were would decline any opportunity to share any negatives. But that’s not what we see Luke do.

The reality is that living a life for God, according to His will, and engaging in the mission of God is not without its difficulties. Because more attention is given to him than any other in Acts, we tend to focus on his life, ministry, and challenges. Throughout his life and ministry Paul set a great example for us today. Over and over again, Paul faced trials on every side. But even in the midst of hardship, Paul never backed away from mission to which God called him.

The truth is we face challenges today. Our experience today is not altogether unlike Paul’s. In America, we are not being incarcerated for our faith, but certainly our society is telling us the Word of God is archaic. Aside from the intellectual challenges to our faith that we face, there is the daily struggle of life itself.

This life is filled with relational issues, career issues, health issues, and on and on and on. These can often distract us from the mission of God.

I am convinced that one purpose of Luke in writing this orderly account was to encourage us on our journey. As we read the experiences of Paul and the other early Christians, we are able to identify with them. This helps us understand what our faith should be. Our faith should sustain us even when life is hard. Our faith should drive us to continue proclaiming Christ no matter what.

— Keith Harris

## *Quitter ?*

Henry Ford's formula for success was simple: "When you start a thing, finish it!"

There are many excuses for quitting. One may quit because he decides that the thing he is doing is not worth finishing. Another loses his inspiration. He began in waves of excitement; then suddenly the inspiration was gone. The thing doesn't seem worth the effort. What he is doing may not be important, but *he is*. Maybe it won't make any difference to anyone else, but it will make a great deal of difference to himself. He is learning to be a quitter. The next time it will be easier to quit.

As one grandfather said about his grandson, "That boy has a lot of quit in him." Is it possible that could that also be said of many of us?

Contrast that attitude with Winston Churchill's during World War II. "*Never, never, never give up!*" From what I have read, Churchill was the one man Hitler feared. Churchill was no quitter!

The Hebrew writer warns about the danger of quitting in these words: "But what about people who turn away after they have already seen the light and have received the gift from heaven and have shared in the Holy Spirit? What about those

who turn away after they have received the good message of God and the powers of the future world? There is no way to bring them back. What they are doing is the same as nailing the Son of God to a cross and insulting him in public" (Heb. 6:4-6 CEV)!

Did you hear that? "There is no way to bring them back."

— John Gibsons

### ***Special Thanks :***

Our hats go off to Sherry for the abundance of effort she put into making our Sweetheart Banquet a success last Saturday. We thank her for generously investing time and resources into a project that was enjoyed by all who attended. SALUTE !

### **Upcoming Events :**

**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

**Lady's Day .. Paris :** Lady's Day on Saturday April 27. Theme: "Bee Attitudes", Speaker: Leanna Coats, Registration and continental breakfast 8:00-8:30, Program 8:30-11:30 Paris Church of Christ, 704 Alexander St, (217) 466-2520

**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: Sample containers of shampoo, conditioner, foot powder, lotion, shower gel, body wash, mouthwash, Q-tips, razors, dental floss, hand sanitizer, deodorant, Finger nail clippers, finger nail files, and etc., Sunblock, Sunscreen, Chap stick.

**Birthday :** Mitch Reynolds ..... March 15

**Reading :** **Matt. 25: 31-46**

**NEXT WEEK : ( March 17, 2019 )**

**Song Leader : Tim**

**Scripture Reader : J.J.**

**Table & Announcements : Greg**

***Prayer List :***

**Mike Nichols :** Mike's therapy has been slow going as Mike seeks to recover his mobility after back and neck surgery.

**Stanley Rich :** Chemo and radiation for esophageal cancer is starting to take its toll on Jonathan's uncle. His blood count has dropped to the point that they have had to reduce the strength of his treatments and are questioning if they will have to be stopped altogether. Difficulty swallowing is necessitating that his diet is increasingly soft or liquid.

**Those with ongoing need of prayer :**

***Those with age related issues :***

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

***Others with ongoing issues :***

**Doris Faulkner :** Her condition is advancing more rapidly.

**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

**Butch Reynolds :** Heart condition and back issues

**Jerry Rankin :** Heart Issues

**Bill Livesay :** Bill is recovering from kidney transplant

**Glenda Hyneman :** Multiple recurring issues, some serious

**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**

**\* This week had 7 days, 168 hours, 10,080 minutes. How many did you devote to serving God? Each day had 1440 minutes. How many did you spend reading God's word each day ?**

*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 !*

