

Life In The Body

News and Notes for the :
Shelbyville
Church of Christ

March 17, 2019

Listening to Jesus

Early one morning Jesus was standing near the lake shore and people were crowding around him. He saw a couple of boats where the fishermen were cleaning their nets after having fished all night. He got into the boat belonging to Peter, sat down and began teaching the people. Nothing startling about this, but just now the story really gets interesting. Jesus told Peter to go out into the deep water and let down his nets. Why should he do that? He'd been fishing all night and he and his professional fishing partners hadn't caught a thing. Besides, their nets had already been cleaned. They were tired and sleepy. Peter might have thought, "*Jesus is a good teacher and may even know a thing or two about carpentry, but what does he know about fishing, and why now?*"

Yet, to Peter's credit, he said, "*But because you say so, I will let down my nets.*" Because Peter chose to listen to Jesus when all sound reasoning indicated otherwise, the nets became so full of fish they began to break. He had to signal to his partners to come and help, and even then there were so many fish that the boats began to sink (*Luke 5*). Maybe Jesus did know something about fishing after all. Or, more likely, Peter knew something about listening to Jesus even when it made no earthly sense!

Human reasoning often gets in the way of listening to Jesus. For some reason we think that everything that Jesus tells us to do must make sense to us. We think that everything has to be logical and explainable, that we have to see the conclusion before we will begin. But we'll never have a catch of fish so large that our boats begin to sink with that kind of thinking!

God is not calling us to be mediocre. He is not calling us to be passive. He is not calling us to take the logical path. He is not calling us to play games or have social clubs. He's calling us to be people of faith, people who will take him at his word. God is calling us to be bold, to stand apart from the rest of the world, to be men and women who truly will listen to Jesus even if no one else is! It takes this kind of a person to die to himself. It takes this kind of a person to seek the kingdom of God first. It takes this kind of person to let the Spirit of God transform him into the likeness of God. It takes this kind of person to truly believe that the gospel can be taken to the whole world simply because that is what Jesus called us to do!

Like Peter, Jesus is calling you and me to go out into the deep water and let down our nets. What evidence do we have that we are listening to Jesus?

— Joe Chesser

Get It ?

Hebrews 10:24-25 is a great treatise on things we should get to doing as a church. Note from the text: *“And let us consider one another ¹ in order to stir up love ² and good works ³, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together ⁴, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another ⁵, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching ⁶.”*

- 1) Get involved in each other's lives.
- 2) Get along with one another and show appreciation.
- 3) Get to doing good deeds collectively.
- 4) Get together as often as possible.
- 5) Get concerned for others' souls.
- 6) Get going, knowing our time is limited.



— Edd Sterchi

Our Ministry

Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation. II Corinthians 5:18

In Christ we are new creatures. We now longer live for ourselves, but we live for Christ. In Him we are saved to help save others. In Him we have been given grace to give grace to others. In Him we are reconciled to God and given a ministry of reconciling others to God. As His ambassadors, let's quit wondering what we should say or do, and let Him work through us. Our mission awaits.

— David Grubb

Upcoming Events :

Service at The Villas : Next Sunday (Mar. 24) we have the services at the Villas at Holly Brook. They start at 2:00.

Lady's Day: The ladies of the Lakeside congregation on Rita Rd. in Springfield will host a Lady's Day this coming Saturday, 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 will be provided.

Area-Wide Singing .. on Saturday April 6. 3:00 til' 5:00 p.m. Paris Church of Christ Church of Christ, 704 Alexander St, For more info call Curtis Vaughn(217) 275-3708
They attend our singing so we should be sure to attend theirs.

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 : Pat Uphoff March-21
Madonna Nichols ... March-22

Reading : Luke 15: 1-24

NEXT WEEK : (March 24, 2019)

Song Leader : Stan

Scripture Reader : Bob

Table & Announcements : Tim

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. Thankfully, they are almost completed. Pray they will be successful.

Larry Bales : The 87 yr old stepfather of Rosanne had a CT scan on Thursday to check his stints, Pray no surgery needed.

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**

"One of the most beneficial things to give away is kindness, for it is usually returned."

*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 !