

Life In The Body

News and Notes for the :
Shelbyville
Church of Christ

April 7, 2019

A Parable of Frogs

A group of frogs were traveling through the woods, and two of them fell into a deep pit. All the other frogs gathered around the pit. When they saw how deep the pit was, they told the two frogs that they were as good as dead.

The two frogs ignored the comments and tried to jump out of the pit with all of their might. The other frogs kept telling them to stop, that they were as good as dead. Finally, one of the frogs took heed to what the other frogs were saying and gave up. He fell down and died. The other frog continued to jump as hard as he could.

Once again, the crowd of frogs yelled at him to stop the pain and just die. He jumped harder. They yelled even louder. He jumped even harder and finally made it out. When he got out the other frogs said, "Did you not hear us?" The frog explained to them that he was deaf. He thought they were encouraging him the entire time.

This story teaches a powerful lesson. There is power of life and death in the tongue. An encouraging word to someone who is down can lift them up and help them make it through the day. A destructive word to someone who is down can drag them even further down.

Be careful what you say. Speak words of life, optimism, and encouragement to those who cross your path.

— Roy Phillips

Encouragers in the New Testament

- * Barnabas - “*he was glad and **encouraged** them all*” (Acts 11:23)
- * Silas - “***encouraged** and strengthened the brothers*” (Acts 15:32)
- * Paul - “***encouraged** them with many words*” (Acts 20:2)
- * Tychicus - “*that he may **encourage** your hearts*” (Col. 4:8)
- * Timothy - *to...**encourage** you concerning your faith*”(1 Ths 3:2)
- * Us - “***Therefore, encourage one another***” (1 Thess. 5:11)

— Edd Sterchi

You and the Stars

***He determines the number of the stars
and calls them each by name.***

— Psalm 147:4

If astronomers' calculations are correct, there are more than 100 billion galaxies, each with hundreds of billions of stars. Our own Solar System, just one member of the Milky Way galaxy, has 200 to 400 billion stars they say. Whatever the number may be, God has given each star a name.

And what about you? All those stars put together don't even register on God's value scale when compared to you. “*When I look at the night sky ... the moon and the stars ... what are mortals that you should think of us ... you have crowned us with glory and honor*”(Psa. 8:3-5 NLT).

God knows you, loves you, has a pet name for you, and is “*always thinking about you*”(1 Pet. 5:7 TLB).

***The government knows your number.
God knows your name.***

-- Joe. Bennett

You Are Too Busy

And this, not as we had expected, but they first gave themselves to the Lord and to us by the will of God.

II Corinthians. 8:5

The churches in Macedonia had outdone themselves beyond all expectation in giving and helping the apostle Paul. How did they manage it without strength and wealth? They totally gave themselves to the Lord and to His ministry, and the rest took care of itself. When we find ourselves with no time or money for the Lord's work, we should look at our commitment to Him, instead of finding more excuses for ourselves. May our lives and actions inspire others.

— David Grubb

Upcoming Events :

Gospel Meeting : There will be a gospel meeting at the Collinsville Church of Christ (near St. Louis) at 7:00 each evening April 8-10. Theme : “The Family of God” Speaker : Westley Hazel phd. The flyer is on the board.

Evangelistic Meeting : On May 28 and 29 there will be a two day gospel meeting held at the building of the University of Illinois extension in Taylorville. This is an effort of multiple congregation. Please plan to attend this meeting. More later.

Lady's Day : on Saturday April 27 at the Paris Church of Christ in Paris, Illinois. Registration // Continental breakfast 8:00 til' 8:30. Speaker: Leanna Coats. Program: 8:30 til' 11:30 Theme: “Bee Attitudes” Flyer on Bulletin Board

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: Feminine hygiene products, Men's boxer shorts, dark colors, M, L, XL ; Women's cotton regular underwear in dark colors, S,M,L , Men and Women's White OR black crew socks (plain, no design or other colors on them)

Birthday : Brenda Stevens April 12

Reading : **Romans 12: 1-21**

NEXT WEEK : (April 14, 2019)

Song Leader : Tim

Scripture Reader : Jonathan

Table & Announcements : Greg

Prayer List :

Brianna Johnston : Carla and Larry's daughter was given an injectable antibiotic in the ER. She had a very negative reaction. Since then she has endured a number of procedures and a half dozen subsequent trips to the ER. It will take time for her to recover, but they say she will recover in time.

Mike Nichols : Mike continues therapy and is working hard to regain his mobility.

Stanley Rich : Awaiting follow-up on his cancer treatments

Larry Bales : This past week the 87 year old stepfather of Rosanne had surgery to install a stent in his carotid artery. He is recovering at home. Thank you for your prayers on his behalf.

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**

We love and appreciate each one of you.

*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 !