

Life In The Body

News and Notes for the :
Shelbyville
Church of Christ

May 26, 2019

Saved To Serve

From a rather obscure person from a generally overlooked section of Scripture comes an important biblical principle. After giving His Sermon on the Mount, Jesus healed a leper (Matt. 8:1-4) and a centurion's servant (Matt. 8:5-13). Then in verses 14 and 15 of Matthew chapter 8, we read, *"Now when Jesus had come into Peter's house, He saw his wife's mother lying sick with a fever. So He touched her hand, and the fever left her. And she arose and served them."* From the actions of Peter's unnamed mother-in-law, we learn this principle: **We are saved to serve.**

Burton Coffman in his commentary of Matthew says of this incident: "Peter's mother-in-law attested the completeness of her healing by rising at once to minister to the Lord. No blessing of any kind, physical or spiritual, is intended solely for the benefit of the recipient. People are saved to save others. Those who were healed were healed to serve others!"

This principle is also clearly brought forth in Eph. 2:8-10: *"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them."* We are not saved to sit, we were saved to be ac-

tive. We are not saved to be served, we are saved to serve. Indeed, let us always remember that we were created anew in Christ so that we may show the love of Christ to others. The world may never see Christ until they see Him living through our love and service.

Has God blessed you? Then bestow blessings upon others. Has God helped you? Then heap helpings upon others. Has God delivered you? Has God been good to you? Then deliver goodness to others. Jesus said that the second greatest commandment was closely tied to the first: to love your neighbor as you love yourself (Matt. 22:39). Let's all make better efforts at better serving in the name of Christ.

"For God is not unjust to forget your work and labor of love which you have shown toward His name, in that you have ministered to the saints, and do minister." (Heb. 6:10)

— Edd Sterchi

Remembrance ?

A French proverb states that
"youth lives in hope, old age on remembrance."

"Remembrance of things past is not necessarily the remembrance of things as they were." -Marcel Proust

We have certain days and times set aside to pause and bring to remembrance events of the past that have important significance to our lives and futures. When the Israelites were led out of Egypt by Moses, God told them to remember how that was done by His mighty hand. What they remembered was not how they were delivered from bondage but how they missed the melons and meat pots of their past life. Events that have happened just a few months or years ago are soon diminished by time. Hardships endured in the present can cause us to long for the "Good Old Days." Upton Sinclair well states, "The Remembrance of past grief becomes a source of presently pleasure—such is the strange alchemy of the spirit."

We too have been commanded to remember how we were delivered from the bondage of sin by our Lord. In that remembrance, the grief of that event becomes our present source of pleasure. We have reasons to hope and look forward to a brighter future. God's mighty hand is still at work. Our focus is not to be on our past failures, but on God, as the apostle Paul said in Philippians 3:13-14, "But one thing I do: forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Jesus Christ."

— Lyle Warfel

Upcoming Events :

Evangelistic Meeting : On May 28 and 29 at 7:00 p.m. both evenings 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 congregations to get a work started in Taylorville. Adam Cozort (Springfield), Bobby Price (Decatur) and Wayne Polk (Shelbyville) will be the speakers. Please mark these dates and plan to attend this meeting. There is currently no congregation in Taylorville, so we need you to provide the "home audience" and to sing. Please attend Just your presence will be of benefit to this evangelistic effort.

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: Peanut butter, Squeezable jelly (not jars), Cheese and crackers (small packages), Cookies (small packages), Bags of any kind of individually wrapped hard candy (during the warmer months we don't send chocolate), Gum, bubble gum

NEXT WEEK : (June 2, 2019)

Song Leader : Delmar

Scripture Reader : Ron

Table & Announcements : Jonathan

Sympathy :

Larry Bales, the 87 year old stepfather of Rosanne passed away at 12:00 a.m. this morning (June 26, 2019) Please remember her and her family in your prayers.

Prayer List :

Farmers : We have several who are dependent on agriculture and this wet weather is rapidly becoming crisis for them. Please join us in praying for them during this time of need.

Betty Lowe : Betty is having significant heart issues, but is doing therapy to rebuild her strength enough receive a stent.

Doris Bartanen : Ron's wife had a bad fall and is requiring constant care, but Ron is working hard to keep her at home.

Jack Clark : Sherry's grandson fell and broke his arm in two places. He went to the doctor this week, but there's no update.

Mike Nichols : Mike continues therapy and is working hard to regain his mobility, but it's NOT going well, He is enduring a lot of pain, much of it from neurological issues. .

Brianna Johnston : Had a good week, less chest pains.

Pat Garlick : (*Does the pride packages*) Was hospitalized due to heart issues. She is being monitored at home and will be soon seen by a heart specialist.

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

Brenda Stevens : Ongoing severe painful back issues

Butch Reynolds : Heart condition and back issues

Jerry Rankin : Heart Issues

Glenda Hyneman : Multiple recurring issues, some serious

Bruce Miller: Madonna's brother-in-law is holding his own.

Robin Shumard : Due to neurological issues which are secondary to diabetes, Robin is confined to a wheelchair.

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.



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