

Life In The Body

News and Notes for the :
Shelbyville
Church of Christ

June 23, 2019

How Comfortable Are You Here

"Having confessed that they were strangers and exiles on the earth" (*Hebrews 11:13d*).

"But as it is, they desire a better country, that is a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; for He has prepared a city for them" (*Hebrews 11:16*).

The great men and women who are examples of faith had not even received the promises, but knew that this world was not their home. They understood that they did not belong here and that God had something better for them. Like them, our citizenship is in heaven (Philippians 3:20). Because you are in Christ, you need to "Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth" (Colossians 3:2).

This world is full of suffering, problems, trials, and great sorrow. Yet we can be comfortable living here because it's all we really know. We sometimes fail to look ahead trusting that God has said that there is a much better city prepared for those who place their faith in Him. In heaven God will be with us and all the things that cause sorrow, pain, and crying will be gone (Revelation 21:3-4).

As I write this, I am reminded of all my aches and pains that I am dealing with at seventy-four. I rejoice as I think of the words

in II Corinthians 5:1-5. This body is compared to a tent, a temporary dwelling place for my spirit. What I have to look forward to is a new body which will be greatly better than a tent and fit for eternity.

May we all be looking for our real home and live like strangers here.

— Ed Wittlif

This life is a temporary testing ground where God selects those who will live with Him eternally. Like this life, death is also temporary. It's where we wait until Jesus comes back to give us our permanent bodies and to take us home with Him. John 5 & 14

To Use For A While

But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your soul is required of you, and now who will own what you have prepared?" So is the man who stores up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God." Luke 12:20-21

Here is a parable about a man who was greatly blessed, but was mistaken about who blessed him. He mistook his bank-book for his Bible, his body for his soul, and time for eternity. He measured all his wealth, condition, and time available by the world, instead of by God. Our blessing are only for us to use for a while. Then we all must go back, and our possession go on to someone else. Let's not make the same mistakes as he did. God supplies what we need to serve Him.

— David Grubb

He Lives, and So Will We

Christ has indeed been raised from the dead.

— 1 Corinthians 15:20

(I'm devoting today's space to words from the apostle Paul.)

If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. . . . And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men.

But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive (1 Cor 15:13–14, 17–22).

*Christ's resurrection—and his promise
of ours—makes everything okay.*

— Joe Barnett

Upcoming Events :

Gospel Meeting at Paris :

When : June 24-26 at 7:00 each evening

Who : Mark Day of Flatwoods, Ky.

Where : Paris Church of Christ
704 Alexander St.
Paris, Illinois 61944

Lady's Day ... "A Word Fitly Spoken"

Presented by : Sheila Butt

Date : August 3, 2019 (*Mark this date.*)

Venue : Clinton Church of Christ
5450 Evans Rd..
Clinton, Illinois 61727

Luncheon : calling ahead appreciated (217/ 935-5058)

Lady's Day ... "A Heart Full Of Joy"

Presented by : Delores Nelson

Date : September 28, 2019 (*Mark this date.*)

Venue : Sunnyside Church of Christ
5450 Evans Rd..
Decatur Illinois

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: Pringles, Small containers of chips (no bags), *Flavoring packets for water, Rice Krispy Treats, Little containers of ravioli , Easy Mac & Cheese

Anniversary : Jonathon & Mary Niehl **June-29**

Reading : **Judges 7: 1-28**

NEXT WEEK : (**June 30, 2019**)

Song Leader : **Delmar**

Scripture Reader : **Butch**

Table & Announcements : **Johnathan**

Prayer List : .

Betty Lowe : Betty is having significant heart issues, but she is involved in physical therapy to rebuild her strength enough to receive a stent. She hopes to accomplish this goal by the Fall. She's making some slow progress toward her goal,

Mike Nichols : Mike continues therapy and is working hard to regain his mobility. He is beginning to show incremental progress but it is a long, challenging process.

Those with ongoing need of prayer :

Those with age related issues :

Marge, Ruby, Mary, Doris, Delores, 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.

Dan Luidhardt : Wayne's friend has severe kidney failure due to diabetes. His condition is 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 !