

Life In The Body

News and Notes for the :
Shelbyville
Church of Christ

July 14, 2019

Impression

I had a delightful meal at one of my favorite restaurants last night. Back home, emptying my pockets I discovered my credit card was missing. It hadn't been stolen; I had just left my brain and my plastic behind at the restaurant.

As I drove back to retrieve the orphaned card, I began thinking about other things I've left behind. You see, I left more than my credit card at the restaurant last night; I also left impressions. Yes, I know, I left an impression of carelessness. But I hope I didn't leave one of *care-less-ness*—one that said I couldn't care less about the hostess, the waitress, the busboy. I hope I didn't leave an impression of coldness, haughtiness, or rudeness.

Every morning when you walk out the door, you leave an impression behind. It may be a *care-less* impression that whispers, "I couldn't care less about your day"—or it may be a *care-more* impression that shouts, "I care more for you than you can imagine." The impression you leave on the other side of that door can make or mar the day for the person left there. Being ignored hurts almost as much as being abused. Being adored infuses a sense of worth.

Everywhere you go you leave an impression.

What impression do you leave when you walk out of the restaurant, the department store, the grocery, the cleaners, the bank, the office? Do you leave behind a harsh word or an encouraging one? A testy attitude or a cheerful one? Do you leave an impression that arouses a feeling of “I hope she comes back soon” or one of “I hope I never have to see her again”?

You go in with something that you leave behind. Every place. Every time. An impression.

-- Joe Barnett

Mission & Prayer

If we were to take a survey of the prayer life of many Christians, I would suppose that the results would be quite telling. It seems that when life is going well, most people are quick to pray and thank God. However, more often than not, one's prayer life begins to decline when the going gets tough. If we are honest we will admit that often, when faced with some difficult circumstance in life, we try everything in our power to resolve the dilemma. When all else has failed, then we will pray.

But prayer should be our first resort. Paul would say it this way, “Pray without ceasing” (1 Thessalonians 5:17). It is this prayerful spirit that we must possess. In any and every circumstance we ought to approach the throne of God, petitioning him for strength, guidance, and discernment. So why is it that when we think about our mission as disciples of Christ do we not pray for those that are lost? Why is it that we can talk a lot about evangelism and fail to mention the importance of prayer in the mission of God?

I want to challenge us as followers of Christ to recognize the passion, or compassion of Christ toward those that were like sheep without a shepherd. Jesus said, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest” (Matthew 9:37-38). Jesus had great compassion on those that were lost because he understood they were like sheep without a shepherd, lost souls without a Messiah. There are many lost souls all

around us who are in desperate need of the Messiah. Let's pray, asking God to open our eyes to the lost and to provide us with courage and strength to promote the gospel effectively in our current context.

— Keith Harris

Upcoming Events :

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

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: Little containers of fruit in pull tab cans (the little plastic containers of fruit seem to get broken in shipping) Dried fruit, Little containers of spaghetti O's in pull tab cans, Tums

Birthday : Marge Christman July 14

Reading : **I Corinthians 13 ; I Corinthians 1: 26-31**

NEXT WEEK : (July 21, 2019)

Song Leader : Greg

Scripture Reader : J.J.

Table & Announcements : Bob

Prayer List :

Kathy Minser: The Reynolds' sister, has been diagnosed as having significant plaque blockage in the arteries around her heart. She's had an angiogram but is awaiting treatment.

Susan Bowyer : After several days in Decatur Memorial hospital, Susan is now home and enjoying every minute of it. She extends her gratitude for your prayers for her and Tim in hopes they will continue on behalf of her day by day progress

Betty Lowe : In addition to Betty's heart issues, they have found a small cancer. She's visiting multiple doctors trying to find out if they will do surgery or what her treatment will be .

Shelly Kruger : Pete's niece is battling cancer and it's a real struggle. She is in urgent need of prayers.

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.



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