

Life In The Body

News and Notes for the :
Shelbyville
Church of Christ

September 2, 2019

Other Voices

Our Lord declared, "I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep. ... and the sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out."

(**John 10:11, 3**)

The call of our Lord through His written word is often "hidden" in a whole chorus of worldly voices which beckon us. Other would-be shepherds seek to tempt us away from the Good Shepherd, the joy of His forgiveness and the security of His love. And when we are weak and confused we often may fall victim to the enticements of other voices.

I read of an American tourist who was traveling in the Middle East. He came upon several shepherds whose flocks had intermingled while drinking water from a brook. After an exchange of greetings, one of the shepherds turned toward the sheep and called out, "Manah. Manah. Manah." (Manah means, "follow me" in Arabic.) Immediately his sheep separated themselves from the rest and followed him. Then one of the two remaining shepherds called out, "Manah. Manah," and his sheep left the com

The traveler then said to the third shepherd, "I would like to try that. Let me put on your cloak and turban and see if I can get the rest of the sheep to follow me." The shepherd smiled know-

ingly as the traveler wrapped himself in the cloak, put the turban on his head and called out, "Manah. Manah." The sheep did not respond to the stranger's voice. Not one of them moved toward him. "Will the sheep ever follow someone other than you?" The traveler asked. "Oh yes," the shepherd replied, "sometimes a sheep gets sick, and then it will follow anyone."

We have seen it, haven't we? People, young and old, who are "sick", battered by the storms of life and distracted by voices urging them to go this way and that, they have lost their bearings and they don't know where they are or where they are going. That can be more than a little frightening; it leads to despair, to hopelessness. And when someone is "sick" they will follow anyone who will promise a moment of happiness, a brief feeling of peace or forgetfulness, a sense that they are someone.

But the call of Jesus the Good Shepherd is, "**I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life**" (**Jn. 14:6**). There is no better way, no greater truth, and no happier life than in the fold of the Good Shepherd. Our Lord reaches out to us in love that we might follow Him. What voice will you follow?

—*Selected (unknown)*

Out of the Darkness

Out of the dark forbidding soil

The pure white lilies grow.

Out of the black and murky clouds,

Descends the stainless snow.

Out of the crawling earth-bound worm

A butterfly is born.

Out of the somber shrouded night,

Behold! A golden morn!

Out of the pain and stress of life,

*The peace of God pours down.
Out of the nails -- the spear -- the cross,
Redemption -- and a crown!*

– Source Unknown

Upcoming Events :

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

Presented by : Delores Nelson

Date : September 28, 2019

Venue : Sunnyside Church of Christ



Mark Your Calendar

***Our 12th Annual Area-wide Singing
will be on October 26
So reserve this date; it'll be here be-
fore you know it.***

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: Finger nail clippers, finger nail files, and etc., Sunblock, Sunscreen, Chap stick/lip balm, Feminine hygiene products, Women's cotton regular underwear in dark colors, S,M,L

Birthday : Jocelyn September 2

Reading : **I Corinthians 13: 1-8 ; John 6: 60-71**

NEXT WEEK : (September 8, 2019)

Song Leader : Stan

Scripture Reader : Bob

Table & Announcements : Tim

Prayer List :

Tim Bowyer: Tim's on the mend, but not yet winning races

Susan Bowyer : Susan continues the long healing process

Kathy Minser: (*Reynolds' sister*), Kathy had an echocardiogram and all is well on that front. She will have scope of her throat September 3rd..

Betty Lowe : Was here last week Cancer and heart condition.

Mike Nichols : Mike was back among us last Sunday.

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

Ruby Bradd : The 2 yr old daughter of Stephen & Ranae is back home for a few days and then back for more chemo.

Larry Miles : Prostate issues, second biopsy, possible surgery

Those with ongoing need of prayer :

Those with age related issues :

Marge, Ruby, Mary, Doris, Delores, Betty, Pete & Hazel,

Others with ongoing issues :

Madonna : Her biweekly chemo will continue indefinitely.

Doris Faulkner: Doris is falling off precipitously.

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 !