

Life In The Body

News and Notes for the :
Shelbyville
Church of Christ

September 8, 2019

Overcoming the Aging Process

It seems like it was just last week when school let out for the summer. And now, here it is, the first week of September. Where has the time gone? It brings to mind the lyrics of an old song, "... *ain't it funny how time slips away.*"

While it may be funny for some to sing about, others see the swift passing of time as somewhat depressing. I'm sure that's why people have tried for many centuries to fight the aging process. Everything has been tried from searching for the fountain of youth to the invention of miracle wrinkle creams, from hair coloring to hair implants, from exercise & vitamins to plastic surgery. But deep down we all know that there is nothing we can do about the aging process. We can try to lengthen our life-span. We can help our bodies look and feel better longer. But is there anything we can do to overcome the aging process? Yes, and no.

Physically speaking, for every generation since Adam and Eve "*there is a time to be born and a time to die*" (*Ecclesiastes 3:2*). It's simply the way God has designed life on earth. It's all a part of the laws God established after Eden. And while we may manipulate those laws to some extent, the aging process continues to plug along.

This would be very depressing if we were only physical beings. But we're not. We not only have a body, we also have a soul. And it is this aspect of our existence that gives us hope of overcoming the aging process. Notice how Paul puts it:

Therefore we do not lose heart, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day. 17 For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison, 18 while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal. 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

I don't know about you, but I kind of like the idea of being renewed day by day. I like the idea that what I see in a mirror graying and wrinkling is only temporary at best. I really like the idea that as a Christian, not only am I being renewed spiritually each day, I also have in the future an eternal glory that far exceeds anything this earth can offer, one that overcomes all the troubles and heartaches with which this world so cruelly tries to destroy me. I don't care that my hair is turning gray *and* turning loose. I don't care that I can't stop the aging process because that would only prolong receiving the eternal glory with God that's awaiting me!

— Joe Chesser

The Perfect Church

*I think that I shall never see
A Church that's all it ought to be;*

*A Church that has no empty pews,
Whose preacher never has the blues;*

*A Church whose Deacons always Deke
And none is proud but all are meek;*

*Where gossips never peddle lies
Or make complaints or criticize;*

Where all are always sweet and kind

And all to other's faults are blind.

*Such perfect churches there may be,
But none of them are known to me.*

*But still we'll work and pray and plan
To make our church the best we can.*

-- Author Unknown

Upcoming Events :

**We have the services at the Shelby Manor
this week. Starts at 2:30**

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

Presented by : Delores Nelson

Date : September 28, 2019

Venue : Sunnyside Church of Christ



***Our 12th Annual Area-wide Singing
will be on October 26 so reserve this
date; it'll be here before 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: Men's boxer shorts, dark colors, M, L, XL ; Men and Women's White OR Black crew socks (plain, no design or other colors on them) ; also Tube socks white OR black

Reading : **I Cor. 13: 4-7 ; I Cor. 5: 1-5 ; II Cor. 2: 5-8**

NEXT WEEK : (September 15, 2019)

Song Leader : Greg

Scripture Reader : Larry

Table & Announcements : Bob

Prayer List : .

Tim and Susan Bowyer : Tim's Both Time and Susan are improving day by day and thank all of you for your many prayers.

Cris Clark : Sherry requests we pray for her son Cris. He's in Daytona Florida working to restore power after the hurricane.

Kathy Minser: (*Reynolds' sister*), Kathy underwent an expansion of her esophagus. The treatment proved beneficial.

Betty Lowe : Awaiting treatment for cancer & heart condition.

Doris Faulkner : Swollen ankles will not support her weight, but otherwise she is holding her own.

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 went straight from St John's back to Chicago for more treatments.

Larry Miles : Awaiting report from the 2nd biopsy on the 18th

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.

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 !