

Life In The Body

News and Notes for the :
Shelbyville
Church of Christ

October 20, 2019

Non--Negotiable

When you want to send a package to someone by USPS, you go to the Post Office to mail it. The person behind the counter weighs the package and tells you how much postage it will take to send the package. You don't argue with the person. You know the price is non-negotiable. Now, you have the choice to either mail it at that price or take it back home with you. You might check with UPS or FedEx, but the price at the Post Office is non-negotiable (*as are the other shippers*).

We expect to barter and haggle over some purchases - a car, a house, a 50 cent shirt at a garage sale. There are other things we know that the only choice we have is to pay the price as marked, or leave without it - a gallon of gas, a package of hot dog buns, a bottle of aspirin. It's not complicated. There's no benefit in whining or crying out, "*It's not fair! That's too much!*" Still, if you don't pay the asking price, you don't get the product. It's non-negotiable.

The same thing is true regarding our salvation. It's not complicated. It's really rather simple. The Bible tells us what God's "*price*" for salvation is. If we consider salvation worth what it costs us, we gladly pay the price (*obey the gospel, do what God says*) and are saved from our sins. If salvation costs more than

we are willing to pay, we simply do nothing and remain lost (*like the rich young ruler Matthew 19*).

Unfortunately, it seems that many people want to barter and haggle with God about what He expects us to do to be saved. Many believe that it doesn't really matter what you do as long as you are sincere. Some say all one needs to do is to believe in God and/or call on the name of the Lord. Others argue that faith and repentance are necessary, but not baptism. Still others say just choose the church you want to join and do whatever that church requires for membership (*equating church membership with salvation*).

This kind of sounds like people are trying to tell God what they are willing to give Him for what He has (*salvation*) like they would at a yard sale. But, salvation is not consumer driven. God is not obligated to grant salvation to whatever people want to offer Him for it. In fact, it's quite the opposite. God is offering us salvation through the blood of Jesus. If we want it, we have no option but to do whatever God requires to receive it (*Acts 17:30*). Since our salvation cost God the highest price imaginable (*John 3:16*), what makes us think we can bargain with God over the cost to us? I strongly encourage you to read the New Testament for yourself (*especially the book of Acts*). Search for what God requires for His offer of salvation. What you'll discover is 1) He wants to save you, and 2) His requirements are the same for everyone. They are not difficult to find or obey, ... but they are non-negotiable

— Joe Chesser

Random Acts of Kindness

*If anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these
... he will certainly not lose his reward.*

— Matthew 10:42

"Random acts of kindness" has become a part of our vocabulary and hopefully our conduct: paying the check for the person in the car behind us at the drive-up window; giving a bottle of water to the guy mowing the lawn.

We owe the thought to Anne Herbert. She was responding to her despair at the violence that was dominating the news, expressed by one journalist as “random acts of violence and senseless acts of cruelty.” Anne reversed the phrase, jotting these words on a restaurant placemat in Sausalito, California: “Practice random acts of kindness and senseless acts of beauty.”

Anne wasn't the first to preach kindness. A couple of thousand years ago, the apostle Paul wrote, “Be kind and compassionate to one another” (Eph 4:32).

Can you find an opportunity to do that today?

Kindness has no language barrier.

— Joe Barnett

12th Annual Singing ... Saturday, October 26

Tell everyone that's just 3 weeks and 6 days from now.

Bring Love to the singing -or- Join the pie brigade

We will be serving finger foods and sweets. (pie) The drinks will be furnished as well as the paper plates and other service.

Since we always have an abundance of food left over, we would like to suggest that each person bring 2 different kinds of items or less. If you have any questions please call or text Susan: 825-5559. (*Any kind of pie is great !*)

Return To Sand Creek lessons about the famous Sand Creek case delivered by Ralph Gilmore Ph.D on the grounds of the historic Sand Creek Church, 2071 E. 1750 North Rd, Windsor, IL - Saturday, Nov 2, 10:00 -12 - lunch on grounds. Sponsored by the Highway Church of Christ in Sullivan.

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: Bags individually wrapped hard candy (any kind), Gum, bubble gum, Pop Tarts, (any flavor but strawberry favorite), Fruit snacks, Fruit by the Foot, Gushers

Birthday : Ron Julius: 10-19

Reading : **Deuteronomy 24: 17-22 , Matthew 25: 31-39**

NEXT WEEK : (**October 27, 2019**)

Song Leader : **Tim**

Scripture Reader : **Bob**

Table & Announcements : **Greg**

Prayer List : .

Blake Clark : The granddaughter of Sherry had bladder surgery. It was successful and she is doing well.

Andy Nichols : Mike's was taken to Springfield after having a heart attack. He has since been diagnosis with a-fib and is back in Sarah Bush hospital.

Stanley Rich : Jonathan's uncle is home, but his general condition is weakening.

Betty Lowe : Will find out about treatment on Nov. 6

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 taking medicines to help her cope with chemo and radiation.

Bob Wearherford : The father-in-law of Jason Uphoff has had surgery and is recovering as well as can expect. (*No update*)

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 : Rm. 603 in Alzheimer's unit at the Manor.

Madonna : Her biweekly chemo will continue indefinitely.

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 !

