

Life In The Body

News and Notes for the :
Shelbyville
Church of Christ

October 6, 2019

What Are you Carrying ?

Two monks on a pilgrimage came to the ford of a river. There they saw a girl dressed in all her finery, obviously now knowing what to do since the river was high and she did not want to spoil her clothes. Without more ado, one of the monks took her on his back, carried her across and put her down on dry ground on the other side.

Then the monks continued on their way. But the other monk after an hour started complaining, "Surely it is not right to touch a woman; it is against the commandments to have close contact with women. How could you go against the rules for monks?"

The monk who had carried the girl walked along silently, but finally he remarked, "*I set her down by the river an hour ago, why are you still carrying her?*" — Irmgard Schloegl

One of the hardest things we must do is to let go of something from the past. Someone does us wrong and seeks forgiveness, but we want to keep carrying the memory. Or maybe we made a mistake and we can't seem to stop beating ourselves up, despite the fact that we have done what God says to do to be forgiven. We don't want to keep carrying the memory (and the guilt), but we do. In fact, it often seems more difficult to forgive ourselves than to forgive others.

Paul said, "Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, **14** I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." (**Phil. 3:14-15**)

Paul had to forget his past achievements (as an esteemed Jewish leader). He also had to forget his past failures (which including persecuting and killing God's people).

What are you carrying today that you should have set down a long time ago?

— Allen Smith

Helpers

"And God...appointed in the church...helpers..." (1 Cor. 12:28).

God appointed in the church apostles, prophets, teachers, workers of miracles, and various other assignments. But in the middle of the these things, so important to the life of the church, He appointed helpers.

What would the church do without the helpers? They keep the building clean, prepare the communion, put pencils in the rack, straighten the song books, serve at the welcome center, greet the guests, serve in the audio and video booth, take out the trash, send cards, prepare food, arrange the chairs in our Bible classes, sew handbags for those in need, engage in prayer for others, and perform a host of unknown chores. What, indeed, would we do without the helpers?

Helpers are essential in the life of the church. Think of Dorcas who made garments. She was a helper in textiles. Think of Andrew who was a helper at just the right time to Peter. "He brought him to Jesus" (John 1:42). Would the paralytic ever been healed had it not been for the four men who brought him to Jesus? What would have happen to the spies if Rahab had not hidden them?

Thank God for "helpers." They often serve without recognition, but God saw a need for them and placed them in the church. They may be tucked away in the midst of the apostles,

prophets, and teachers, but what would the church do without them?

"Helpers" is a shining word. It's a vocation to which anyone can aspire, for it comes in so many sizes and dimensions.

— John Gibson



***It's good advice to quit
while you're ahead,
but first be sure you've
crossed the finish line.***

12th Annual Singing ... Saturday, October 26
Tell everyone that's just 3 weeks and 6 days from now.

Gospel Meeting

Southside Church of Christ
1100 17th Street (Flyer is on the
Mattoon, IL 61938 bulletin board)
October 14-19, 2019

Leadership in the Local Church

Classes .. October 17-20
(Pre-Register at gsoponline.org)
Collinsville 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: Peanut butter, Squeezable jelly (not jars), Cheese and crackers or Cookie (small packages)

Birthday : Susan Bowyer October 8

Reading : **Matthew 10: 21-40**

NEXT WEEK : (October 6, 2019)

Song Leader : Stan

Scripture Reader : Ryan

Table & Announcements : Tim

Prayer List :

Bob Wearherford : Bob is the father-in-law of Jason, Stan's son. He is in serious condition. While removing a cancer from his colon they discovered it had spread to his liver. He is home now and awaiting chemo, but tests have now indicated that he may also have cancer in his lungs. **NO UPDATE**

Betty Lowe : Will find out more about her options on the 15th.

Doris Faulkner : Doris is settling in to her new circumstances at the Manor. She's in room 600 of the Alzheimer's unit.

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 still rotating between chemo at St John's in Springfield and IMBG infusions in Chicago.

Larry Miles : Taking a series of shots and pills prior to chemo

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 !