

Life In The Body

News and Notes for the :
Shelbyville
Church of Christ

December 29, 2019

Something to Get Excited About

Charles Wesley (1707-1788) knew something that many people today are missing. When he wrote the lyrics to the still popular Christmas song, *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*, it is clear that he understood why Jesus was called the *Prince of Peace*. If you look closely at Wesley's song, you'll learn why a great company of the heavenly host suddenly burst forth to proclaim to the shepherds (*Luke 2:13-14*):

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests."

The peace that Jesus was born to provide was not the cessation of war. It was not to put an end to abuse and unkind ways humans treat each other. It was not to bring world peace among nations. Their excitement was because now through Jesus God was making available true peace - peace with God. There is nothing more exciting than knowing that Jesus is indeed the Prince of Peace to reconcile men to God.

*Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth and mercy mild.
God and sinners reconciled!"*

*Mild he lays his glory by,
Born that men no more may die.
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.*

More than 600 years before the birth of Jesus the prophet Isaiah spoke of the purpose of his birth. In the well-known passage in *Isaiah 9:6* there are several descriptions of this coming Lord, including “*Prince of Peace*.” In the context of this passage Isaiah declares that this “*Prince of Peace*” would “*reign on David’s throne and over his kingdom ... forever*” (*Isaiah 9:7*).

It was not until the Day of Pentecost following the death and resurrection of Jesus that the Holy Spirit revealed to Peter and the other apostles that what Isaiah was talking about was not establishing a nation like Rome or Babylon. Many great leaders could do that (*Darius, Alexander the Great, Khan, etc.*). But only the *Prince of Peace* could establish a kingdom that would never be defeated or destroyed, even by Satan (*Daniel 2:44, Matthew 16:18*). No wonder the angels were excited when the *Prince of Peace* was born!

How grateful we should be that Jesus was not interested in establishing just another earthly kingdom! World peace is certainly to be desired, but there is nothing that compares with having peace with God forever! That’s something for us to get excited and sing about!

— Joe Chesser

Jam-Packed Life

There were no rooms left in the inn.

— *Luke 2:7*

The Bethlehem innkeeper has been the target of many a censorious sermon for his heartless refusal to make room for the Nazareth travelers, compelling Mary to give birth to her baby in a barn.

But it is unlikely that Mary and Joseph were turned away because of coldness and cruelty, but due to every room in the hotel already being occupied.

Many fail to make room for Jesus, not because they deliberately reject him, but because their lives are absorbed with other interests and demands. There isn't space for him in their jam-packed lives: "they are choked by life's worries, riches, and pleasures, and they do not [spiritually] mature" (Lk 8:14).

Only so much can be crammed into life.

Don't let the urgent crowd out the important.

— Joe Barnett



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: Flavoring packets for water, Bags or cans of any kind of nuts, Bags of sunflower seeds, cocoa, any kind coffee, writing tablets, stationary, black ink pens, small white envelopes

Birthdays : J.J. Niehls January 1
Larry Johnston ... January 2

Reading : Acts 2: 29-47

NEXT WEEK : (January 5, 2019)

Song Leader : Greg

Scripture Reader : Ryan

Table & Announcements : Ron

Prayer List: .

Ruby Miller : Sis. Ruby remains in the bounce-back unit at the Manor while her bones heal and appears to be doing well.

Mary Smith : Sis. Mary is also in the bounce-back unit at the Manor while she recovers from a fall and a broken hip.

Susan Bales : Rosanne's mother is suffering such severe back pain that it is inhibiting her ability to walk.

Jim Jarnigan : Greg's cousin Jim has been diagnosed with a rare form of leukemia. Since little is known about this type of leukemia they are unsure how to proceed. Jim also has a blood clot in his leg so he is having severe mobility issues.

Doris Jarnigan : Jim's wife is going through physical therapy as she recovers from literally being run over by a truck.

Ruby Bradd : The 3 yr old daughter of Stephen & Ranae is battling a very aggressive form of cancer. She has finished the full 20 weeks of chemotherapy at Springfield, but after the first of the year she will start receiving a different kind of chemo to be given in Chicago and immunotherapy later in the year.

Wayne : Staph infection in his leg and insufficient circulation.

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

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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