

Life In The Body

News and Notes for the :
Shelbyville
Church of Christ

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Telling Our Story

"But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his unlimited patience as an example for those who would believe on him and receive eternal life"

(1 Tim 1:16 .. NIV).

Paul just wrote that Christ came into this world to save sinners, and that he considered himself the worst sinner of all. Paul was grateful that God had shown him mercy. All of us, as God's children, can never be too grateful for the mercy we have received.

The Lord used Paul as an example to lead others to Christ. We've heard some who confessed that they had been or were too wicked to ever be saved. They are to be commended for acknowledging how sinful they have been. The error, however, is to assume one is beyond any hope of salvation. Paul was one of the worst sinners in his mind, yet God forgave him and used him to do amazing things for Christ.

I may not have done such horrible things to others that Paul did, but I am fully aware how I failed to live up to God's expectation for me. I know how sinful I have been, and God knows more about me than I do since we sin without even knowing it. But I praise God that His grace reached me!

Paul shared his story of conversion twice in Acts (chapters 22, 26). He also related his calling in many other writings (see Gal. 1, and Phil. 3; 1 Tim 1). It served as a tool to reach others. He told his story.

Have you told your story? We all have one. We all were convicted of our sinful condition. We turned to the Lord and humbly submitted to the Lord in baptism. Our story may not be as dramatic as Paul's, but we all experienced the same major stages of conversion: faith, conviction, repentance, confession, and baptism. We all experienced the sigh of relief and peace when we were brought up from being submerged in the waters of baptism knowing we were born again!

Share your story. Jesus constantly conveyed truth through stories. People are moved by the experiences of others. "A picture is worth a thousand words." Paul serves as a moving story of redemption. What about your story? Tell it!

— Rob Redden

The Purpose of Life

I recently found an interesting quote from Robert Byrne. It is this: "The purpose of life is a life of purpose."

Many people live their lives without purpose and most of them are quite frustrated and dissatisfied. But for those who find a life purpose that is fueled by their passion, great things can happen.

Of course, I would qualify the quote by adding this: "The purpose of life is a life of purpose for God."

The writer of Ecclesiastes agrees. He sought everything of the world to find the meaning of life. In the end what he realized was that the purpose of life is to "Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is man's all." (Ecclesiastes 12:13)

The conclusion of this article is quite clear: Find a purpose for your life that agrees with Scripture, and then live that life with passion and purpose.

— Edd Sterchi

**Sometimes life is so hard you can
only do the next thing.
Whatever that is, just do the next thing.
God will meet you there.**

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, Toothbrushes and toothpaste, Q-tips, razors, dental floss, hand sanitizer, deodorant Finger nail clippers, finger nail files, and etc. Sunblock, Sunscreen, Chap stick/lip balm

Birthdays : Bob Stevens January 24

Reading : **I Samuel 16: 1-13 ; Acts 22: 1-11**

NEXT WEEK : (January 26, 2020)

Song Leader : Stan

Scripture Reader : J.J.

Table & Announcements : Greg

Prayer List : .

Jerry Rankin : Jerry has had surgery to remove water from behind his lung, but the water quickly began returning. However, he has been given medication which will help control this. He is now home and staying with Pete and Hazel where the visiting nurses are checking on him a couple times weekly.

Ruby Miller : Sis. Ruby has recently been moved to the Heartland Christian Village rest home in Neoga. Her family is hoping she will get care more adequate to her needs there, but Ruby is apprehensive about the move. She needs cards and visits as well as prayers.

Mary Smith : No update .. Sis. Mary is also in the bounce-back unit at the Manor while she recovers from a broken hip.

Tim & Susan : Have been battling cold & flu like symptoms

Susan Bales : Rosanne's mother will have her 3rd back surgery on this Tuesday. Pray this brings some relief for her.

Stanley Rich : It was low blood pressure and low potassium that caused Jonathan's uncle Stan to fall. They have been treating him in the hospital, but his hopes to go home 1-17.

Mary Niehls & Sarah : Our daughter, Sarah, is going to Haiti on a medical mission trip during the last week of Jan. There is civil unrest in that country, but they decided go ahead and make the trip. Please pray for their safety? Mary will be going to PA that week to be "Mommy" for Sarah's 5 young children while she is away so Mary will need some prayers.

Jim Jarnigan : Greg's cousin Jim has been diagnosed with a rare form of leukemia. Jim is still waiting for treatment options,

Doris Jarnigan : Has improved significantly.

Brenda Stevens : Brenda has new pain meds for her back which are more effective than her previous medications. We were glad to see her in services last Sunday.

Ruby Bradd : The 3 yr old daughter of Stephen & Ranae had MIBG scan & bone marrow aspirations tests and the result was FANTASTIC. Rudy shows no evidence of the disease, but treatment will continue as the disease returns 50% of time

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.

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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